**March 19, 2019**

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**March 19, 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, Attorney Jessica Scott, Tax Collector Angela Pitchford, Police Chief Ruppe, Officer Hubert Graham, Town Clerk Jacqueline Johnson

Utility Billing Clerk Rosemary Wilkerson.

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

**Invocation**- Commissioner James McDougald

**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**

Commissioner Womack made the motion, Commissioner Gilmore second the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

## **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion, Commissioner McDowell second the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

1. Minutes from Board Meeting of February 19, 2019/Closed Session February 29, 2019.

2. Tax Adjustments – February 12 thru March 12, 2019/ Tax Advertising List for Tax year

2018.

**RECOGNITIONS**-NONE

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Water bill leak Adjustment Assessment

Mayor Morton requested a motion to approve the leak adjustment, Commissioner McDowell moved that the Board approve the leak adjustment policy, Commissioner Gilmore seconded the motion, and the motion was approved with 3 ayes and 2 nayes.

1. **Cemetery Clean Up Project Quote**

Mayor Morton requested a motion to approve the lowest bid of $8,431.00 for the cemetery clean-up project for the oak grove cemetery, Commissioner McDougald moved that the Board approve the bid from US Lawns, Commissioner Womack seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Morton requested a motion to approve the budget amendment in the amount of $8,413.00 for the Oak Grove Cemetery clean-up project from US Lawns. Commissioner McDowell moved that the Board approve to amend the budget for the cemetery project. Commissioner Gilmore seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Gilbert Patterson Library Lighting Quote**

Mayor Morton requested a motion to approve the quote from Earl’s Electric for the library lighting, Commissioner McDowell moved that the Board approve the quote for the library Commissioner Gilmore seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Morton requested a motion to approve the budget amendment in the amount of $2,200.00 for the lighting at the Gilbert Patterson library. Commissioner Gilmore moved that the Board approve to amend the budget for the library lighting quote. Commissioner McDowell seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

1. **Street Sweeper Repair Quote**

Mayor Morton requested a motion to approve the quote from Southern Vac for the repair of the Street Sweeper in the amount of $5,093.92, Commissioner Womack moved that the Board approve the quote for the Street Sweeper repair, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Morton requested a motion to approve the budget amendment in the amount of 5,093.32 for the repair of the street sweeper. Commissioner Gilmore moved that the Board approve to amend the budget for the library lighting quote. Commissioner McDowell seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

1. **Resolution Support of Current ABC Control System Sale of Liquor**

Mayor Morton requested a motion to approve to support the current ABC Control System Sale of Liquor. Commissioner Gilmore moved that the Board approve to resolution to support the ABC control sale of liquor. Commissioner McDowell seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

1. **Town of Maxton Arbor Day Proclamation April 5, 2019**

Mayor Morton requested a motion to approve to Abor Day Proclamation on April 5th 2019 at 9:00 a.m.at the Gilbert Patterson Library, Commissioner Womack moved that the Board approve the proclamation for Abor Day, Commissioner Gilmore seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**e) Scotland County Board of Elections – Dell Parker (Director)**

Dell Parker director of the Scotland County Board of Election briefed the board on the election fees and the choice to opt out of the absentee ballots will save the Town of Maxton at least $5,800.00 versus $10,000 if the town decide not to opt out.

**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.

* **David McEachin** 301 Croom Road Maxton concern was a letter sent out by the Beautification Committee letters that was addressed to the businesses.
* **Brandon McGaha** from the State Police Benevolent Association voice his concern of the dismissal of Jamie Oxendine after 24 years of employment with the Maxton Police Department.
* **Geraldine McLaurin** 305 McLaughlin Street Maxton concern was trash at the park and the cans need emptied, also why the Town Manager and Chief don’t live in the Town of Maxton, the board need to create an ordinance for them to live in the Town of Maxton.
* **Paul Davis** 104 N Elm Maxton extended an invitation to the Robeson County Committee 100 Annual meeting and Dinner on April 4th 2019 he also mention if you’re not a member join the organization , lastly he mention that the Board of Commissioners mic’s need adjusted the sound do not reach to the back of the conference room.
* **Gerome Chavis** 555 Crestwood Drive Lumberton concern was Town Manager Kate Bordeaux and the Board of Commissioners the Town Managers residency and her previous employment.
* **Diane Dixon** 402 N Patterson Street Maxton concern was the street need repairs, Town Manager pervious employment in Greensboro, and the citizens has the right to know what’s going on in the town.
* **Sandra Jones** 302 S Austin Street Maxton concern was that the Board of Commissioners know that all the citizens are at the meeting is due to the Town Manager Bordeaux has created changes since she has been the Manager. Also she and other citizens are against the decision that the Board agreed to support a resolution for the civil war museum, lastly a respond as to why she was not placed on the agenda as mention in her letter to the Mayor and Town Manager.
* **Harold Seate** 118 Marada Road Maxton concern was Tammy Deese and Jamie Oxendine termination of employment with the Maxton Police Department, lastly he mention that election time is soon to come.
* **Sara McCall** 205 Lane Street concern was the whole building know whats going on in the Town and when is the Board going to do something about it.
* **Joe Hines** 405 Scotland Street prefer to get a response by email at [jchj2376@gmail.com](mailto:jchj2376@gmail.com) he also mention that he has never seen any of the board at events other than the Mayor Morton.
* **Enrique Colon** 319 N Patterson Street concern was the Board works for the citizens and everyone deserve to know what’s going on.
* **Lillye McLean** concern was if the town can add money in the budget to do street repairs on Malloy and Cottingham Street.
* **John Midget** from the Police Benevolent Association concern was the situation with Jamie Oxendine to work with the Town to avoid a lawsuit.
* **Toni Bethea** 303 Carolina Street mention her concern was not with the Town Manager Boardeaux nor the Board of Commissioners she mention the community needs to come together for the children, and after listening to all the comments she has loss all respect for the citizens she knew as a child growing up in Maxton.

**REPORTS** – Police Chief Ruppe

Chief Ruppe briefly shared with the Board and the citizens the February police report.

**COMMENTS**

**Town Manager**

Town Manager Bordeaux briefed the Board and the citizens on the Robeson Clean and Green during the week of April 15-17 the town will be collecting items for the free day at the land field will be April 19, 2019 no charge for tipping fees to the town.

**Commissioners**

Commissioner McDougald mention that the town need to come together as citizens and be concern with the students and the schools in the Town of Maxton, also attend the board of education meeting pertaining to the schools in Robeson county.

Commissioner Gilmore thanked the businesses that has given donations to the Beautification committee project and is moving forward also the committee is still accepting donations.

Commissioner Womack made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Commissioner McDowell no vote was passed.

**Mayor**

Mayor Morton briefly mention that a meeting will take place at the Robeson County Board of Education on March 27, at 6:00p.m. the meeting is to discuss consolidating of the county’s smallest schools he encouraged the citizens to get together to show support that Maxton needs the schools here being the schools in Maxton are small schools, thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Morton requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gilmore 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