**January 21, 2020**

**TOWN OF MAXTON**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**January 21, 2020 7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

The Board of Commissioners of Maxton, North Carolina met in formal session in the meeting chambers of the Town of Maxton Town Hall located at 201 McCaskill Avenue Maxton, North Carolina at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Mayor Paul Davis, Mayor pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson, Commissioner Toni Bethea, Commissioner Elizabeth Gilmore, Commissioner Paul McDowell, Commissioner Victor Womack, Town Manager Roosevelt Henegan, (absent) Finance Myra Tyndall,(absent) Attorney Timothy Snead, Tax Collector Angela Pitchford, Town Clerk Jacqueline Johnson, Utility Billing Clerk Rosemary Wilkerson, Interim Police Chief Kelly Jacobs, Dennis Freeman Public Works Director

# **FORMAL SESSION Call Meeting to Order**- Mayor Paul Davis

**Invocation**- Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson

**Does any member have any known conflict of interest and appearances of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the board today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.**

**Adoption of Proposed Agenda**

Mayor Davis requested a motion to adopt the proposed agenda Commissioner McDowell motion, seconded by Commissioner Womack. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

## **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from Board Meeting of December 17, 2019

**2**. Tax Adjustments – NONE

Mayor Davis requested a motion to approve the consent agenda Commissioner Gilmore made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**RECOGNITIONS:**  **NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Laurinburg Maxton Airport Commission Appointment**

Mayor Davis open the floor for nomination to complete the two year term on the LMAC, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson motion to nominate Commissioner Womack, Commissioner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion was carried.

**b) Maria L. Robinson Partnership Specialist U.S. Census Bureau**

The U.S. Specialist Maria L. Robinson briefly spoke on the importance of each citizen completing the Census and be counted, the information will be mailed out beginning and can be completed on the internet as of April 1, 2020. She also mention that the Census benefits everyone, the Town, schools and funding for different organizations. A Census count is conducted every 10 years.

**c) Discuss a date for Board Retreat**

Mayor and the board briefly discussed a date for the Board Retreat, it was agreed for February 27, 2020 at the hours of 9:00-Noon. Clerk Johnson will follow up with the board to confirm the date and time.

**PUBLIC FORUM (2 MINUTES ONLY)** NOTE: Please state your full legal name, address, and phone number the board & staff will not respond to individual comments or questions during the public forum. The appropriate staff member will follow up if needed.

* Aggie Deese resident of 106 Smith Street 910-844-5946, briefly mention the safety issue in the town and the guns and the shooting throughout the town. She also mention that she had to take shelter in her home the other night due to shooting in her area.
* Mary McNeill resident of 401 Central Street 910 844-5376, also mention on Saturday evening she heard guns firing and called the police department and no one responded.
* Harold Maynard resident of 1201 Austin Street 910-844-3133, also briefly spoke concerning the Police Department is under staffed and not enough police protection in the Town.
* Charles McCarthur resident of Laurinburg 910-277-6161, mention he also live on McCaskill Avenue in his father’s house and he heard guns firing and his wife jumped up and the dog start running.
* Ellen Wilkerson of 404 Shoehill Street 910-844-8812, briefly mention the panhandling at the ATM machines, in the parking lots of the stores people running up to your car before you even get out begging for money. She also mention she don’t feel safe going out after dark.
* David McEachin of 301 Croom Road wanted to thank the Mayor and Board of Commissioners for attending the MLK celebration on Monday January 20, 2020.

**REPORTS**

**Police**

Interim Police Chief Kelly Jacobs presented a brief overview of the Police Department activity from 12-01-2019-12-31-2019

* Incidents-35
* Arrests- 4
* Accidents-5
* Citations-3
* Civil Papers-13

**Manager**

Town Manager Roosevelt Henegan briefly mention the town’s six month update on the accomplishments throughout the town. Lastly it was mention the public concerns with the police department, and the staff is working hard to address other issues and concerns.

* DOT has started working on the flood issue repairs including work on the drainage problem on the corner of First Street and MLK by the Zeigler property.
* Public Works has resolved issues in the sewer collections, and communications issues with the water plant and the well
* Property tax collection has increased in 2019 compared to the 2018 collections.
* Former Police Chief Ruppe had established walk and talk, also helped in recovery of the funds that was stolen from the hack of the town’s bank account.
* Taxcollector Angela Pitchford is still working with the foreclosure attorney to increase the tax collections.
* Town Clerk Johnson has been working with NC Rebuilt and applicants in that has home replacements resulting to damage homes affected by the storms. Current two homes has been completed, and three permits has been issued within the past month to be replaced through NC Rebuilt.

**Commissioners**

* Commissioner McDowell briefly mention One Stop Early Voting Starts February 13, 2020 at the Maxton Gilbert Patterson Library during the following hours 2/13 thru 2/28. The Presidential Primary will be held on March 3rd 2020.
* Commissioner Womack briefly mention that the Robeson County Sheriff Department has job openings. Also trash continues to be a problem in town, he requested that the 71 bypass be checked once a week for trash also Wilmington Street.

**Mayor**

Mayor Davis mention that Town Manager Henegan has addressed in his report the many concerns in the town and working on making future progress. Lastly he thanked all the board members for working together.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Davis requested a motion to a adjourn the meeting, Commissioner McDowell made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson, the vote was unanimous, motion carried

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