

TOWN OF MAIDEN
January 12, 2021
MINUTES OF REGULAR E- MEETING

The Maiden Town Council met on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting, held electronically, streamed on Facebook and in the Town of Maiden Community room.

Present for the meeting were, Mayor Max Bumgarner Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Danny Hipps, Councilmembers Trina Michael, Beth Rudisill, Bob Sigmon, and Ronnie Williams.

Also, present were Town Manager Todd Herms, Town Attorney Scott Conrad, Director, Planning and Zoning Director Blake Wright, Interim Director Keaton Miller and Town Clerk 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 Mayor Pro Tem Danny Hipps

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Danny Hipps

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

5. Citizens Request & Comments

Citizen Samantha Sanders stated that the Town of Maiden Business Association Rock Around the block Christmas Scavenger hunt was held on December 12, 2020 at 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. They had a total of fifty customers and seventeen businesses participate. The grand prize winner received \$700.00 in gift cards and a total of a \$1000.00 was given in gifts. Overall, the event was a success.

Mayor Pro Tem Danny Hipps inquiries about the future changes.

Mrs. Sanders states that future changes will include prizes for children. The business association will host another event on March 27, 2021. The Association will meet on February 9, 2021 to discuss the event.

Mrs. Sanders also request a schedule for the food truck vendors and suggest advertising the dates.

Mayor Pro Tem Danny Hipps states he supports advertising the food trucks vending dates.

Councilmember Beth Rudisill states that she supports the advertising of the food trucks and inquiries about seeking additional food trucks.

Planning and Zoning Director Blake Wright states that other food trucks were contacted and were interested, but never completed the permit documents. He is actively pursuing additional food vendors.

Mayor Pro Tem Danny Hipps acknowledges Mr. Wright for his efforts and suggest reaching back out to the interested vendors.

Councilmember Beth Rudisill states having a food truck scheduled every weekend during the spring. She would like to schedule a variety of food truck before their schedule is booked.

Mr. Blake Wright states that the prior vendor appreciate the hospitality they receive from the Town of Maiden.

Mayor Pro Tem Danny Hipps inquiries about the Town event schedule.

Town Manager Todd Herms states that he is working on the town event schedule.

Councilmember Bob Sigmon inquiries about advertising on the town sign.

Town Manager Todd Herms states that the town sign is for Town events only.

Town Manager Todd Herms states the Mayor received a formal letter confirming that the town received a Block grant for \$561,000.00 from the Coronavirus program. The grant spending is very structured for the use of virtual learning infrastructure, utility bills and social distancing assistance.

Mayor Pro Tem Danny Hipps acknowledges the staff and Grant Administrator Mrs. Sherry Long for their hard work.

Councilmember Ronnie Williams suggests posting the grant information details on social media.

Town Manager states a press release on the grant will be published tomorrow.

Mayor Max Bumgarner states he is expecting more details about the grant spending process.

Town Manager Todd Herms states that the town will work with the grant administrator on the town grant spending obligations.

Mayor Pro Tem Danny Hipps acknowledges the Police department for the toy drive and Town Clerk Wanda Barnes for spearheading the food drive.

Town Manager and Councilmembers acknowledge Town Clerk on the UNC School of Government certification.

Councilmember Beth Rudisill acknowledges the Planning Board for their outstanding work.

Planning Board Director Blake Wright states he will inform the Planning Board of the Council's appreciation.

Councilmember Beth Rudisill states that a citizen had concerns about the downtown parking.

Town Manager Todd Herms states he will research the downtown parking with the Police Chief.

Councilmember Beth Rudisill states that the citizen is interested in a time parking and not paid parking.

Town Manager Todd Herms states that the Town had limited staff due to Covid-19 and ask that the citizens please be patient with the street department. He spoke to the Postmaster about the utility bills being lost and it is due to limited postal staff from Covid-19. Citizens can call or view utility bills online.

6. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BETH RUDISILL TO APPROVE THE 12/08/2020 & 12/29/2020 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Finance Officer's Report

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

8. Ordinance/Resolutions

A. Certificate of Sufficiency for Annexation Petition (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS. TO APPROVE THE RECUSE OF MAYOR PRO TEM DANNY HIPPS. WITH MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 4 – 0

Town Manager Todd Herms explains the Clerk's certification of the Duke Energy Annexation Petition process.

Planning and Zoning Director Blake Wright states the certification confirms that all legally required documents are in the petition and complete.

Town Attorney Scott Conrad confirms Planning and Zoning Directors statement.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS. TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY FOR ANNEXATION PETITION. WITH MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 4 – 0

B. Resolution #1-2021 A Resolution to Establish a public Hearing Date for Voluntary Annexation (Motion)

Town Manager Todd Herms States that the resolution moves us to the next step in the Annexation, which is establishing a public hearing date. The date will be Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON. TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION #1-2021 TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC HEARING FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION. WITH MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 4 – 0

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL. TO APPROVE MAYOR PRO TEMP DANNY HIPPS BACK INTO THE COUNCIL MEETING. WITH MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 4 – 0

9. Adjourn (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON ADJOURN AT 6:32 PM MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

Respectfully Submitted:

Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk

Max Bumgarner Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk