

**November 09, 2021**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**TOWN OF MAIDEN**

The Maiden Town Council met on Tuesday, November 09, 2021, 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 Danny Hipps, Councilmembers Trina Michael, Beth Rudisill, Bob Sigmon, and Ronnie Williams.

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 Mayor Max Bumgarner Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Max Bumgarner Jr.

4. Approval of the Agenda

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

5. Approval of Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BETH RUDISILL TO APPROVE THE 10/12/2021 REGULAR MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.**

6. Citizens Request & Comments

Maiden Business Association President Samantha Saunders states, the Maiden Business Association have registered for a float in the night parade. Ryan Schronce is going to pull the float. We are going to have a generator with drop cords and lights. Merry Maiden downtown Christmas is December 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:30. We are going to have pictures with Santa. The churches will have free hot chocolate. The Maiden Sportsmen's will be giving away free funnel cakes. We have signed up 21 Artisan vendors and six food vendors. Those are people who will be selling. The main performers will be Wayne Taylor and George Gideon. Most of you know Wayne. He is a local guy and performing bluegrass holiday music. George Gideon is most famous for being on of the Andy Griffin shows. He will be playing the fiddle. There will be free hayrides. The auto mechanics club from the high schools volunteered their rat rod. I decided that it be nice if we could take the hay wagon through the cemetery just make a loop since it's luminaire service that night.

Mayor Pro Tem Danny Hipps asks, have you put any information out on this and could you send it to town hall to share on the website. Mrs. Saunders states, I'd be glad to. Councilmember Bob Sigmon states, I would really like to see you invite Kyle Kelly. He could play with Wayne. Mrs. Saunders states, I love that suggestion any other suggestions. Please put the word out that we need performers. Councilmember Beth Rudisill states, first I would like to thank Sam and the Maiden Business Association for what you guys do for the community. Mrs. Saunders states, you're welcome. There is room for improvement, Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, the Chamber of Commerce had a round table discussion about the employment challenges we are facing and what has worked for some and not others. It lasted about two hours. It was a good discussion. Hopefully that's the first meeting of many for the business community to work together.

Councilmember Beth Rudisill states, we put together a team for the hunger walk for eastern Catawba County and we had ten people to register, and I think we had about 8 to walk. We raised about \$675, that went to the quarter table. I have also made a recommendation to that committee, to consider holding the walk-in different communities each year. I told them that Maiden would be happy to host it. I think we could get a lot more churches and people involved, if we moved it around to different communities. Stay tuned for that. I was pleased for our first time putting together a team. Second thing, I wanted to point out to our Police Department. Something we don't hear much about, is getting drugs off our streets. They had a big drug bust. You guys do a phenomenal job and thank you Tracy and to your group. I want to ask a question again about our last conversation on our COVID grant. Was the money going to be available spring 2022? Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, it should be available, Spring 2022. Councilmember Beth Rudisill states, did we find out if it's just for utilities or utilities and rent? Mr. Herms states, right now, it's just for utilities. I think they're looking at the rules to stretch them out, so they do not have trouble spending the money. Councilmember Rudisill states, that's my concern, because I think a lot of the money needs to be spent by the end of the year and it's not available. Mr. Herms states, by the end of the year 2024.

Councilmember Beth Rudisill states, that is disappointing because the money is needed now for those organizations. Mr. Herms states, it was pushed out by elected officials, without the staff having written rules. I think it was good attentions, but very poorly planned. We should have all the money in May. We got approved to release \$100,000.

I've had several questions about that over the past couple weeks. Councilmember Beth Rudisill states are we pursuing grants for the new fire department construction. Mr. Herms states we are looking at doing a USDA loan. Councilmember Beth Rudisill states, do we have a realistic timeline? Mr. Herms states, I am not Council, and I don't think that timeframe has changed, but we should start moving dirt Spring 2023. I think we are still on pace to get that done. Councilmember Beth Rudisill, states that helps me with a better timeline when people ask questions. Trina and Ronnie, I appreciate everything you have done for this community.

Mayor Pro Tem Danny Hipps states, at the community center, it's very nice to see the handicapped access with the new sidewalk piece. We had lots of senior citizens that came out to vote and used the handicapped access sidewalk. It really worked well at our Community Center. I would like to thank the Recreation department in your efforts to make that happen. Ronnie and Trina, I have enjoyed the work that we have done together. Mr. Herms states, that project did come under budget, thanks to Bryan and Keaton. Recreation Department Director, Keaton Miller states, we have a couple weeks left for registration. Right now, we have roughly 30 to 35 floats. Most of which are provided by the participant. We have a couple of commercial floats that have been rented. Registration will remain open until November 21<sup>st</sup>. We will take late registration after that and then we'll put those folks towards the back.

7. Public Hearing 6:21 – 6:25

A. Zoning Text Amendment \_ UDO Update

Planning and Zoning Director, Blake Wright states, this is an update to our unified development. This is mainly to confirm statutory changes that have taken place at the state. The statutes that govern county planning and zoning procedures and the cities and towns were separate statutes for a very long time. They were pretty much the same procedures even though; towns and cities do things quite differently with planning and zoning. They combined those recently into one statute and then change some things that have maybe been a little confusing over the years. Primarily what has been changed in our code quite a bit of text was changed, but not too much of the actual material. In conditional use permits those are now referred to as special use permits. Several municipalities have either referred to those as conditional use or alternate or something along those lines. They just condensed the definition and updated some of the terminology and definitions. FEMA will update their floodplain maps; this allows us to take those in as those maps are updated instead of having to change the code each time that happens. The Maiden UDO generally states that whether it's consistent with federal and state law, next is whether we can supply the development and whether it is beneficial to public health safety and welfare existing code. Mr. Herms states, Scott and Blake completed this. Most cities our size contracted this work out. Blake worked on this for almost a year and created a savings for us.

8. New Business

A. Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, this is the council meeting schedule. The council meeting is always the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 o'clock, in August we will have a conflict. We moved it to the third Tuesday of that month, which is still in about a month later than July. Please make note of that meeting, it will be August 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be posted on the council chambers.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BETH RUDISILL TO APPROVE THE 2022 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0.**

B. Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, this is the holiday meeting schedule. This is the staff schedule and the dates that the buildings were closed. We get 11 holidays .

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BETH RUDISILL TO APPROVE THE 2022 HOLIDAY MEETING SCHEDULE; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0.**

9. Ordinance / Resolution

A. Ordinance 14-2022 An Ordinance to Amend the Maiden Code of Ordinances.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHEAL AND SECONDED BY**

**COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO AMEND THE MAIDEN CODE OF ORDINANCES; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0.**

B. Resolution 5-2022 Intent to Close and Abandon an Unused Street and Right of Way In The Town of Maiden, NC

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BETH RUDISILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO APPROVE THE INTENT TO CLOSE AND ABANDON AN UNUSED STREET MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0.**

10. Adjourn (Motion)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON ADJOURN AT 6:33 PM. 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**