

**TOWN OF MAXTON**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING**  
**March 15, 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.

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 Attorney Timothy Snead, Town Clerk Michael Cousar, Accounts Payable Tech Jasmin Mason, Interim Police Chief William Davis, Public Works Director Preston McKenzie, and Water and Wastewater Director Dennis Freeman.

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

**Invocation:** Commissioner 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.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from Board Meeting of February 15, 2022.
2. No Tax Adjustment.

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

**Adopt the Proposed Agenda**

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

**RECOGNITION:**

1. Town recognizes Mr. Dontrell Briggs.

Mayor Paul Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson presented Mr. Briggs with a personal banner and each Commissioner contributed \$100.00 for Mr. Brigg journey to Hollywood California.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Atlantic Sign Media Digital Sign Proposal.

Mayor Davis informed the residents of the town's intent to purchase a digital sign to be placed in front of Town Hall. The purchase of the digital sign will be discussed in the town's next budget meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Update for Maxton Police Department Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

Mayor Davis request a motion to approve Maxton Police Department SOP updates. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Womack. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- b) Beautification Committee Application.

Mayor Davis request a motion to approve Mrs. Gloria Strickland Beautification Committee application. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Womack. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- c) Pyro Shows East Coast, Inc. Contract Agreement.

Mayor Davis request a motion to approve Pyro Shows East Coast, Inc. contract agreement. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Womack. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- d) Adopt Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-I) Compliance Plans Resolution with Updates.

Mayor Davis request a motion to adopt CDBG-I Compliance Plans Resolution. Commissioner Womack made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- e) Adopt Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-I) Fair Housing Assessment Resolution.

Mayor Davis read aloud the attached memo on the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) / Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH). AFH Resolution and Memo ARE attached at the end of the Board minutes.

Mayor Davis request a motion to adopt the CDBG-I Fair Housing Assessment Resolution. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Bethea. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- f) Purnell McQueen Town Taxes.

Mayor Davis request a motion to turn over Mr. McQueen Tax issue to the Town's Attorney and Tax Attorney. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Gilmore. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- g) Withers Ravenal American Rescue Plan (ARP) \$5,000.00 Grant Writing Proposal.

Mayor Davis request a motion to approve Withers Ravenal American ARP \$5,000.00 grant writing proposal. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

h) Budget Amendment of \$5,000.00 for Withers Ravenal ARP Grant Writing Proposal. Mayor Davis request a motion to approve Budget Amendment for Withers Ravenal American ARP \$5,000.00 grant writing proposal. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Womack. 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.

Phillip Clark, 301 N. Florence Street Maxton, 912-658-8518. Mr. Clark spoke about himself and wife receiving a letter from the town that stated goats are a violation of the town ordinance within the town limits. He requested to know who reported him and a hearing to resolve the issue.

Robert Macy, 307 N. Florence Street Maxton, 910-844-1882. Mr. Macy following his statement of support of his neighbor's goats, gave the commissioners a list of why the Town of Maxton is not "A Good Place to Live," as its motto states. Mr. Macy said that Maxton is not a good place to live due to littering, the discharging of weapons, and speeding vehicles.

Gary Freeman, 308 N. Florence Street Maxton, 843-439-2135. Mr. Freeman following his statement of support for his neighbor's goats, said that you cannot use an ATM machine without being solicited by unwanted people and that speeding cars are a nuisance on Florence Street.

Mrs. Charnette Murphy, 412 McCaskill Street Maxton, 267-207-5431. Mrs. Murphy said the town's condition is horrific with its building falling down and with historical homes presenting hazards due to neglect. She ask if the owners of the dilapidated buildings were being cited and to wished to work with the town to get grants to better the town.

Anthony Raynor, 407 Croom Road Maxton, 631-320-9168. Mr. Raynor mentioned that he has lived in Maxton for three years, has had a gun pulled out on him on one occasion, and that there was a lack of transparency with the town's Police Department. Mr. Raynor mentioned problem with littering on Croom Road, incorrect tax information received from the administration, and about website security vulnerability to thief.

Phillip Clark, 301 N. Florence Street Maxton, 912-658-8518. Mr. Clark would like to know how the town is spending funds and that residents need additional information for transparency than receiving topics of the agenda.

## **REPORTS**


**Police Chief:**

Interim Chief addressed the residents' concerns involving the police department and its procedures.

**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.

  
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Mayor, Paul G. Davis

  
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Town Clerk, Michael D. Cousar