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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:**

Mayor Emmett “Chip” Morton, Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson, Commissioner Elizabeth Gilmore, Commissioner James McDougald, Commissioner Paul McDowell, Town Manager Kate Bordeaux, Town Clerk Jacqueline Johnson, Town Police Chief Tammy Deese, Tax Collector Angela Pitchford.

**FORMAL SESSION**

Mayor Morton called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and the matters below were addressed.

The invocation was given by Commissioner McDowell.

**Adoption of Proposed Agenda**

Mayor Morton requested a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Commissioner McDougald moved that the Board approve the proposed agenda, Commissioner Gilmore seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from Board Meeting June 20, 2017
2. Tax adjustments

Mayor Morton requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson moved that the Board approve the proposed agenda, Commissioner McDougald seconded motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Lillye Dumas Wells**- A resident at 720 W. Cottingham Street thanked and commend Chief Deese on the Community Watch workshop on CSX safety , she also voice her concerns on the

* Trees in the Brooklyn community in the right away that need trimming
* Interest in the RR crossing sings do not seem to be clear for individuals coming from the Laurinburg direction
* Need to emphasis railroad safety in the Maxton schools

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* The cul-de-sac is continue to be stopped up during the rainy days and water standing due to the debris in the Brooklyn area. Lastly she thanked the Town of Maxton for the great work over the past few months.

**Greater Maxton Economic Development**

* Jaquan Pitchford a summer worker with the GMED briefed the board on a meeting to be hosted by Mr. Darryl Bego, a youth advisor from Fayetteville NC at the Renaissance Event Center on July 26, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to speak to the students on education and future careers.
* Pitchford also shared information on a program called AmeriCorps NCCC for ages 18-24, it’s a 10 month program, and the contact number is-1-800-942-2677.
* Rita McEachin member of GMED briefed the board on the summer program and the youths currently 23 youths is employed within the town and GMED is asking for donations from churches, and individuals to help with the programs for the youths.

**Employee of the Month**

This month the employee of the month goes to a leader for the Town of Maxton Police Chief Tammy Deese. Town Manager Bordeaux presented her a plaque for going over and beyond on her job duties. She further stated that she shows great leadership skills. For the last 9-10 months I have evaluated the Police Department service delivery and want to award this month’s employee of the year to Chief Deese for a job well done and for functions she performs in our Town.

I thought it would be pertinent to share with you what all the person does in addition routine Chief duties.

* Successfully wrote and received grants for the past 3 years totaling $55,000 from the NC Governor's Crime Commission, thus saving the town money on purchases of new equipment. Purchased and installed 6 new laptop computers with grant funds
* Visits with residents in Maxton and takes a sympathy card from the department whenever someone passes in the community and attends every funeral
* This employee delivers meals to the elderly once every week through the Meals on Wheels Program.
* The Chief visits with Kindergarten students yearly and gives them a personalized coloring book showing them that police officers are their friends.
* Received a grant to purchase new bullet proof vests to replace old and outdated vests
* The have been active participants the past 5 years of all Governor's Highway Safety Program campaigns therefore earning points with the state and using these points to purchase outdated equipment. We have used points to purchase radars, vehicle printers for Excitation, and Alco-sensors (a device to detect alcohol present on an individual's breath).

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\*During these campaigns, the Police Department has saved lives by stopping speeders, drunk drivers, unlicensed drivers and removing them from the streets before they ultimately hurt someone else or even themselves. THE PD also made several arrests during these campaigns due to persons with outstanding warrants, order for arrests, narcotic violations, etc.

* The department has held a National Night Out event yearly with over 700 people in attendance.
* The department unlocks vehicles even in non-emergencies when residents lock their keys in the car. No other department does this in our county.
* The PD worked extra duty for the Town of Maxton's 4th of July Celebration and all day on July the 4th. The Town had no major incidents at either.
* Just recently seized 4 pounds of marijuana and over $20,000 in US currency from the streets in which the Maxton PD will receive a portion of the funds

Overall our crime rate and violent crimes have decreased and I feel it is because our PD diligently patrol and arrest when they have probable cause to do so.

**Schools**

No speaker was present.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **CSX Project update on (Malloy & First Street)**

Town Manager Bordeaux briefly discussed the CSX project update on Malloy & First Street and mention the project completion date is expected by the fall of 2017.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **CDBG Procurement Standards Policy and Plan**

Mayor Morton requested a motion to approve the CDBG Procurement Standards policy and Plan. Commissioner McDougald moved that the Board approve the policy and plan, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

1. **CDBG Equal Opportunity Plan**

Mayor Morton requested a motion to approve the CDBG Equal Opportunity Plan. Commissioner McDowell moved that the Board approve the opportunity plan, Commissioner Gilmore seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

1. **Loitering Ordinance Discussion-Nick Sojka**

Attorney Sojka briefly discussed the loitering ordinance. Mayor Morton requested a motion to table the loitering ordinance to a later date. Commissioner Gilmore moved that the Board table the loitering ordinance, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

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1. **Tax Foreclosure Program-Zacchaeus Legal Services**

Town Manager Bordeaux briefly discussed the Zacchaeus Legal Tax Service and how they will help

The Town tax rate increase. Mayor Morton requested a motion to approve the Zacchaeus Legal Service Tax Foreclosure Program. Commissioner McDougald moved that the Board approve the Tax Foreclosure Program, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

1. **Tree Board appointment (2) seats**

Mayor Morton requested a motion to approve the one applicant for the tree board appointment. Commissioner Gilmore moved that the Board appoint Harold Maynard the one applicant, Commissioner McDowell seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

1. **Laurinburg Maxton Airport Commission Appointment (1) seat**

Mayor Morton open the floor for nomination of the 2 applicants, Commissioner McDougald nominated Gary Gallman be reappointed to the LMAC, with no other name nominated Mayor closed the floor on the said name. Mayor Morton requested a motion to reappoint Gary Gallman to the LMAC. Commissioner McDougald moved that the Board reappoint Garry Gallman, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

1. **Adopt Brunch Bill Ordinance- Sale of Alcohol at 10 a.m. on Sundays**

Mayor Morton briefly discussed the Brunch Bill that was passed on June 29, 2017 to begin alcohol sale on Sundays at 10:00 a.m., Mayor Morton requested a motion opposing the Brunch Bill Ordinance. Commissioner McDougald moved that the sale of alcohol time don’t change, Commissioner Gilmore seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**REPORTS**

**Town Manager**

Town Manager Bordeaux shared information on several issues and projects throughout the town.

**CDBG for the water loss project**

* Metcom is proceeding according to schedule. We are 66 calendar days into the contract with 144 calendar days remaining per the contract.
* There have been no contract modifications made.
* Residents experience only one temporary water shut off, which was Sunday July 16, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A letter was delivered to business and residents that on with the water being temporarily shut off.

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* Work on Hwy 130 has been completed with the exception of the tie in and water samples. Water pressure test have come back favorable. After the competition of this and finish with Steed Circle, Metcom will move to Correll St.

**Clean Up and Trash**

We are asking for the community to help clean up their properties.

We will continue to evaluate properties and send letters to the appropriate property owners and renters on specific Town of Maxton Ordinance violations.

**Commissioners**

* Commissioner Gilmore spoke highly and commended the Manager and the employees, and the street department on cleaning up the town.
* Commissioner McDougald concern was how often was the recycling bins was dumped, and the trash left outside on the ground.
* Commissioner McDowell spoke briefly on the Commissioners/Citizens meetings and at the past several meeting no citizens showed up for the recreation meeting

**Mayor**

* Mayor Morton briefly spoke on how great the Independence Day Celebration turn out, good food, plenty people, music, entertainment and beautiful fireworks to end the event.
* Maxton Police Department will host the annual National Night Out at Beachum Park beginning at 6:00p.m.-9:00p.m on August 1, 2017.
* Lastly Mayor commented on the employees for doing a good job cleaning up the town.

**Adjourn:**

Mayor Morton request a motion to adjourn. Commissioner McDougald moved that the Board adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Gilmore seconded motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

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Emmett Morton, Mayor Jacqueline Johnson, Town Clerk