

TOWN OF MAXTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MEETING
July 20, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

The Board of Commissioners of Maxton, North Carolina met in the meeting chambers of the Town of Maxton Town Hall located at 201 McCaskill Avenue Maxton, North Carolina at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance were: Mayor Paul G. 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, Police Chief Na'Shayla Nelson, Recreation Chairman Jamie Smith, Mrs. Mary McNeil, and Water and Wastewater Director Dennis Freeman.

Formal Session: Call Meeting to Order- Mayor Paul G. Davis

Invocation: Mayor Paul G. Davis

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. NONE

Discussion:

Recreation Chairman Jamie Smith, (910) 785-2665: Mrs. Smith mentioned to the Town Council that Beacham Park gets too dark at night to have events due to lightning issues that could cause possible accidents and safety concerns with the lack of electrical receptacles out at the park and the electrical breaker constantly tripping.

Wastewater Director Dennis Freeman presented two (2) quotes to the Council to correct the lack of receptacles out at Beacham Park. He mentioned the quotes for \$9,000.00 and \$9,500.00 are two solutions to fix the same problem which is the lack of electrical receptacles out at the park.

Commissioner McDowell recommend checking the lights and for overhanging limbs that might be affecting the lighting out at the park.

Mayor Davis asked Mr. Freeman which solution he'd recommends. Mr. Freeman said the \$9,000.00 solution would be cheaper not only in cost, but that the Town would not have to pay for two additional electrical bills that would come with the \$9,500.00 solution.

Commissioner Womack recommended getting the work done for the residents.

Town Manager Angela Pitchford told Mr. Freeman to get more quotes for the work to be done at Beacham Park.

Wastewater Director Dennis Freeman mention that he could also do a water tap with a meter to help the Recreation Committee with their water issues out at the park.

Mrs. Smith mentioned that the Recreation Committee needs additional help with getting all the resources needed to conduct events and cleaning up after those events.

Mayor Davis and Commissioner McDowell recommended communicating those concerns to the Town Manager.

Mrs. Mary McNeil mention that it is the Town's responsibility to support the Recreation Committee and that the Committee should not have to contact Town employees to get the help that is needed.

Commissioner McDowell said in the past Town employee's did clean up after every event.

Town Manager said that the Recreation Committee needs to communicate more and conduct regular meetings, so that the Town could support their needs.

Mrs. Smith said the Recreation Committee wants to know the proper procedures for communicating budget and financial needs.

Commissioner Gilmore said that the Recreation Committee simply needed to ask for the information they want.

Mayor Davis asked about the concern the Recreation Committee had with the communication process regarding upcoming meetings. The Mayor said the Recreation Committee has put on some great events that he was not aware of and would love to participate in those events in the future.

ADJOURN

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



Mayor, Paul G. Davis



Town Clerk, Michael D. Cousar