

**TOWN OF MAXTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
December 20, 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 (absent), Commissioner Toni Bethea, Commissioner Elizabeth Gilmore, Commissioner Paul McDowell, and Commissioner Victor Womack.

Staff Present: Town Manager Angela Pitchford, Town Attorney Timothy Snead, Town Clerk Michael Cousar, Police Chief William Davis, Public Works Director Preston McKenzie, and Water and Wastewater Director Dennis Freeman.

Call to Order- Mayor Paul G. Davis

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. (No conflicts of interest)

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from Special Meeting of November 14, 2022.
2. Minutes from Board Meeting November 15, 2022.
3. Tax Adjustment from November 3, 2022 through December 7, 2022.

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

Approval Proposed Agenda

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

Old Business:

- a) None

New Business:

- a) 2021-2022 Audit Report

Mr. John Masters of S. Preston Douglas & Associates, LLP briefed the Board of Commissioners on the Town's 2021-2022 Audit Report. Mr. Master mentioned two (2) performance areas of concern. The Town's Fund Balance decreased and in the current year's budget the Town appropriated Fund Balance for the current year. These indicator are viewed as a negative by the Local Government Commission. He said the Town will have to address these 2 performance areas of concern. He mentioned bonding for the

Finance Director has changed due to legislation from \$50,000.00 to upwards of \$500,000.00 and to inform him of the correct bonding increase. He continued by showing increases and decreases in the Town's revenue streams, grants, and property assets. He said the Town is doing a very good job financially and thanked the Town for the opportunity to serve as its auditor.

b) Southeast Regional Airport Authority Appointment

Mayor Davis made a motion to reappoint both Mr. Joe Clark and Mr. Emmett Morton to the Southeast Regional Airport Authority.

c) Maxton Recreation Committee Appointment

Mayor Davis request a motion to approve the Recreation Committee application of Mrs. Priscilla Hines. Commissioner Womack made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Bethea. 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.

Reverend Marcharkelti McKenzie, 15701 Pea Bridge Road, Laurinburg NC 28352. Reverend McKenzie with Making Ways spoke about losing the access to use the Town's Learning Academy building. She wants the Town to keep Making Ways in mind as they are still looking for a building to house their program.

Mr. Michael Hines, 401 Scotland Street, Maxton, NC, 267-441-7770. Mr. Hines wanted to introduce himself and his wife Priscilla Hines as the PALS Program Managers. He asked Mayor Davis if it was ok to contact him if he had any questions. Mayor Davis said anytime would be ok to communicate with him.

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Library:

Mrs. Asia Carter, an Outreach Specialist for the Robeson County Public Library spoke briefly about service updates, grants received, additional library resources purchased, and their new book reading program. She spoke highly of the amazing team that works for the library and they are here to serve the Maxton community.

Police Chief:

Police Chief William Davis said the Maxton Police Department will be relocating and that residents would be given an advance notice as to the departments' new location.

- New Police Officer, Officer Ashulyon Feurtado was hired on December 7, 2022.
- Shop with a Cop was held on December 17, 2022, served about thirty (30) kids. Special thanks to Commissioner McDowell, Commissioner Bethea, Town Manager Angela Pitchford and others who donated to Shop with a Cop.

Manager:

Town Manager Ms. Angela Pitchford presented Mrs. Mary McNeill with a certificate and gift card for the hard work she has been doing while serving on the Town's Recreation Committee.

Mayor Davis reiterated the wonderful job that the Recreation Committee members have done in support of the Town of Maxton.


Commissioners:

Commissioner Womack wished everyone in attendance a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mayor Davis in closing said that he appreciated the efforts and hard work of all the Town's employees and under the many conditions that they have to perform their jobs. He said their efforts are well appreciated.

ADJOURN

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



Paul Davis, Mayor



Michael D. Cousar, MBA