

## TOWN OF MAIDEN

December 3, 2018

### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Maiden Town Council met on Monday, November 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting, held in the Council Chambers at the Maiden Town Hall.

Present for the meeting were Mayor Pro-Tem Max Bumgarner Jr, Councilmembers, Trina Michael, Marcus Midgett, Danny Hipps and Ronnie Williams. Mayor Robert L. Smyre was absent.

Also, present were Town Manager Todd Herms, Town Attorney Scott Conrad and Town Clerk Elizabeth Krige.

Others attending: See attached sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Max Bumgarner Jr

The invocation was given by Councilmember Danny Hipps.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Danny Hipps.

#### 4. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Herms asked Mayor Pro Tem Bumgarner to change the order of items 8 and 9.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### 5. Citizens Requests and Comments

Mary Henry addressed Council. She thanked them and the manager for their hard work. She expressed concerns over paving in her neighborhood. Dianne Lowe, Finance Director introduced Jana Williams who has been promoted to Deputy Finance Director as of 1/1/2019. Mr. Herms reminded Council about the upcoming Christmas party, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. On December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM, the DARE Graduation will be held at Maiden Elementary School. Also on December 13<sup>th</sup>, Varsity Blue and the Downtown Merchants Association will host Merry Maiden at 5:30.

#### 6. Approval of the Minutes 11/5/18 Regular Meeting

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2018 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 7. Consent Agenda

### A. Finance Officer's Report for October

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE FINANCE OFFICERS REPORT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 9. Recreation Presentation

Keaton Miller presented two championship soccer teams from the Maiden Recreation Program. Mr. Miller said that Maiden Rec plays against two other organizations, Sherrill's Ford and Mountain View. Each year Maiden sends 1 to 3 teams to compete in the Catawba Cup but this year Maiden sent 4 teams in two age groups to the Catawba Cup. Mr. Miller introduced the Green Cobras, the 8-9 year old Catawba Cup Champions. Mr. Miller thanked the coaches Erica Wilson and Jerry Price. Catawba Cup Champions for age division 10-12 were the Orange Tigers. The coaches of the Orange Tigers were Brandon Houser and Luke Shoffner.

## 8. Public Hearing

### A. Changes to Maiden's Code of Ordinances, Chapters 5, 14 and Section XII

Mayor Pro Tem Max Bumgarner Jr opened the public hearing at 7:16 PM. Anthony Starr, Director of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments addressed the Council. Mr. Starr said this was the final stage for implementing the Code Enforcement program the signed on for. Mr. Starr said the changes before Council were distributed to the five towns who are participating. The changes are for housing, vehicles and for property maintenance. Mr. Starr said the COG had hired a Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Starr said some of these ordinances came from language in the General Statutes, and others used language that was similar to other municipalities.

Councilmember Ronnie Williams asked if we were the first to Council to adopt the revised ordinances. Mr. Starr said he was not sure of the number of towns who had adopted, but he believed Hudson and Drexel had moved forward with adoption. Mr. Starr said he anticipated other municipalities joining this initiative in the future.

Police Chief Tracy Ledford asked what the process was for receiving a complaint. Mr. Starr said there is a direct line to handle complaints. Each violation will get a notice and a paper trial for every case.

Mayor Pro Tem Max Bumgarner closed the public hearing at 7:21 PM.

## 10. Ordinances/Resolutions

### A. Resolution 5-2018 A Resolution of Achievement Recognizing the Maiden High School Women's Team

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 5-2018. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Ordinance 21-2018 An Ordinance to Revise Chapter 5 of the Maiden Code of Ordinances

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE 21-2018, TO REPEAL CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE IV OF THE MAIDEN CODE OF ORDINANCES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Ordinance 22-2018 An Ordinance to Revise Chapter 14 of the Maiden Code of Ordinances

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 21-2018, TO REPEAL CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE I, SECTIONS 14-101 TO 14-110 OF THE MAIDEN CODE OF ORDINANCES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Ordinance 23-2018 An Ordinance to Revise Article XII of the Maiden Code of Ordinances

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE 23-2018, TO REPEAL CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE XII, SECTIONS 20-1200 TO 20-1217 OF THE MAIDEN CODE OF ORDINANCES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

E. Ordinance 24-2018 An Ordinance to Set the Council Meeting Schedule

Mr. Herms explained each year Council is presented with a meeting schedule to adopt for the coming year. In the Town's ordinances it states that Council will meet on the first and third Monday of every month, however this often falls on holidays. Mr. Herms is asking for Council to establish a meeting schedule every year.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE 24-2018, TO SET THE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 11. New Business

A. 2019 Holiday Schedule for Employees

Mr. Herms went over the schedule, which contains 11 holidays. Councilmember Michael asked which new holiday was given to employees and Mr. Herms said it was Martin Luther King Jr day.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT TO ADOPT THE 2019 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. SEPA Additional Power Purchase

Mr. Herms explained the Town has a supplemental contract with the Southeastern Power Agency that allows us to purchase a small amount of power. SEPA had extra allocations, this agreement will allow us to purchase additional power when and if the rate is favorable. This may save \$2-3,000 dollars per year.

Councilmember Danny Hipps asked to recuse himself from the discussion.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAL TO RECUSE COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS FROM THE VOTE ON THE SEPA POWER PURCHASE DECISION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Herms said he needed a motion from Council that would allow him to enter into this agreement with SEPA.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAL TO ALLOW THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SEPA FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL POWER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Herms realized that ordinance was approved for 24-2018 but the actual day of Council meetings was not set. He asked Council to consider Option A, which is to have two meetings a month, on the first and third Monday or Option B, which is once a month on the second Tuesday. Councilmember Trina Michael asked if the Council could change the meeting time from 7 PM to 6 PM. Councilmember Hipps said he like the idea of having the meeting at 6 PM.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO ADOPT COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE OPTION B WITH THE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 6 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### C. Auditors Contract

Mr. Herms told the Council that our auditor, Debra Wentz, has many local government clients and due to new accounting standards, she has fallen behind on completing her audit. We need to extend her contract to 12/31/18 to give her time to complete her work.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO EXTEND THE AUDITORS CONTRACT TO 12/31/18. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

With no further comments...

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY DANNY HIPPS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:35 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk

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**Robert L. Smyre, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk**