

TOWN OF MAXTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
July 26, 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 Attorney Timothy Snead, 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 Victor Womack

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.

Commissioner Elizabeth Gilmore acknowledge a conflict of interest with New Business Item e) ABC Board Applications. She is an applicant for the ABC Board.

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from Board Meeting of June 21, 2022.
2. Tax Adjustment from June 8 through July 13, 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 McDowell made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Bethea. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Old Business:

- a) Audit Preparation- Allow the Finance Director to make necessary amendments and adjustments to prepare final documentation for the Auditor to close Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022.

Mayor Davis request a motion to approve Audit Preparation. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Bethea. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

New Business:

- a) Purchase of two (2) Aerators for Wastewater Plant.

Mayor Davis tabled the purchase of Aerators to allow the Town Attorney to research the minimum amount of quotes needed to purchase the Aerators.

b) RCTS/R.B. Dean Alumni Association – Mr. Lorenza McEachin.

Mr. McEachin presented to the Board of Commissioners the turning over of the Collard Festival from the RCTS and R.B. Dean Alumni Association to the Town of Maxton.

Mayor Davis request a motion to approve the acceptance of the Collard Festival from the RCTS and R.B. Dean Alumni Association. Commissioner Gilmore made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Bethea. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

c) Southeast Regional Airport Authority (FY) 2022-2023 Budget.

Mayor Davis tabled the approval of the Southeast Regional Airport Authority.

d) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Policies and Resolutions.

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

e) ABC Board Applications.

Mayor Davis request a motion to approve the ABC Board applications of Mrs. Elizabeth Gilmore and Mrs. Patricia Johnson. Commissioner Womack made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Bethea. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

f) Recreation Committee Applications.

Mayor Davis request a motion to approve the Recreation Committee applications of Mrs. Jamie Smith, Mrs. Mary McNeill, and Mrs. Willie Bethea. Commissioner Gilmore made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner McDowell. 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. Robert Macy, 307 S. Florence Street, Maxton, NC, 910-844-4882. Mr. Macy spoke on the behalf of his Community Watch group. He informed the town administrative staff and residents of their next meeting date of August 9, 2022, at 7 p.m. and topics to be discussed. He also mentioned the towns need for assistance with its water issues and advised contacting Mr. Jim Perry at the Lumber River Counsel of Government in Pembroke, N.C.

Mrs. Charnette Murphy, 412 McCaskill Street Maxton, 267-207-5431. Mrs. Murphy referenced the foliage covering the signs on HWY 71, by the by-pass that she brought to the towns attention a year ago. She said the same issue of the foliage almost caused her to get in an accident three weeks ago. She asked the Board of Commissioner if it would be possible to set up a question and answer session with the town residents in the future.

Mr. Anthony Raynor, 419 Croom Road, Maxton, NC, 631-320-9168. Mr. Rainer addressED a couple of issues from his Community Watch group meeting. He stated that the town meeting agenda is lacking of informative information for the residents to understand what is going on and asked if anyone wishing to join the Community Watch could sign up with himself.

REPORTS

Police Chief:

Police Chief William Davis said the Town of Maxton Police Department is working with the Scotland County Sheriff’s Office and Sheriff Percy. He is helping the town Police Department with a program to help them track the our elderly residents and their wellbeing. More information on the program is to come in the following week.

A six month old Belgium Lebaron was donated by Adam’s Kennel to the Police Department named Delta.

The Police Department utilization of new body cameras will being in August 2022.

National Night Out will be August 2, 2022, at Beachum Park from 6p.m. to 9 p.m.

Town Manager:

Mr. Berdie Bullard rescinded an offer from the town to buy a parcel of land from him.

The town applied for funding through our State Representative Charles Graham that was not approved. It was recommended that the town apply for funding again to be included in next year’s State Budget.

Commissioners:

Commissioner McDowell voiced that the town Board of Commissioner need to help the towns Housing Authority Board in some capacity as residents and board members are complaining about an unfair process. He called for a meeting with the town Housing Authority Board to inquire about the housing issues.

Mayor Davis returned to New Business item a) Purchase of two (2) Aerators for Wastewater Plant. The Town Attorney reviewed the state statutes regarding bidding and receiving bids for purchases and expenditures. He said there are threshold holds amounts and the town is within that. He said we could explore other option before we make the decision, but we need to consider the emergent nature of the purchase. He stated there is no minimum bid requirement.

Mayor Davis request a motion to purchase two Aerators for the Wastewater Plant costing \$53,446.24. Commissioner Womack made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

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