

TOWN OF MAIDEN

September 10, 2019

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Maiden Town Council met on Tuesday, September 10, 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 Marcus Midgett.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scouts Landon Isaac and Gavin McCormick

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Citizens Requests & Comments

Mary Henry addressed the Council with concerns over parts of the town that look unkept. She also had questions about paving and non-contiguous annexation.

Mr. Herms told Mrs. Henry an annexation request of would need to be initiated by the property owners of the subdivision and any further questions she had about these details could be addressed by the Planning Director.

Mrs. Henry also asked what the qualifications were for each position within the Town. Mr. Herms told her it depended on the job.

Councilmember Midgett asked if the properties Mrs. Henry referred to were an actual plated sub division and Mr. Wright stated they were.

Councilmember Hipps asked Planning Director Blake Wright if Mrs. Henry came to him with actual property addresses could he give her the General Statutes pertaining these properties and Mr. Wright said he could.

Councilmember Williams asked Mr. Wright if most subdivisions are named and Mr. Wright said if there are more than three properties the subdivisions are named. Councilmember Williams also suggested to Mrs. Henry an adopt-a-highway program might help with the reduction of trash and debris.

At this Chief Tracy Ledford informed the Council the department was offering a “safer transactions” area at the Police Department. This is for those selling items online.

Several members of the Council and audience thanked Chief Ledford and his officers for their outstanding service to the community.

Mr. Herms provided a list of dates to the Council- 9/20 the last Jive After Five. 10/5 is the Fall Festival, 11/30 is the Christmas Parade, 12/5 Town of Maiden Christmas Party and Merry Maiden is on 12/12 with a rain date of 12/16.

Councilmember Hipps requested a lit Christmas tree at the Town Gazebo. The research conducted by his daughter shows the expense of about \$5,000-7,000 for a tree. His daughter has offered to get sponsorships. Mr. Herms said this matter should be referred to the Recreation Advisory Committee which meets on 9/16/19.

Councilmember Hipps asked Mr. Herms if any other municipalities asked for our assistance with the hurricane clean-up. Mr. Herms stated we have a mutual aid agreement with Electricities and we were not asked but the town was prepared to send one crew member and one truck. Councilmember Hipps also asked if the Town had an updated list of citizens who rely on electricity to run lifesaving equipment such as oxygen etc. Mr. Herms stated that customer service had an updated list and there were only about nine citizens who met this criterion. Mr. Herms stated Public Works had 12-15 generators on hand to assist those who may need them to power lifesaving equipment.

Mr. Herms announced the resignation of Town Clerk and Human Resource Officer Elizabeth Krige.

Recreation Director Jody Rogers announced there were 333 children enrolled in fall sports. The Rec has served 728 so far this year. Registration for Rec programs has moved to online only. Councilmember Hipps thanked Information Technology Director Tammy Hawn for her efforts with online recreation registration.

6. Approval of Minutes

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE 8/6/19 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Finance Officer’s Report July and August

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO APPROVE THE JULY AND AUGUST FINANCE OFFICERS REPORT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. New Business

A. AIA Wastewater Grant Application

Mr. Herms stated the Town had applied for this grant in the past but had been unsuccessful in funding it. This will assist in tracking infrastructure inventory. There are many other towns who are worse off than Maiden, and they have been awarded the grant in the past. Maiden's chances of receiving the grant are better than in the past.

9. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Ordinance 23-2019 An Ordinance Supporting Special Events in the Town of Maiden

Mr. Herms told Council this is the ordinance we pass every year for the various festivals and events held in town and the road closures that go along with these events.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 23-2019. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Ordinance 24-2019 An Ordinance to Amend the Fiscal Year 19-20 Budget in Electric Fund & Rate Stabilization

Mr. Herms told Council this was a refund from NCMPA1 and he recommended depositing it in the Rate Stabilization fund to keep rates low and to spread out the increases that may come in the future.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 24-2019. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Ordinance 25-2019 An Ordinance to Amend the Fiscal Year 19-20 Budget in General Fund-Fire Department

Mr. Herms explained this budget amendment was needed for the Galaxy property. Due to the large dropoff in the back, a fence is needed to keep the public out. This cost of the fence is \$3,915.

Councilmember Hipps said he would like to see numbers for fencing to create a dog park at 4th and Cemetery. Mr. Herms said the Recreation Department had those numbers and it could be discussed at the next Rec Advisory Meeting.

D. Certificate of Sufficiency

The Certificate of Sufficiency has been issued by the Clerk.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO ACCEPT THE CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY FROM THE TOWN CLERK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Resolution 8-2018 Resolution to Establish a Public Hearing Date for Voluntary Annexation

Mr. Herms explained this was the next step in annexation request from Apple.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 8-2019, SETTING A DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN ANNEXATION PETITION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. Resolution 9-2019 AIA Wastewater Grant Application

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 9-2019. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Herms announced the next meeting would be held October 8th.

10. Closed Session

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY AT 6:47. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further comments...

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:30. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk

Max Bumgarner Jr., Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk