

**TOWN OF MAIDEN
THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021 9:00 AM
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

The Maiden Town Council met on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. for their special scheduled meeting, held in the Town of Maiden Chambers.

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 Blake Wright, Director Keaton Miller, Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth, Dianne Lowe Finance Director, Police Chief Tracy Ledford, Fire Chief Luke Shonffer and Town Clerk Wanda Barnes.

1. Call to Order- Mayor Max Bumgarner Jr.

2. Budget Planning Session for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Town Manager, Mr. Todd Herms states, The budget was not high as 2019, but wasn't as low as expected. We had no immediate effect on the general fund. It may have a long-term effects down the road. Commercial and industrial had some depreciation in our largest property taxpayers. The biggest effect on us is the utility funds. Our larger companies shut down for several weeks or slowed down for several weeks. The effect on health insurance was an increase. Duane said he has seen anywhere from negative 2% all the way up to 25%. It all depends on the class. I budgeted for 12.5 % for now.

Councilmember Trina Michaels states, have you pursued other insurance companies? Town Manager Mr. Herms states, Yes, every year. Blue Cross Blue shield is a way to attract employees. When hiring department heads the first question is salary then what kind of insurance. It helps us retain and keep employees. Mr. Danny Hipps, states, Our employees are our most valuable commodity as an asset. We should do what it takes to attract and keep our word to the employees about the benefits. Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, he will take a look at other insurance rates. He will research a bond referendum before deciding to increase any rates for waste cost coverage. Councilmember Beth Rudisill states, the Parks and Recreation parking lot handicap ramp needs to be reviewed. Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms agreed to get a few estimates for the handicap ramp. The Fire Department would like to add an ATV to the budget. Mayor Pro Tem Danny Hipps, ask about a second rental dumpster.

3. 2020 Census update- WPCOG Executive Director Anthony Starr

Executive Director Anthony Starr from WPCOG 2020 Census presentation

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL. TO OPEN CLOSE SESSION AT 11:40 AM MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

4. Closed Session – NCGS143-318.11.3 Consultation with Attorney

Tax foreclosure settlements for 210 South 5th Ave. Maiden, NC 28650.
Their property for 225 Foxwoods Dr. Maiden, NC 28650 – a heir property.

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5. Adjourn (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS ADJOURN AT 11:44 AM MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

Respectfully Submitted:

Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk

Max Bumgarner Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk