

TOWN OF MAIDEN

July 9, 2019

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Maiden Town Council met on Tuesday, July 9, 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 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 Pro Tem Max Bumgarner Jr.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Trina Michael.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Trina Michael.

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Citizens Requests & Comments

Mr. Herms reminded the Council about the upcoming retirement party for Bob Smyre on Thursday, July 11th at 6 pm. He also reminded the Council about the date change for the meeting in August, the Council will meet on 8/6/19.

Councilmembers Hipps, Williams and Mayor Pro Tem Bumgarner commented on the success of the first Jive After Five event.

Planning Director Blake Wright announced the Main Street Strategic Plan meeting would be held on July 24th at 10 AM in the Community Room of Town Hall.

6. Approval of Minutes

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY TRINA MICHAEL COUNCILMEMBER TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF 6/11/19

MEETING, THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 6/28/19 AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF THE 6/28/19 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Public Hearing to Consider a Ban on Smoking/Vaping

Mayor Pro Tem Max Bumgarner, Jr. opened the public hearing at 6:06. Mr. Wright presented information to the Council concerning smoking and vaping. He researched what other towns had in place with regard to smoking on recreation grounds. Mr. Wright stated the proposed ordinance was presented to the Recreation Advisory Committee and was unanimously approved. Councilmember Hipps asked what the enforcement mechanisms were: a fee or something else? Chief Ledford said his officers would educate, ask someone who did comply to leave and then possibly arrest them for trespassing. Councilmember Hipps asked if signage had been ordered and Mr. Herms said it had. Mr. Wright said this would cover all existing parks, ball fields, splash pads and new parks. Councilmember Michael said she had seen dogs inside the splash pad fence and Mr. Herms said the new signs state “no dogs allowed.”

The public hearing was closed at 6:10.

8. Public Hearing to Consider General Development Plans in the 321ED District

Mayor Pro Tem Max Bumgarner, Jr. opened the public hearing at 6:10. Mr. Wright explained that this change was in regard to how plans were reviewed. He explained that currently, development plans are submitted to the Town Planning Board for approval and then the Council. Other districts submit plans and they are only reviewed by staff, then passed along to Council for approval. This is for existing companies within the 321 ED District.

Mr. Herms added that this change would expedite the review process for existing businesses. Councilmember Hipps asked about the size of the property for clarification. If the property is under five acres, Mr. Wright can review and if over five acres the development plans would be reviewed by the Planning Board and by Council. Councilmember Hipps asked if this change would affect any pending projects and Mr. Wright said it would not. Mr. Wright stated this text amendment is consistent the Maiden Comprehensive Plan and Code of Ordinances. It is beneficial for the public health, safety and welfare. The text amendment was in compliance with the long-range plans, state and federal law. The amendment will not affect the Town’s ability to provide services such water, sewer, trash etc.

Councilmember Hipps asked when the long-range plans were developed, and Mr. Wright said in 2000 and that these plans were updated every fifteen to twenty years.

The public hearing was closed at 6:18.

8. Ordinances

A. Ordinance 17-2019 An Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking in Maiden Parks and Recreation Grounds

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 17-2019, BANNING SMOKING IN MAIDEN PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Ordinance 18-2019 An Ordinance to Amend the General Development Plans for 321 ED District

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE APPROVED ORDINANCE 18-2019, AMENDING THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS IN THE 321 ED DISTRICT, AS IT IS CONSISTENT WITH ADOPTED PLANS, IS REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Ordinance 19-2019 An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2019-2020 Budget in the General Fund-Police & Fire Department

Mr. Herms explained that at the last meeting Council approved a bid from DH Griffin to demolish the Galaxy and former Police Station. This is a budget amendment to move forward with the project.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 19-2019. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. New Business

A. Maiden Fire District Insurance Rating

Fire Chief Tracy Caldwell addressed Council. The NC Department of Insurance recently evaluated the Fire Department. The current rating was 4, which was achieved under former Chief Danny Hipps. The new rating is 3. This rating is very important because it how well the Maiden Fire Department can respond to structure fires, saving lives and saving money. The reduction in rating will save both residents and industries on their insurance. The new rating goes into effect 10/1/19. Councilmember Hipps congratulated Chief Caldwell and stated that he asked an insurance agent what the savings would be per household and was told \$275.

With no further comments...

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:31 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk

Max Bumgarner Jr., Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk