

**TOWN OF MAXTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING  
August 16, 2022 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 Paul Davis, Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson, Commissioner Toni Bethea, Commissioner Elizabeth Gilmore, Commissioner Paul McDowell, and Commissioner Victor Womack.

Staff Present: Town Manager Angela Pitchford, Town Clerk Michael Cousar, Accounts Payable Tech Jasmin Mason, Police Chief William Davis, Public Works Director Preston McKenzie, and Water and Wastewater Director Dennis Freeman.

**Call to Order-** Mayor Paul Davis

**Invocation-** Commissioner Elizabeth Gilmore

**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.**

Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson acknowledge a conflict of interest with Old Business Item b) Red's Smoked and Smashed Rental/Purchase Proposal for Candlelight Restaurant.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from Board Meeting of July 26, 2022.

Mayor Davis request a motion to approve Consent Agenda. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Gilmore. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**Approval Proposed Agenda**

Mayor Davis request a motion to approve Proposed Agenda. Commissioner Gilmore made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**Old Business:**

a) Amend the Town Budget \$53,446.50 to purchase two (2) Aerators for the Wastewater Plant. Mayor Davis request a motion to approve the amending of the Town Budget for \$53,446.50 to purchase 2 Aerators for the Wastewater Plant. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Womack. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- b) Red's Smoked and Smashed Rental/Purchase Proposal for Candlelight Restaurant.

Mayor Davis request a motion to dismiss offer from Red's Smoked and Smashed. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Bethea. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**New Business:**

a) Making Ways request to use Learning Academy.

Rev. Marcharkelti McKenzie thanked the Board for supporting the Making Ways Summer Camp and gave them brief report of the services and the demographics they served. Rev. McKenzie voiced that she would like to extend the program year-round and requested the use of the Town's Learning Academy building from September 2022 through August 31, 2023.

Commissioner Gilmore made a motion to allow Making Ways to use the Learning Academy building from September 2022 through August 31, 2023, in partnership in the use of the building with the Police Department PALS Program.

Commissioner Gilmore amended her motion. Commissioner Gilmore made a new motion to allow Making Ways to use the Learning Academy building from September 2022 through August 31, 2023, with quarterly inspection in partnership in the use of the building with the Police Department PALS Program pending a written agreement by the Town Attorney. Commissioner Womack seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion 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.

Mr. Anthony Raynor, 419 Croom Road, Maxton, NC, 631-320-9168. Mr. Raynor spoke about the continued poor communication with the Town's administration and asked if anyone wishing to join the Community Watch to get with himself to sign up.

Commissioner Womack mentioned that the Community Watch program should be used strictly for the purposes of Community Watch and no other purposes.

**REPORTS**

**Police Chief:**

Police Chief William Davis said the Town of Maxton Police Department is working with Mr. Michael Hines on the PALS Program. The program activities will include athletics, education, outdoor activities, and arts to be funded by grants, donations, and sponsorships.

Police Department current has two (2) dispatchers training and one (1) Police Officer due in by January 2023.

Mayor Davis thanked Chief Williams and his department for putting on National Night Out.

**Commissioners:**

Commissioner McDowell talked about the Community Watch Program in that it must come under the Police Department.

Commissioner Gilmore spoke of the concerns that Mr. Anthony Raynor's brought up in the Public Forum about the lack of communication with the Town Administrators. She said she would like to get with the Town Manager and other Commissioners to address this issue. She spoke of creating a survey for the residents to aide in this process.

Commissioner Bethea said she thinks the Police Chief should shut down the Community Watch Program if it cannot be conducted properly and as intended.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Davis request a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Gilmore. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.



Paul Davis, Mayor



Michael D. Cousar, MBA