

**TOWN OF MAIDEN**  
**May 12, 2020**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Maiden Town Council met on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting, held electronically via Zoom and at the Maiden Town Hall.

Present for the meeting were, Mayor Max Bumgarner Jr., Councilmembers Trina Michael, Beth Rudisill, Bob Sigmon, Danny Hipps and Ronnie Williams.

Also, present were Town Manager Todd Herms, Town Attorney Scott Conrad and Town Clerk 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 Councilmember Danny Hipps.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led Councilmember .

4. Electronic Meeting Under SOE

Town Attorney Conrad acknowledges the Mayor/Councilmembers and explains the Electronic Meeting under the State of Emergency. He explains that the resolution authorizes the Town to hold electronic meetings and their procedures and parameters. The layout includes: limiting the people that can gather in the Community room or Council Chambers, no more than ten people, Department Heads communicate remotely, meeting authorization when four or more Councilmembers, including the Mayor participating and the Town's procedures, public notices, access, comments and how to vote electronically during a State of Emergency.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO APPROVE THE ELECTRONIC MEETING UNDER SOE AS PRESENTED 5/12/2020. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0**

Mayor request the removal of Ordinance # 10 -B

5. Approval of the Agenda

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND THE REMOVAL OF ORDINANCE # B AS PRESENTED 5/12/2020. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0**

6. Citizens Requests & Comments

Councilmember Williams requested and update on the Senior Parade for Miaden High School from Mr. Herms. Mr. Herms states that a special events permit is being submitted and he communicated to the school Administrator that we will help them, if it falls under the new restrictions of the Governors Executive Order.

The school is currently working on a process where they can have the parade and remain under the EO guidelines.

Mayor Bumgarner inquiries about road closures for the parade. Mr. Herms states he will contact DOT once the Town receives the special permit. Typically, Council would vote on the road closures, but due to circumstances he is going to ask DOT to approve it. Mayor Bumgarner states he wants to prepare for it tonight, since there isn't another meeting before the parade. Mr. Herms confirmed that no preparation will be needed tonight, since we do not have the special events permit details. The road approval and closures will be handled through DOT and staff.

Town Attorney Conrad inquiries about receiving prior meeting comments. Town Clerk Barnes states that no comments were received prior to the meeting.

## 7. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND THE CLOSED SESSION OF 3/10/2020 MEETING, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0.**

## 8. Public Hearing

### A. Jive After Five Discussion ( Maiden Business Association)

Samantha Saunders from the Maiden Business Association acknowledges the Councilmembers and request permission to allow underage Jive After Five attendees to have access to the consumption area. Mrs. Saunders states that the Maiden Business Association members will be patrolling the consumption area. Planning and Zoning Director Blake Wright provided the layout for the consumption area that Mrs. Saunders is explaining. Councilmember Michael confirms receiving the map from Mr. Wright. Councilmembers Hipps suggests creating a three-foot walk zone for anyone not wanting to walk through the consumption area. Mrs. Saunders states they are willing to take the suggestion into consideration. Councilmember Rudisill inquiries about the wristbands being worn to identify the purchase of alcohol. Mrs. Saunders states wristbands will be issued once they first enter the area and show proof of ID. Councilmember Michael states that she is concern about the consumption area being where everyone is seated and would like to know if everyone will need a wristband. Councilmember Rudisill states that she supports Councilmember Michael on everyone having to wear a wristband in the area. Mrs. Saunders clarifies that the wristbands will only identify a purchase in the consumption area and not where anyone is seated. Councilmember Michael states that it was a misunderstanding and disregard her question. Councilmember Sigmon recommends checking ID, giving a wristband and issuing a ticket for each purchase. Mrs. Saunders states that all of the details haven't been worked out about the wristband, since they haven't been approved for the underage attendees having access to the consumption area. Mayor Bumgarner states that per, Attorney Conrad, we can only take comments tonight. We will have to vote at the next meeting. Mrs. Saunders asks Councilmembers to contact her with any additional questions. Attorney Conrad states that the law requires a twenty-four-hour waiting period after the hearing. The waiting period allows anyone to submit comments to the clerk and then it can be voted on any time after the twenty-four-hour waiting period. Mr. Herms stated for public record, anyone can find the

Town Clerk's email address on the Maiden's website and they have until 6:45 pm tomorrow to respond. Attorney Conrad confirms that the comments can be read into the next meeting and voted on.

## 9. Ordinances

### A. Ordinance # 9- 2020 An Ordinance to Amend FY 19-20 Budget in the General Fund (Motion)

Mr. Herms explains that this is to repave Micol road and to perform some major storm water improvements for houses along that road. The houses on the road have increased water on the property when it rains. The Street Department lost sections of the road during the winter. The budget amendment price for the project is \$132,698.00. It was approved, but we delayed it to ensure receiving the best price. A majority of the work will be completed internally. When the job was first bided out it was over \$350,000.00. After reconsideration, we restructured the project and decided not to pave the entire road. The bulk of the savings is from storm water changes and the internal work. Councilmember Sigmon ask Mr. Herms to identify the road location. Mr. Herms stated it's the first road to the right after the old Jody Burger's. Councilmember Hipps inquiries about the road study, how did this road rank on that list and is it the next project? Mr. Herms states it was very near the top, however it road took priority due to the condition of the road.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BETH RUDISILL TO APPROVE ORDINANCE # 9 – 2020. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0**

### B. Ordinance # 11 - 2020 An Ordinance Waiver Agreement to receive monthly wholesale power bill by email. (Motion)

Mr. Herms explains that a bulk of the wholesale power bills are still being mail and Electricities would like to expedite the process and send them electronically. The Council must approve the Ordinance for them to start the electronic process.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE # 11 – 2020. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0**

## 10. New Business

### A. Auditor's Contact Renewal ( Motion)

Finance Director, Dianne Lowe explains that the contact is a renewal with the Town's current Financial Auditor. Minor changes were made to the contract this year. The Auditor would not be able to write and audit the financials therefore she will hire someone else to perform the audit at no additional cost to the Town. Councilmember Hipps inquires, if it's a one-year contract. Ms. Lowe confirms that it is a one-year contract. Councilmember Hipps asks Ms. Lowe if she is satisfied with the service being provided. Ms. Lowe states that she had a conversation with the Auditor about the slow process, but she is satisfied with the service.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE AUDITOR'S CONTRACT RENEWAL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0**

11. Adjourn (Motion)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO ADJOURN at 6:59 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**