

**February 8, 2022**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**TOWN OF MAIDEN**

The Maiden Town Council met on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting, held in the Town of Maiden Council Chamber.

Present for the meeting were, Mayor Max Bumgarner Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill, Councilmembers Bob Sigmon, Danny Hipps, Cameron Ramseur, and Holly-Crafton-Lay. Note: Councilmember Cameron Ramseur arrived at 6:21pm.

Also, present were Town Manager Todd Herms, Town Attorney Scott Conrad, Town Clerk-HR Officer Wanda Barnes

Others attending: See attached sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Max Bumgarner Jr.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Bob Sigmon

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Bob Sigmon

4. Approval of the Agenda

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.**

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL TO APPROVE THE 1/11/2022 REGULAR MINUTES AND THE BUDGET PLANNING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.**

6. Citizen Requests & Comments

- A. Citizen Devore Henry states, I live at 522 S D Avenue Maiden North Carolina. I brought before the council on December 14th, reference the property that was purchased by the town of Maiden. I'm still seeing tractor trailers parked there. For instance, yesterday, one was back in one was pulled in. I don't know, but I addressed that two months ago. Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, it is public property. I will have to research it, but it is my understanding that council would have to pass an ordinance not allowing trucks to park there. Mr. Henry states, I thought the council have already purchased the property. I thought there was a sign already ordered and it should be posted. Councilmember Mr. Danny Hipps states, tell us about the location for folks who might not know. Mr. Henry states, the location for the new fire department. Councilmember Hipps states, you are talking about the former Maiden Galaxy property? Mr. Henry states, yes sir. Councilmember Mr. Danny Hipps states, I'm going to refer this to the police chief. Chief would it have to be declared a no parking

area? Police Chief Tracy Ledford states, no signs are up right now. No parking or parking overnight would have to be a council decision. Councilmember Mr. Danny Hipps states, what I am hearing from the Police Chief, this would have to be a council decision regarding parking or parking overnight. Are there any other restrictions we would think about? Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, from our standpoint it will be very difficult to enforce. We would have to start towing vehicles on a regular. Councilmember Hipps ask is it an eyesore? Mr. Henry states, the trucks are running and making noise. A lady behind the old Galaxy mentioned they continue to run. It is like a rest stop, in sense. Councilmember Crafton-Lay states, it is the reefer units sitting there running for them to have heat or air while they sleep. Is that what they are complaining about? Mr. Henry states, yes. Councilmember Mr. Danny Hipps states, have we had any other complaints with the town? Town Manager Mr. Herms states, the only complaint I have heard is Mr. Henry. Councilmember Hipps states, and the folks he spoke with. Town Clerk Wanda Barnes states, I have not received any complaints from citizens. Councilmember Mrs. Holly Crafton-Lay states, I understand what you are saying. My husband drives a truck, and they are loud. With them parking there overnight, it is going to be annoying for the folks living there when you trying to sleep. Councilmember Hipps states, do we want to make that a no parking space? Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, we would have to designate the level of parking. Mayor Max Bumgarner, Jr. states, people park there and walk. Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill states, we must consider that since the citizens use it for parking during parades and other events. What would happen in that situation? Councilmember Hipps states, I would like to table it until the next meeting. That would give the staff time to review other options. I am not opposed to protecting the sleep of the individuals that live in that area but making sure we hit the target. Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, it is also important to know that we have a noise ordinance. If the trucks are causing a racket, we can address it that way. Councilmember Bob Sigmon states, personally, I went up there after you brought it up. The trucks are not running all types of morning. I believe someone that live close by, parks there. Those trucks are not there every day. Mr. Henry states, I am not saying they are there every day. The time that I saw them was in the day and night. I did not personally get out of my vehicle to see if it was running. Councilmember Holly Crafton-Lay states, I do not think the town property should be used as a truck drop lot. Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill states, this issue will be address when construction start. Once construction starts there will be a fence. No one will be allowed in there once construction starts. Councilmember Sigmon states, I agree with Danny, I would like to table it. Mr. Henry states, the additional citizen concern is on West Pine Street, there is three different speed limit signs. As you run on Bob Cunningham going on West Pine Street and right in front of Five Ten West Pine Street there is a sign that say 20 MPH, slow playing children. I understand that is for the school. You go down 100 feet, there is another sign 30 MPH. You cannot do 30 MPH on that road. The residents are looking a 20 MPH, if possible. There is another before South E Ave, then right before 520 and 522 West Pine Street. It is less than 300 feet before you go into the curb, take that left going to Clemens Ave between 408 and 412, there is another 30 MPH sign. You only have another 100 feet before you run into another lady house. It is like an elbow. Councilmember Hipps states, what is the solution? Mr. Henry states, make it all 20 MPH. What is your take on it Police Chief? Police Chief Tracy Ledford states, I will have to look at it. I know where he is talking about. Mr. Henry states, exiting West Pine Street, before South E Ave, at the white house it has a 35 MPH sign going to South D Ave. Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, we must be careful because that is close to being out of town limits. We will research it. Mr. Henry states can the citizens get agenda mailed to them if they get on some kind of list. Town Clerk Wanda Barnes states, you would need to be added to the Sunshine list. Town Manager Mr. Herms states, you can get on the list. It does not go out until late Friday, after the staff is done with it. Mr. Henry states, I was told we cannot do that. Town Manager Mr. Herms states, you requested it a week before and we cannot do that. Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill states, what is the sunshine list? Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, that is the media term, it shines light on local government. There is also a sunshine week and I do not know when it is. I think it is in Springtime. We will get request from the media about people salary and their position. I believe it started in Florida with some corruption. Now any public information being sent out, people can request to be on that list to receive the information. If it is not public information, they cannot receive it. Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill states, is it the same thing we are getting? Mr. Herms states, yes.

Councilmember Crafton-Lay states, I live a 112 Union Street and Mr. And Mrs. Hubbard live at 119 Union Street across from me. Mr. Hubbard passed away and the family wrote me a note and they would like for me to share. It says Maiden Town Councilmembers, my name is Sherry Drum and I'm writing on behalf of my

mother Vera Hubbard and myself. My daddy Black Hubbard passed away December 25th, 2021. Prior to his passing, my daddy battled a lengthy illness with a severe brain infection caused by surgery he had due to Parkinson's. My point of this letter is, to let you know how blessed we are as a community, by the support of the tremendous fire department, Police Department and Rescue Squad. I cannot praise these men and women enough. The help and support that they have given to my parents and myself during daddy illness and death. Our community is so richly blessed to have such kind, caring and compassionate ones looking out for us. I cannot tell you how many countless times they came and helped my daddy up when he had fall, how many times they brought a meal or just stopped to check on my mom and dad. We have come to think of them as family and are so glad and honored to have them in our lives. They each deserve praise and recognition for all they do, please be sure to thank them every chance you can. We appreciate them also serving our family as we lay daddy to rest. I know he would have loved that he thought so very much of each one of these men and women. They always treated daddy with such respect and dignity. They never made him feel less than when they came to help him no matter where he had fallen or what place they found him in. They just helped him and made sure he and Mama were ok and left out again. For that I am eternally grateful you as a council should be very proud of these men and women and the way they represent not only our town, but our community. Please be sure to praise and thank everyone of them every chance you get. Sincerely Dwight Hubbard Family, Vera Hubbard, and Sherry Drum. Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, can we get a copy of that letter for the minutes? Councilmember Crafton – Lay states, yes.

Councilmember Danny Hipps states, I have a citizen concern from Mr. David Fish. I'm not sure which road he lives on. It is right behind the old American Efird. I don't remember exactly which street it is, but he has some concerns with regards to his neighbors are parking on the street. He asked if we could do anything regarding that, because when he is backing out, he is afraid that he is going to back out and hit one of their vehicles. Even though they have driveways, there are still parking on the street. To the best of my knowledge, we do not have any ordinance against parking on the street. I am not sure what we could do about that. I did tell him that I would raise that as a concern because he brought it to me. Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, we will investigate it.

Mayor Max Bumgarner Jr. states, A lady called me Friday and left a message and I got back in touch with her over the weekend. Her concern is where we put our charging station over at the recreation center. We took up two of the most accessible handicap places to get into the gym. Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, they are charging stations slash handicap parking. Parks and Recreation Director Mr. Keaton Miller states, they are designated as handicap accessible and charging stations. Mayor Max Bumgarner Jr. states, we may need to put some signs over there. I road over there and looked. There is a little sign over the charging station sign that says handicap. Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, we will place a larger sign. We had to be careful, because there was a lot to consider when placing a sign there. It had to be ADA compliant. That space checks the most boxes from the list that we had to consider. I want to say thanks to the Police, Fire and Public Works. When we had snow, they went above and beyond. I was out of town, they stepped up and took control. The roads got clear quickly.

## 7. Consent Agenda

### A. Finance Officer's Report February (Motion)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO APPROVE THE JANUARY FINANCE OFFICERS REPORTAS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.**

## 8. New Business

### A. Lowdermilk Church & CO LLP Audit Contract (Motion)

Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, because it is a legal document, the council must approve the contract for the audit every year. I do not believe there is a price change. We locked that rate in for 3 or 5 years. Finance Officer Jessica White states, I believe it was for 5 years.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY TO APPROVE THE LOWERMILK CHURCH & CO LLP AUDIT CONTRACT AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0**

B. Maiden Police Department Field Audit

Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, this is for information only, but we would like to reference that the police department did well on the audit.

9. Old Business

A. Comprehensive Plan Committee (Motion)

Planning and Zoning Director Mr. Blake Wright states, the list of names for appointment to the comprehensive plan committee have been submitted to council. We would need a motion to approve the names given to the council.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL TO APPROVE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0**

B. Luminary Services & Parade Date (Motion)

Parks and Recreation Director Mr. Keaton Miller states, we will begin prep work for the parade very soon. The staff need direction for parade start time and moving or keeping the luminary service as is. We did discuss this with the recreation advisory committee, and they recommended to move the Christmas parade back to the 3:00 PM start time and the luminary service back to the second Sunday in December.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON - LAY TO APPROVE THE LUMINARY SERVICES & PARADE DATE AND TIME. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0**

10. Ordinance/Resolutions (Motion)

Finance Officer Jessica White states, this is another budget amendment. This would be to bring funds in from capital projects fire equipment vehicles to capital outlay for the purchase of a new tanker truck for the fire department. Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, we did budget \$265,000 for this project. With inflation and COVID, lowest price quoted came back at \$343,799. We need to move money to purchase it. We are seeing this with more than just fire trucks. I'm hoping it doesn't stay a trend. The last couple projects we have done, came in more than we expected. Councilmember Hipps states, we didn't just budget it. Some of that money had been put in over years for this purchase with regard to capital. Town

Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, the \$85,000 had been put back in the capital reserve. It is coming out of their general fund.

- A. Ordinance #19-2022 An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2021-2022 Budget in the General Fund (Motion)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #19-2022 TO AMEND THE FY 2021-2022 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND TO MAKE A FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0**

Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, when we ordered trucks and cars, we normally have a quick turnaround. I believe the police ordered cars in July; we still have not received a date. We ordered a new knuckle boom truck in July, and it's being pushed out four times. We are not 100% sure when we will receive them. The pipeline is basically closed, and it is hard to get stuff right now. We will be rolling some purchase orders this year.

- 11. Adjourn (Motion)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL TO ADJOURN REGULAR SCHEDULE MEETING AT 6:29 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0**

Respectfully Submitted:

Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk

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**Max Bumgarner Jr., Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk**