May 21, 2019

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**May 21, 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, Interim Town Manager Myra Tyndall, Attorney Timothy Snead, Tax Collector Angela Pitchford( absent), Chief Ruppe, 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 Gilmore made the motion, seconded by Commissioner McDougald the vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Mayor Morton request a motion to amend the proposed agenda in New Business to add item (e) to discuss City Streets Commissioner Womack made the motion Commissioner McDowell seconded the motion the vote was unanimous, motion carried.

## **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from Board Meeting of April 30, 2019

2. Tax Adjustments- April 23, 2019 thru May 15, 2019

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

**RECOGNITIONS: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Scotland County Board of Elections-Contract**

Mayor Morton request a motion to authorize the absentee voting contract, Commissioner Gilmore and Commissioner McDougald opposed the absentee voting, Mayor Pro Tem, Commissioners McDowell , Womack vote to have the absentee vote contract, the motion (2 ) nayes the motion was carried with (3) ayes.

1. **FY 2019-2020 Budget Review**

Mayor Morton briefly discussed the 2019-2020 budget if the board do not have any questions a public hearing will be held at June 17, 2019 board meeting.

1. **Lumbee Bank**

Mayor Morton briefly mention he and Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson had a meeting with Lumbee Bank concerning the town system that has been hacked, Mayor Morton also mention that he was advised that other municipalities was also attacked. This matter is still under a four way investigation which being conducted by the FBI, Police departments to get this matter resolved.

1. **Quote to repair a main line**

Mayor Morton request a motion to approve $32,310.00 the cost of the repairs to replace and re-route a sewer line, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion, seconded by Commissioner McDougald, the vote was unanimous and the motion was carried.

Mayor Morton request to amend the budget in the amount of $32,310.00 for the repairs of a water sewer leak on highway 74. Commissioner McDougald made the motion, seconded by Commissioner McDowell the vote was unanimous the motion was carried

**NEW BUSINESS**

a) Audit Contract FY 2018-2019-S Preston Douglas

Mayor Morton requested a motion to approve the FY 2018-2019 audit contract, Commissioner Gilmore made the motion seconded by Commissioner Womack, the vote was unanimous and the motion was carried.

b) Quote to purchase pumps clarifier for Wastewater Plant

Mayor Morton requested a motion to approve the quote to purchase a pump clarifier for the wastewater plant, Commissioner McDougald made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson the vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

Mayor Morton request to amend the budget in the amount of $6,265.00 to purchase the pump clarifier for the wastewater plant. Commissioner Womack made the motion, seconded by Commissioner McDowell the vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

c) Contract service Hydraulic Study for Kincaid Street

Mayor Morton request a motion to approve the contract service for hydraulic study Kincade, McNair and Malloy streets for $29,000 to be eligible for reimbursement from FEMA.

Mayor Morton request to amend the budget in the amount of $29,000.00 to contract the hydraulic study to be eligible for reimbursement from FEMA Commissioner Gilmore made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson the vote was unanimous the motion was carried.

d) Bathrooms at Football field on Austin Street

Mayor Morton request a motion to approve $3,000.00 for repairs of the bathrooms at the ballfield on Austin Street, Commissioner Womack made the motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson the vote was unanimous and the motion was carried.

e) Maxton City Streets

Mayor Morton briefly discussed the city streets and the needed of repairs, he mention that the ad has been republished for RFP bids for repairs of the streets. It was also discussed on closing of Cottingham street until it get repairs are completed, a public hearing will be held at the June 18th Board meeting to consider the street closing.

**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 309 N Patterson Street: Concern was make adjustments to the microphone system, loud noises and motorcycles and name plate for the new attorney.
* Aggie Deese 125 Smith Street: Concern was the overgrowth of property unattended creating snakes, she also mention was there any way to contact the property owner.
* Ellen Wilkerson 404 Shoehill Street concern was will the town be sprayed for mosquito.
* Evelyn Williams 440 Brooklyn Street: Concern was the vacant lot next to her house is a nuisance of overgrowth grass, also what can be done to control foxes that be seen in the area during the day and night.
* Robert Macie of 307 N Florence Street: Concern was the old gym owned by the PSRC unattended and the safety of the citizen, can the RC School be contacted concerning the property.
* Sandra Jones of 302 S Austin Street: Concern was proof that the Town of Maxton did not endorse funds for the civil war museum.

**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 854 call in the month of April.
* One subject shot
* Involuntary commitments.
* Counterfeit money reported.
* 10 arrest made, 2 weapons in evidence, 1 weapon found, 1 charges with concealed weapon.
* 117 walk and talk

**COMMENTS**

Mayor- Commissioners

* Commissioner Gilmore mention the Town need to get prepared for hurricane season, plan for shelters, transportation and location for the citizens before the hurricane happens.
* Commissioner McDougald mention the stray dogs and kitten around town also a full time animal control office is needed.
* Commissioner Womack mention that the bypass was cleaned, the cans on Wilmington Street was dumped also the street department need to brush up on the edging around town.
* Commissioner McDowell mention that the bushes around the Police Department needs to be trimmed back.
* Mayor Morton the recreation department had a great turn out at the Easter egg hunt, application for Interim Manager will be review within the next week, the street repair for rebids were republished in the Robesonian news

**ADJOURN**

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

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Mayor, Emmett Morton Town Clerk, Jacqueline Johnson