

**TOWN OF MAIDEN**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2017**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Maiden Town Council met on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for their regular meeting, held in the Council Chambers at the Maiden Town Hall.

Present for the meeting were Mayor Robert L. Smyre, Councilmembers Trina Michael, Max Bumgarner, Jr., Marcus Midgett, and Ronnie Williams.

The following member was absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Fore Rembert.

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 Robert L. Smyre.

The invocation was given by Mayor Robert L. Smyre.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Trina Michael.

3. Approval of Agenda

THE AGENDA WAS AMENDED TO ADD A CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAX BUMGARNER, JR. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Town Clerk Swearing-In Ceremony

Mayor Robert L. Smyre presided over the swearing in ceremony of Elizabeth Yokley-Krige as Town Clerk.

5. Citizens Requests and Comments

The Town Manager introduced Samantha Weichel, a new employee in the customer service department.

Ricardo Fuentes owner of a soon to open Mexican restaurant near town hall inquired about the process for getting liquor by the drink for his business.

Mayor Robert L. Smyre stated the Maiden Town Council could not grant the request but they could recommend a referendum so the people of Maiden can vote on the issue. Mayor Robert L. Smyre requested Town Attorney Scott Conrad provide council with more information on the referendum. Trina Michael requested that a discussion about a referendum be added to the next agenda.

Ronnie Williams requested the Town Manager gather updated information concerning Peddler License Fees and add it to the upcoming agenda.

The Town Manager announced the Town would be applying for a PART F grant to construct a splash pad. Part of the grant requires an independent meeting with no business items other than the PART F grant. This meeting will be held at 6:45 PM on March 20, 2017, just before the regular business meeting of the Maiden Town Council. Jody Rogers will be presenting the Splash Pad proposal to different organizations, such as the PTO and Lions Club, as community feedback is another requirement for the grant.

#### 6. Consent Agenda:

Town Manager, Todd Herms announced the town had achieved a 99.93% collection rate of property taxes.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MAX BUMGARNER JR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### 7. Approval of the Minutes (2/6/17 Meeting/Closed Session):

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION OF FEBRUARY 6, 2017. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 8. New Business:

A. The Town Manager stated by law the Town must appoint a tax collector. Joe Duckworth is already reconciling the tax statements for the Town.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAX BUMGARNER, JR TO APPOINT JOE DUCKWORTH TAX COLLECTOR OF MAIDEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Resolution 2017-4 regarding HB-64 and Resolution 2017-5 regarding SB-94

The Town Manager explained HB 64 was introduced in the General Assembly and if passed the bill would move all municipal elections to even numbered years. The Town Manager stated several members of the General Assembly believed this bill would save the counties money, however each municipality pays for its own elections.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAX BUMGARNER, JR TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-4. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Town Manager explained SB-94 seeks to require candidates in municipal elections to run as partisans. The Town Manager stated this change would make it more expensive for individuals to run. Mayor Robert L. Smyre expressed his belief that non-partisan elections were best for municipalities.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAX BUMGARNER, JR TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-5. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. Old Business

A. Resolution 3-2017: A Resolution to amend the Personnel Policy

The new policy provides for tuition reimbursement for Town of Maiden employees.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-5. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. CLOSED SESSION:

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MAX BUMGARNER, JR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL. TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT 7:19 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO ENTER BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 7:38 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

With no further comments.....

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAX BUMGARNER, JR. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40 P.M. 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**