

TOWN OF MAIDEN

March 12, 2019

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Maiden Town Council met on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting, held in the Council Chambers at the Maiden Town Hall.

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

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 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Bob Smyre

The invocation was given by Councilmember Ronnie Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Ronnie Williams.

4. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Herms addressed Council and told them that items 10A and 10B were for information and no vote could be taken as there were not any nominees. He asked Mayor Smyre to remove items 10A and 10B. He asked the Council to let the Clerk know who they would like to nominate.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAX BUMGARNER JR TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Citizens Requests and Comments

Mary Henry addressed Council. Ms. Henry asked if there was an update on the Greenway Transportation. Ms. Henry is concerned about the condition of South D, which has several rough places. Also, at West Carpenter Street there is water runoff causing damage to properties. Ms. Henry says she has noticed an unpleasant order coming from South Fork Industries. She stated it is not every day and requested the Town Manager investigate.

Sam Saunders addressed Council about some of the concerns of the business community. She said it is going to take a lot of support and teamwork. She thanked IT Director, Tammy Hawn and Planning Director Blake Wright for compiling the business list which is posted on the website. Mr. Herms said the list took about 125 man hours; Ms. Saunders said that was a request from her group that the Town fulfilled. She asked the Manager to list the bands that are performing at the Summer Concert Series. On June 28th the Cozmic Cowboys are opening for the Band of Oz. On July 26th Big Tez Sherard opens for Blackwater Band, August 16th the

Cozmic Cowboys open for Cassette Rewind and September 20th the Shakedown Band opens for Too Much Sylvia.

Mr. Herms said he was hoping the concert series would be a success. Mayor Smyre said he knew of two Shag groups who were planning to attend the concert on June 28th.

Ms. Saunders noticed the camps and events the Rec Department was hosting; including Lego and other camps. She said she was not aware of these programs before seeing them on social media. Mr. Herms said it was the third year of the Town offering these types of programs.

Public Works Director Billy Price introduced Joe Campbell, the new Electric Department Supervisor. Billy stated there were three more linemen starting work later in the month.

Mr. Herms introduced Lt. Tyler Whisenant who was attending the meeting for Chief Ledford. Lt. Whisenant introduced himself and told the Council he would be the head of the School Resource Officers as well as Investigations. He asked Council to mark their calendars for May 3rd which is the March for Success at 8:30 and Adopt-a-Cop from 11-2.

Jack Lees, Owner of Comfortably You offered to DJ in between bands during Jive at Five.

Councilmember Danny Hipps congratulated Tracy Caldwell for earning his EMT certification. Councilmember Hipps said it was good to have Jody Rogers and Dianne Lowe back after dealing with health issues.

6. Approval of the Minutes 2/12/19 Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2019 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Finance Officer's Report- February

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAX BUMGARNER TO ACCEPT THE FINANCE OFFICERS REPORT FROM FEBRUARY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Presentations

A. North Carolina Commerce Main Street & Rural Planning Center

Wesley Barker addressed Council. Mr. Barker thanked the Council and Staff for the invitation. Mr. Barker highlighted some of the services provided by NC Commerce. The mission of the NC Main Street and Rural Planning Center works in regions, counties, cities, towns, downtown districts and in designated North Carolina Main Street communities, to inspire placemaking through building asset-based economic development strategies that achieve measurable results such as investment, business growth and jobs.

Mr. Barker said Catawba is in the Northwest Prosperity Zone. These zones were created in 2013. The services and assistance offered by NC Commerce Main Street and Rural Planning service include creating economic development plans, economic evaluations, strategic planning, site specific projects assistance as well as training and education.

Mr. Barker said he likes for towns to hold stakeholder meetings to include Council, businesses, citizens and others. He believes the assessment workshop is most valuable.

Mr. Herms addressed Council. He stated that Planner Blake Wright and himself would pick a strategy and dates to have a meeting with all of the stakeholders. The ultimate goal is developing a strategic plan. Mr. Herms said this is the first step in a long journey.

Councilmember Danny Hipps asked if he could see examples of strategic plans from other towns.

B. Personnel Policy

Human Resource Officer and Town Clerk Elizabeth Krige addressed Council. Ms. Krige told Council that the policy before them was a compilation of amendments they had passed. She stated the policies were reviewed by David Hill who conducted the pay study to insure policies were compliant with state and federal law.

9. Resolutions and Ordinances

A. Resolution 1-2019 Town of Maiden Personnel Policy

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1-2019, FOR THE MAIDEN PERSONNEL POLICY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Resolution 2-2019 A Resolution to Adopt the North Carolina Records Retention Schedule

Ms. Krige explained that the Department of Cultural Resources adopted a new records retention schedule that all local government entities must adopt.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAX BUMGARNER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2-2019, THE RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Ordinance 3-2019 An Ordinance Ordering the Temporary Closure of Streets and Right-of-Ways for Special Events

Mr. Herms stated this was for Jive After Five. It closes the streets from 5-10 PM. The home owners will have access to their home. It prohibits alcoholic beverages, smoking or a dog that is not trained to aid persons with disabilities.

Councilmember Williams asked if we had already passed road closure for Christmas and Mr. Herms said yes.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 3-2019, TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE STREETS AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS FOR JIVE AFTER FIVE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. New Business

D. Ethan Allan Expansion

Mr. Herms announced that Ethan Allan is planning an 80,000 square foot expansion at their existing facility. Mr. Herms needs a motion from Council to allow staff to design a water line to service this building. Mr. Herms stated the cost for engineering services was \$30,000 and construction was estimated to be \$200,000. Mr. Herms stated this expansion will save jobs but not create any.

Councilmember Michael asked what the timeline was for this project. Mr. Herms said the construction should take about 8 months. Mr. Herms stated the sewer would not be affected.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO ALLOW TOWN MANAGER TODD HERMS TO GO INTO NEGOTIATION WITH ENGINEERS AND ETHAN ALLEN FOR A WATER LINE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

With no further comments...

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAX BUMGARNER JR TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:52 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk

Robert L. Smyre, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk