**October 22, 2019**

**TOWN OF MAXTON**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**October 22, 2019 at 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 Emmett Morton, Mayor pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson, Commissioner Elizabeth Gilmore, Commissioner Paul McDowell, (absent) Commissioner Victor Womack, Commissioner James McDougald, Town Manager Roosevelt Henegan, (absent)Finance Myra Tyndall, (absent) Attorney Timothy Snead, Tax Collector Angela Pitchford, Town Clerk Jacqueline Johnson, (absent) Utility Billing Clerk Rosemary Wilkerson, Chief Ruppe

# **FORMAL SESSION Call Meeting to Order**- Mayor Emmett Morton

**Invocation**- Commissioner Paul McDowell

**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 Morton request a motion to adopt the proposed agenda Commissioner McDougald made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson the vote was unanimous, motion carried

## **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from Board Meeting of September 17, 2019

2. Tax Adjustments – September 13, 2019 thru October 16, 2019

Mayor Morton request a motion to approve the consent agenda Commissioner McDowell made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Womack the vote was unanimous, motion carried

**RECOGNITIONS:**  NONE

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**a)** Board approvalMaxton Economic Plan- Department of Commerce Mark Zeigler, Grace Lawrence

Mayor Morton request a motion to approve the Maxton Economic Development Strategic Five Year Plan 2019-2024 Commissioner Womack made the motion, seconded by Commissioner McDougald the vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Board request to repeal existing 45MPH speed limit on NC 71**.

Mayor Morton request a motion, Commissioner Gilmore moved to repeal existing 45 MPH speed limit on NC 71 from Rockingham Road (SR1302) to the northern corporate limits, approximately 0.35 miles north of SR 1302, seconded by Commissioner McDowell the vote was unanimous, motion carried

**b) Board approval /adopt the Mitigation Flood Ordinance and interlocal**

**agreement that allows Robeson County to enforce the ordinance on behalf of**

**Town of Maxton**

Amber Davis from Robeson County Planning and Zoning briefly explained that She is preparing a Mitigation Flood Ordinance and interlocal agreement (that allows Robeson County to enforce ordinance on behalf of Town of Maxton) that the commission will have to adopt/approve in order for the citizens of Maxton to be able to purchase flood insurance. Mayor Morton briefly mention that once the board has a public hearing the Flood ordinance will be adopted and the citizens will be able to purchase flood insurance, the public hearing will be schedule for the November 19, 2019 board meeting.

**c)** **Maxton ABC Board- Presentation Larry Graham**

Mayor Morton introduced Larry Graham chair of the ABC board, Larry Graham briefly mention the history of the ABC store and how the sales and revenue had increased into the double digits and the ABC Board wanted to make a presentation and a contribution to the Town of Maxton recreation board in the amount of $6,500. Mayor Morton thanked Chairman Graham and store Manager Katrina Vincent for the contribution.

**d)** **Robeson County Disaster Recovery- Cassandra Campbell**

Mayor Morton briefly mention Cassandra Campbell was unable to attend the meeting and item (d) will be moved and placed on the agenda for November 19th.

**e) Minit Shop-Nuisance**

Mayor Morton and the board briefly discussed the nuisance at the Minit Shop with the many past complaints, Chief Ruppe he has complied a file of complaints and he is working with the State Bureau of Investigations and the Alcohol Law Enforcement to try and solve the issues at the Minit Shop.

**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.

* Robert Macy- 307 N Florence Street, concern was trash in the food lion parking lot, the town stationary trash cans located on Carolina and Florence street needs to be dumped they are over filled with trash, also the vacant house across from the post office is an eyesore and a nuisance.
* Sandra McCallum 421 Croom Road, shared with the board a meeting to take place on November 4th based on child & parents education rights to be held at St George Church.
* Donna Locklear 212 Rockingham Road, concern was the nuisance of the street walkers approaching and attaching the elderly people which her father was attached by a female.

**REPORTS** –

* Manager Henegan briefly mention the Town had to repair an emergency water line that had the town without water for several hours due to a contractor drilled into one of the main lines, also the company will reimburse the town for the damages.
* The DOT is working around town replacing the curbs with wheelchair accessible curbing on the sidewalks, also the handicap parks at town hall were painted by the public works staff.

**Police** – Chief Ruppe briefly mention the number of arrest, warrants, call outs and bank escorts that was made this month by the police department , also he mention he is working on an update on the nuisance at the Minit Shop convenience store which he is working with SBI & ALE on the past complaints at the store.

**Mayor**

* Mayor Morton briefly mention the trick-treat hours will be on October 31st from 5-7:30 p.m. the Veterans Day celebration will be held on November 11 @ 11 a.m. at the library, he also mention the upcoming holiday which the office will be closed November

28 & 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Commissioners**

* **Commissioner McDowell** – Mention the Collard Festival November 9, 2019, also he mention that election is on November 5, 2019 and encourage everyone to get out and vote.
* **Commissioner McDougald**- Mention the concerns of the burnt house across from Nic’s also, the follow up on a response concerning the letter Town Manager sent to RC on questions of the RB Dean School. The Veterans Day celebration will be held at the library November 11, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.
* **Commissioner Gilmore -**Concern was seeing school- aged children walking throughout the town during school hours, she also questioned is there still truancy law still in effect. Commissioner McDowell mention that some kids be suspended from school that be in the streets.
* **Commissioner Womack-** Mention the trash along the bypass, Nic’s also food lion parking lot, several homes still has trees down from the storm. Lastly he asked that the public works department keep the town stationary trash cans around town emptied.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Morton request 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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