**Town Of Maxton**

**Board of Commissioners**

**Town Meeting**

**February 16, 2016**

**7:00 pm**

**Minutes**

**Mayor Emmett Morton**

**Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Gilchrist**

**Interim Manager Angela Pitchford**

**Commissioner Margaret Gilchrist**

**Commissioner Elizabeth Gilmore**

**Commissioner Virgil Hutchinson**

**Commissioner James McDougald**

**Commissioner Paul McDowell**

**Finance Myra Tyndall**

**Town Clerk Jacqueline Johnson**

**Chief Tammy Deese**

**Mayor Morton Call meeting to Order and welcome**

**The Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Gilchrist**

**Adoption of Proposed Agenda**

Mayor entertained a motion to adopt the proposed agenda Mayor Pro Tem Gilchrist made the motion seconded by Commissioner McDougald the vote was unanimous the motion was carried

**Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from Board Meeting January 5, 2016
2. Minutes from Closed session January 5, 2016
3. Minutes from Board Meeting January 19,2016
4. Tax Adjustments

Mayor entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda Commissioner McDougald made the motion seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson, the vote was unanimous the motion was carried

**Recognitions**

**Townsend Middle School:** Principal Erica McComb along with a few staff briefed the board and residents on the status of the actives at Townsend Middle School and ways to increase the students learning and reading skills, also discuss upcoming events for parents and the students

**Gilbert Patterson Library:** Librarian Cynthia Lester briefly introduced herself and spoke on the upcoming events at the library

**Maxton Girl Scout Troop # 607:** Troop Leader Jamie Smith brief the board on the events of the girl scouts do in the community

**TT & T Health Services:** Counselor Amy Saul’s briefly discussed the health services that is available to the children’s and families.

**Public Forum**

* Haywood Green 420 Croom Rd concern was the drainage in the area due to the rain 4 other residents was concern as well
* Dolin Brown 216 McCaskill Ave concern was pick up of major items on vacant lot a mattress that’s been there for several months , asked can the town talk with the district courts to fine the citizen and have the ones doing community service have them pick up trash round town
* Clayton McCallum of Croom Rd also had concerns of the standing water when it rains and ditches not draining, asked what can be done about the l drainage in the area
* Ray Oxendine mention trash was in the area across from Nic’s store
* Willis Sullivan concern was the virus misquotes control and the program that is offered at UNCP, and complimented Public Works Director Sheldon & crew on keeping the storm drains cleaned

**Old Business**

1. **Asset Management – Chad Easter**

Chad from the Wooten company briefed the board on the overview on how the asset management system works it integrate GIS mapping of the water and sewer lines and stores all the information in a database for future use as needed for reports search and locate water lines through the town

1. **Old Townsend Gym (lease)**

The Public School of Robeson County accepted the Town of Maxton request to amend the lease to surrender the gym before the term of the lease expires, Mayor Morton entertained a motion Mayor Pro Tem Gilchrist made the motion seconded by Commissioner McDougald the vote was unanimous the motion was carried

1. **Commissioners Committee appointed**

Mayor Morton briefly discussed the committees the Mayor and Manager is the ex-officio of all the committees and each committee will have a Chair and Vice Chair, these committees will not replace any board that are in place, but will encourage and work with the citizens concerns

* **Economic Development- Commissioners: James McDougald , Virgil Hutchinson**
* **Intergovernmental - Commissioner: Virgil Hutchinson , Pro Tem Margaret Gilchrist**
* **Public Safety - Commissioners: Paul McDowell, Elizabeth Gilmore**
* **Public Works - Commissioners: James McDougald, Elizabeth Gilmore**
* **Recreation - Commissioner : Paul McDowell, Pro Tem Margaret Gilchrist**
* **GMED - Members of the Chamber and the Mayor**

1. **Sanitation truck**

Mayor Morton entertained a motion for the Finance Director and Manager to purchase a 25 yard rear loader sanitation truck and seek information from USDA for a loan, Commissioner McDowell made the motion seconded by Commissioner Gilmore the vote was unanimous the motion was carried

**New Business**

1. **Preston Douglas Audit Contract**

Mayor Morton entertained a motion to approve Preston Douglas Audit contract Commissioner McDougald made the motion seconded by Commissioner McDowell the vote was unanimous the motion was carried

1. **Resolution of Support Connect NC Bond Referendum**

Mayor Morton entertained a motion to approve the Connect NC Bond Commissioner McDougald made the motion seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson the vote was unanimous the motion was carried

1. **Proclamation - Pat Middleton (retired librarian)**

Mayor presented Pat Middleton a Proclamation from the Town of Maxton for serving as a Librarian at the Gilbert Patterson Library for 23 years

1. **Proclamation - James W. Williams Jr. (retiring Postman)**

Mayor Morton presented James W Williams a Proclamation from the Town of Maxton for serving as a Postman at the Post Office in Maxton for 22 years

1. **Quentina Zeigler**

Ms. Zeigler briefed the board on the need of a summer program for the kids during their time out of school, she is in the process of applying for grants to assist with a program, Mayor Morton advised her to present an outline of what her plans are to present to the board in the March Board meeting

**Reports- Police, Manager, Boards, commissioners**

* **Ray Oxendine briefly update the board on the attendance at the library and early vote will begin in on March 3-4 from 8:00am-5:00pm, March 9-10 from 9:00-5:00pm March 12 from 8:00am-1:00pm**
* **Commissioner Gilmore concern was that the of the sanitation truck drivers needs to be trained to operate the new truck**
* **Manager Pitchford advised the board that all the drivers has CDL license and the accident was due to the weather**
* **The board briefly discussed recycling and the land field one of the units that was used for recycling has rusted out at the bottom**
* **Commissioner Gilmore question the land field fee that residents is taxed for on the Robeson County Taxes and can’t use the dumpster at the dump sites**
* **Commissioner McDougald concern was can private property be used as a land field, Mayor Morton stated the town will have to purchase a piece of property to open another land field**
* **Manager Pitchford stated she will get in touch with Ricky Harris concerning the land field fee and the dump sites**
* **Mayor Morton thanked everyone for their patients with the extra items added to the agenda**

**Adjourn**

**Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting Commissioner McDougald made the motion seconded by Commissioner McDowell the vote was unanimous the motion was carried**

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**Mayor, Emmett Morton Town Clerk, Jacqueline M Johnson**