June 18, 2019

**TOWN OF MAXTON**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**June 18, 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, Commissioner Victor Womack, Commissioner James McDougald, Interim Town Manager Myra Tyndall, Attorney Timothy Snead, Tax Collector Angela Pitchford, Chief Ruppe, Town Clerk Jacqueline Johnson Utility Billing Clerk Rosemary Wilkerson, Detective Kelly Jacobs

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

**Invocation**- Commissioner Victor Womack

**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 the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore the vote was unanimous, motion carried.

## **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from Board Meeting of May 21, 2019, Special Meeting May 14, 2019

2. Tax Adjustments- May 14 thru June 12, 2019

Mayor Morton request a motion to adopt the consent agenda Commissioner McDowell the motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson the vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**RECOGNITIONS: NONE**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

 **a) Budget FY 2019-2020**

Mayor Morton open the floor for the public hearing for the FY 2019-2020 Budget.

* Mr. Sullivan commented the board on the 2019-2020 budget and the funds allocated in the budget for the clock repairs and appoint citizen to assist with the clock, he also mention if funds was available to purchase flags for the town. Mayor closed the budget public hearing after no other speakers

 **b) Road Closing**

Mayor Morton open the floor to the Public Hearing for the temporary road closing the corner of Cottingham to Patterson into McNatt Street until the paving street repair bids are processed.

* Diane Dixon of 402 N Patterson Street briefed the board on the conditions of the three said street and at least 5ft the residents yards is being used as the citizens drive down the roads to avoid the holes in the roads and damage to their vehicles. Mayor Morton closed the public hearing for the temporary street closing after no others was present to speak Diane Dixon spoke for the community. Mayor Morton briefly mention that the RFP for the street paving bids will close on June 21, 2019 and once all the information is updated the paving process will begin.

 **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **FY 2019-2020 Budget Discussion and Approval**

Mayor Morton request a motion to approve the FY 2019-2020 budget, Commissioner Womack made the motion, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, the vote was unanimous and the motion was carried.

 **b) Budget Ordinance Approval**

Mayor Morton request a motion to approve the budget ordinance, Commissioner Gilmore made the motion, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, the vote was unanimous and the motion was carried.

 **c) Discussion Road Closing Approval**

Mayor Morton request a motion to approve the temporary street closing of Cottingham, Patterson and McNatt streets until the street paving repair contract in begins, Commissioner McDowell made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the vote was unanimous and the motion was carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

 **a) LMAC Budget 2019-2020**

Mayor Morton request a motion to approve the FY 2019-2020 LMAC budget, Commissioner Womack made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson, the vote was unanimous and the motion was carried.

  **b) Robeson Community College Lease rental of Maxton Resource Center**

Mayor Morton request a motion to approve the Robeson Community College lease rental of the Maxton Resource Center, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the vote was unanimous and the motion was carried.

 **c) Resolution in Support of the LRCOG members for the Governor Office**

Mayor Morton request a motion to approve the Resolution in support of the LRCOG members for the Governor Office, Commissioner Gilmore made the motion, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, the vote was unanimous and the motion was carried.

 d**) Citizen Boards Appointments**

Mayor Morton request a motion to approve the Citizen Board appointments and reappointments of the mention names of the applicants.

**ABC board** Nathaniel Malloy, Pat Johnson, Commissioner Gilmore. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, the vote was unanimous and the motion was carried. (Commissioner Gilmore recused herself from the discussion and the vote)

**LMAC-**Willis Sullivan. Commissioner McDougald made the motion seconded by Commissioner McDowell, the vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

**Library Board**- Reappointed was Robert Henderson, Hattie McEachin. Commissioner McDowell made the motion seconded by Commissioner Womack the vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

**Planning/Zoning-**Appointed Robert Macy- Reappointed Elizabeth Gilmore, Vincent Hall. Commissioner McDougald made the motion seconded by Commissioner McDowell the vote was unanimous the motion was carried. (Commissioner recused herself from the discussion and vote).

**Tree Board** – Willis Sullivan- Robert Henderson. Commissioner Womack made the motion, seconded by Commissioner McDougald. The vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

 **e) LRCOG Liaison**

Janet Roberson was appointed as the liaison person for the Town of Maxton she briefed the board on the available programs at the COG.

 **f) DOT Robeson County** [**Comprehensive transportation plan**](https://r.search.yahoo.com/_ylt%3DAwrEZ7CWSvFcbR0AoQYPxQt.%3B_ylu%3DX3oDMTBybGY3bmpvBGNvbG8DYmYxBHBvcwMyBHZ0aWQDBHNlYwNzcg--/RV%3D2/RE%3D1559345943/RO%3D10/RU%3Dhttp%3A//digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p249901coll22/id/376426/RK%3D2/RS%3DkD0jV0PKqRFnMZZzfVKc_5qVQEY-)

Saman Jeffers engineer for the transportation planning division briefed the board on developing a plan for the Town of Maxton, volunteers will be needed to begin the process.

 **g) USDA Search Grant Application**

Mayor Morton and the Board briefly discussed the USDA Search Grant, Morton request a motion from the board to apply for the USDA Search Grant, Commissioner McDowell made the motion seconded by Commissioner McDougald the vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

**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.

* Willis Sullivan, concern was the audio sound during the meeting ask the board to speak much louder into mic.
* Carmen Colon, concern was has the town made any plans to prepare for the hurricane season
* Robert Macy, concern was the nuisance of the old gym, he also thanked the board for appointing him to the Planning Zoning Board.
* Diane Dixon, concern was the potholes on Patterson , Cottingham and McNatt street and consideration from the board to close the streets till repair process is approved, she also mention that the flags on main street where not out during Memorial non Veterans day.
* Jamie Smith of the recreation department spoke briefly on the upcoming event for the next few months.
* June 24 the summer feeding program will begin at Townsend School 150 kids will also receive bag food on Thursdays.
* July 6th will be the annual fourth July celebration at Beachum Park
* July 9th the senior bingo will be at the Library every 2nd Tuesday
* August 6th the Town will host the annual National Night Out at Beachum Park.

It was also mention the neighborhood community watch will be held on July 9th at the Maxton Court House at 7:00 p.m.

**REPORTS** – Police Chief Ruppe presented the police report for the month of May 2019

* The police department received a total of 797 call
* 4 Involuntary Commitments Served
* 17 cases followed up on
* 2 part time dispatchers, 1 full time hired
* 2 more Pastors added to Maxton Police Department, Brain Oxendine and Edward Strickland
* Still waiting for Raleigh to certify 2 officers

**COMMENTS**

**Manager**

* Boom truck is fixed and back in operation
* Public Works will begin Mosquito spraying through the town schedule on Tuesdays and Thursdays
* The Bids for street paving is open until June 21st, only one bid at this time which is Hudson Paving.
* The issue with the foul odor in the building has been fixed

**Mayor**

Briefly mention the Independence Day Celebration on Saturday July 6 @ Beachum Park

* Neighborhood watch July 9th @ Maxton Court House
* Senior Bingo will start on the 2nd Tuesday at 12 noon at the Library
* The Annual National Out will be held on August 6th at 6:00 p.m. Beachum Park
* Election filing begins on July 5, 2019

**CLOSED SESSION**

Closed session G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6)-to discuss personnel issues only and consult with Town Attorney. **Pursuant to North Carolina General Statue 143-318.11.  Closed sessions.**

(a) Permitted Purposes. (3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

Mayor Morton request a motion to go into closed session, Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion seconded by Commissioner Womack, the vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

Mayor Morton request a motion to come out of closed session Commissioner McDowell made the motion, Pro Tem Hutchinson seconded the motion the vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

Mayor Morton request a motion to increase Interim Manager Tyndall pay to $33.00 per hour Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion, seconded by Commissioner McDowell the vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Morton request a motion to recess the meeting June 18 2019 meeting until June 25 2019 at 6:30 p.m. 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 Johnson