**MINUTES OF TOWN OF MAXTON, NORTH CAROLINA**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**April 30, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

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, Commissioner Victor Womack, Commissioner James McDougald, Town Manager Kate Bordeaux(absent), Attorney Timothy Snead, Tax Collector Angela Pitchford, Detective Kelly Jacobs, Town Clerk Jacqueline Johnson Utility Billing Clerk Rosemary Wilkerson.

# **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 McDowell made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson the Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Mayor Morton request a motion to amend the proposed agenda with an amendment to add item (g) Maxton Museum for Carmen Colon to schedule visits and open the Maxton Museum. Commissioner McDougald made the motion Commissioner Gilmore seconded the motion the Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

## **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from Board Meeting of March 19, 2019

2. Tax Adjustments- March 13, 2019 thru April 25, 2019

Mayor Morton request a motion to adopt the consent agenda with correction to the March 19, 2019 minutes on the leak adjustment policy and the closed session request from Commissioner Womack, Commissioner McDowell made the motion seconded by Commissioner Gilmore the vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Morton presented Evelyn Williams a Proclamation from the Town of Maxton and thanked her for her 33 years of service with the Town of Maxton Police Department, Evelyn retired as Chief Dispatcher/Record Clerk.

Detective Kelly Jacobs also presented Evelyn Williams a Shadow Box with her badge and other keepsake items in appreciation of her 33 years of service at the Maxton Police Department.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Attorney Contract**

Mayor Morton request a motion to approve the attorney Contract, Commissioner Gilmore made the motion seconded by Commissioner McDougald the vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

1. **2019-2020 Budget Review**

Mayor briefly mention to the board to review the budget for any question to be approved or discussed in May 2019 board meeting

**c) East Coast Pyrotechnics Contract - Town of Maxton – 2019**

Mayor briefly discussed the July forth fireworks this year will be celebrated on July 6th

At Beachum Park, Mayor request a motion to approve the East Coast Pyrotechnics Contract Commissioner Womack made the motion, seconded by Commissioner McDowell the vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

**d) Manager Hiring**

Mayor Morton briefly mention that Town Manager Kate Bordeaux turn in her letter of resignation on April 18, 2019, Mayor also mention he and Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson will be meeting next week with the North Carolina League of Municipalities to discuss hiring an interim manager.

**e) Rescue Squad-** The board agreed to table the business of the Rescue squad until the May 2019 meeting

**f) Quote to Repair Main Sewer Line Leak on Business 74 Scotland**

**Forest**

Mayor Morton request a motion to table the leak repair until public works director get a quote.

g) **Maxton Museum-** Mayor briefly mention to the Board of Commissioners that Carmen Colon wanted to volunteer to open and schedule appointment for visits in the Museum, after the discussion a decision was for Carmen Colon to open and schedule appointment for visits at the Museum. No motion made.

**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.

* Enrique Colon 319 N Patterson Street mention the neighborhood watch meeting will be on May 14 at 6:30 in the Maxton courthouse, a new flag is need at Elizabeth Cole Park, request documents concerning the hiring of the manager and the attorney, also make hiring for the town public.
* Ellen Wilkerson 404 Shoehill Street concern was will the town be sprayed for mosquito, also would like to see a recycle center for household recyclables, boxes, cans and plastic.
* Carmen Colon 319 N Patterson Street mention the community garden is open and vegetables was planted its located on McCaskill Avenue.
* Jerry Dixon 402 N Patterson Street concern was the lighting entering and exiting the bypass on Highway 71 North.
* Joe Clark 716 McCaskill Avenue concern was the Town Manager working and not been seen in town, he also mention that contracts is public information.

**Mayor Morton closed the public forum at 7:00 p.m.**

**REPORTS** – Police Chief Ruppe

Detective Kelly Jacobs presented the police report in the absent of Chief Ruppe

* The police department received a total of 516 call in the month of March.
* One new Detective was hired Jimmy D. Sanderson
* Officers Bobby Locklear, Patrick Hunt and Darren Brewington performed CPR on a citizen at the carwash.
* Chief Dispatcher Evelyn Williams retired from Maxton Police Department after 33 years and was presented a Shadow Box.
* The Police Department has started the walk and talk through the town and businesses.

**COMMENTS**

Town Manager- Commissioners

* Commissioner Womack mention the stationary trash cans through town has not been dumped, he had questions about placing a Police Substation in the town, also Commissioner Womack mention to take in consideration that a former employee Jacqueline Roberson has qualifications for the Town Manager position.
* Commissioner McDowell mention he had spoken with the Lumbee Guaranty Bank executives concerning the investigation of the $30,000 missing from the Town Bank account that had been hacked.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Morton requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner McDowell moved that the board adjourn the meeting, Commissioner McDougald seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

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Mayor, Emmett Morton Town Clerk, Jacqueline Johnson