

August 10, 2021
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF MAIDEN

The Maiden Town Council met on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting, held in the Town of Maiden Council Chamber.

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, Town Clerk-HR Officer 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 Bob Sigmon

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Bob Sigmon

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED 8/10/2021. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

Item # 7 an Ordinance #8 -2022 An ordinance To Amend The FY 2021 – 2022 Budget In The General Fund Debt.

5. Approval of Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BETH RUDISILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE 7/13/2021 REGULAR & CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

6. Citizens Request & Comments

Fire Chief Luke Shoffner states, The Fire department anniversary 2021 is the 100 year anniversary. We have been back and forth on which month it took place. We found the different paperwork leading from April to September and just recently October. We are right in that ballpark. Currently, unless something happens with COVID, we are looking at September the 18th, which is a Saturday beginning at 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We are going to have games for the kids, bounce houses, small pickup food, old pictures and documents of the fire department. Mayor Pro Tem Danny Hipps states, my favorite document is the fine sheet. It was a quarter find, if anyone uses profanity during a meeting. That is

pretty comical. I appreciate you all doing this and also I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for what your Department is doing by working in conjunction with the Police Department on the back to school event. That is good publicity. I appreciate what you are doing. Councilmember Beth Rudisill states, will the plans for the new fire department be on display? Fire Chief Luke Shoffner states, we may have a sketch drawing, since we do not have final plans. The RFQ deadline is August 25, 2021. I haven't received any. I've had a lot of phone calls, emails and conversations. I expect them to be here within the next couple of weeks. Mayor Pro Tem Danny Hipps states, will it be held in the fire department. Fire Chief Luke Shoffner states, Yes, we will have it at the fire station. Everything will be set up in the bay and the trucks will be outside in the parking lot on display for kids. Mayor Pro Tem Danny Hipps states, basically we have little over a month. I would encourage your department and the town hall staff to strongly advertise the event and send the retiree's some information. Fire Chief Luke Shoffner states, we are working on the information for the retirees.

Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth states, Mayor and council, I would like to introduce two of our newest employees of public works. Mr. Aaron Strawser comes to us from utility line services which is a private utility electrical contractor. Jacob Whitehair comes to us from the city of Morganton. We are glad to have these two as part of our public works team and specifically our electrical department. Erin is filling our electrical alignment class A and Jacob is filling class B.

Town Manager, Mr. Todd Herms states, Bryan can you give the Council an update on the training center. Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth states, last week was our last training session of the year. We plan to put some grass down. I have heard nothing but good things from everybody that attended the classes. I think electricity is glad to be here for their services. Councilmember Trina Michael states, is there a survey that the participants fill out? Mr. Duckworth states, The survey feedback goes directly to electricity.

Maiden Business Association President, Samantha Saunders states, the Maiden Business Association update we had Jive After Five gospel night and another event on July 23rd. We had a really good turn out and people were able to walk to their seats while consuming the alcoholic beverages. I thought that went really well. I didn't see anyone get upset. Councilmember Ronnie Williams states, have we had any concerns about dogs other than service animals? Mayor Pro Tem Danny Hipps states, we need to take a look at the ordinance and I don't think we have anything in place for special events. Town Manager, Mr. Todd Herms states, we will research the dog ordinance. It came up before and we addressed it. Mrs. Saunders states, we had twenty vendors and that should be our max. It was a lot of vendors to try and coordinate. Three Hermanos allowed us to use his parking lot. I want to apologize for Gospel night. Our group could have done better, had we involved the churches. Saturday is Arts in the park and community day at the Maiden School of Massage. Councilmember Beth Rudisill states, I did notice a couple older people, once they got out of the parameter and went to a vendor. They were trying to get back in and I had to help them. Mrs. Saunders states, if we get more cones that would help. I think there was a little bit of encroachment on the sidewalk. Mr. Herms states, we really try to keep town hall open till 5:00 o'clock, because people still try to come and do business, but it's getting more and more difficult setting up and keeping it open. Maybe we should consider shutting down town hall 15 to 30 minutes early. Employees will still be here working.

Parks and Recreation Director, Keaton Miller states, good evening mayor and council, I would like to recognize and thank our summer interns. We have only one show up tonight. I had one that was

unable to be here, Luke Sigmon completed 400 hours for an internship through ASU. Lucas worked part time for the Parks and Recreation department since 2018. Before that, Luke did two stints of an internship through Catawba County schools. In his intro internship this year, he ran a summer camp and assisted with a couple of other summer camps. Luke ran some special programs, help with tournaments and prep for fall sports programs. On behalf of the Parks and Recreation department I would like to thank Luke for his summer internship. Missing tonight is Tanner Eckard, Tanner comes to us through Catawba County schools, similar to what Luke did when he was in high school. Tanner did 140 hours for a half credit hour and both Luke and Tanner were very good at running our summer program smoothly. This summer we had slightly less summer camps than we usually do, but we were able to run 85 participants through three different camps. we are currently sitting at 51 for volleyball this week, 63 total players in football, 172 players for soccer. A total of 286 kids signed up for Fall sports programs.

Mayor Pro Tem Danny Hipps states, a lot of citizens attend during the housing development meetings. We discuss two different housing developments and each of those housing developments, several citizens from both of those groups had concerns about speeding up and down the road. I would show you that our Police Department was very receptive to that feedback and took it to heart. If you look at the police report under citations, I see that we double the citations this month. In talking to the chief, I asked him why that difference in numbers occurred and he said it was a concentration in those areas. I do appreciate the fact that we responded well to the citizens' concerns and I appreciate that the Police Department has made an effort to slow people down and make us a little safer.

Town Manager, Mr. Todd Herms states, we have a Jive After Five this Friday. The bands will be Cozmic Cowboys and Mama's Remedy.

7. Ordinances for FY 2022

A. Ordinance # 8-2022 An Ordinance To Amend The FY 2021- 2022 Budget In The General Fund Debt (Motion)

Town Manager, Mr. Town Herms states, Ordinance # 8 and #9 both basically the same. One is for \$40,000. June 30th at eleven 59 all of the money goes back into our general fund, which is our savings account, so I can legally spend it. They're supposed to start Thursday on the council chamber cameras, so this money is for the cameras.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE # 8 - 2022 TO AMEND THE FY 2021-2022 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND DEBT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

B. Ordinance #9 -2022 An Ordinance To Amend The FY 2021-2022 Budget In The General Fund Debt. (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE # 9 - 2022 TO AMEND THE FY 2021-2022 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND DEBT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

8. Closed Session

A. Consultation with Attorney (N.C.G.S 143-318-11(3))

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO ENTER INTO CLOSE SESSION 6:26 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO END CLOSE SESSION AT 7:26 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0.

9. Adjourn

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON ADJOURN AT 7:30 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk

Max Bumgarner Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk