

TOWN OF MAIDEN

November 6, 2017

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Maiden Town Council met on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting, held in the Council Chambers at the Maiden Town Hall.

Present for the meeting were Mayor Robert L. Smyre, Mayor Pro-Tem Fore Rembert, Councilmembers Max Bumgarner, Jr., Trina Michael, Marcus Midgett 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 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Robert L. Smyre.

The invocation was given by Mayor Robert L. Smyre.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Marcus Midgett.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Citizens Requests and Comments

Councilmember Trina Michael had two concerns. She stated the intersection at Startown Road and 321 has become very dangerous and wanted to know what, if anything Council could do. Town Manager Todd Herms said the concern had been submitted to DOT and they found in their preliminary report that the intersection does meet the criteria for a stop light. Mr. Herms added that DOT could be very slow in installing traffic lights. Councilmember Trina Michael has also heard concerns from citizens about dog owners who do not pick up after their animals in the cemetery.

Mayor Smyre asked attorney Scott Conrad what could be done. Mr. Conrad said putting up signs to let citizens know dogs were prohibited would be one step the Council could take. Mr. Herms said at one point in 2009 or 2010, the Council was interested in building a dog park. Recreation Director Jody Rogers said signs were posted in the parks prohibiting dogs but citizens often ignored them.

Mr. Rogers addressed Council to inform them about the All-Star Baseball Team who won a state championship. The All-Star team had players from Maiden, Balls Creek and Sherrills Ford. All Star Coach Chuck Swink and his son Josh, presented the Council with a street sign to recognize the state

champion team. Mr. Rogers said Maiden was very blessed to have those who volunteer their time to coach. Councilmember Fore Rembert expressed his appreciation for Mr. Swink and his devotion to coaching. Mayor Smyre also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Swink.

Mary Henry addressed the council with concerns over the condition of pavement, trash on the outskirts of town and the main intersection in Maiden. Mr. Herms said the WPCOG completed a study on the best ways to remedy traffic in town. These have been put on the TIP plan, however, DOT moves very slowly.

Annie Ramseur addressed the Council with concerns about the future of the town.

6. Approval of the Minutes (10/16/17 Meeting):

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAX BUMGARNER JR TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND THE CLOSED MEETING MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2017 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. New Business

A. Discussion on Winter Sports Facility Needs

Jody Rogers addressed council about the needs of the recreation program. The Recreation Department basketball program has seen a gradual increase in numbers due to the redrawing of Catawba County School districts. Part of this is due to the better structure of our organization. In 2012, the Recreation program had 111 kids participating in basketball. For the 2018 season, the Rec Department is projecting over 200 children will participate. The Town only has one gym and last year there was difficulty scheduling practice time for all the teams.

Mr. Rogers said he spoke Dwayne Finger with Catawba County Schools and they will allow the Town to rent gyms at Maiden Elementary, Maiden Middle and Maiden High School for \$10.00 per hour or in-kind services. Maiden Middle and Maiden High school are not available for rent during the week.

Last year, games were scheduled from 8 am to 7 pm on Saturdays at the Town's gym. The Recreation Department's goal is to allow teams to practice at the Rec Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays. The Recreation Department plans to practice at the Elementary School Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays, at Maiden Middle and Maiden Rec on Saturdays.

There are 3 solutions. The first is to rent gym space from Catawba County Schools. Second is to rent gym space from the school system and move Church League Basketball to the summer months which would free up Mondays and Thursdays. There are six teams of Church Basketball. This will make the gym at the Recreation Department more useable.

The last option is to keep doing what we have been doing but it will deter children from playing basketball. Mr. Rogers estimated renting the County's gyms will cost \$1,700.

Jody Rogers recommends option 2, which is to rent gym space and move Church League Basketball. This option may generate negative comments, but he feels it is more beneficial to the children. Mr. Herms said a budget amendment would need to be brought before Council at the next meeting.

Councilmember Ronnie Williams asked if there was overlap between volleyball and basketball. Mr. Rogers answered that volleyball just ended, with basketball starting next week.

Jody Rogers said using the school system could pose a problem if school is closed for adverse weather, which would cause games to be cancelled.

Marcus Midgett asked if the church leagues could use some of the church's gym. Mr. Rogers answered that they might not want to pay for use of those facilities.

Church Basketball would be held mid-June to mid-August. Mr. Rogers said he was going to email the church teams about a possible change of season.

Councilmember Ronnie Williams asked if renting the gyms would reduce the number children on a team. Mr. Rogers said no because 8-9 children is the ideal number. Mr. Rogers said he has a difficulty finding enough coaches.

Mr. Herms said he wanted Jody to present this to Council because he feels those who play church basketball will not want to have their season moved.

Councilmember Max Bumgarner, Jr asked if Church League Basketball and Youth Basketball had always run at the same time. Mr. Rogers said they had.

Mr. Rogers said his recommendation was to try and move the Church League to the summer months and rent gym facilities from Catawba County.

Councilmember Fore Rembert asked if the Church League could practice at Living Word or Cornerstone. Mr. Rogers said he didn't they think the teams would play at those facilities and stated there is only 1-2 practice times given to the Church League.

Mayor Smyre said that with growing pains sometimes it costs and you have to bite the bullet and do what you must do.

Mr. Rogers said there has been tremendous interest in the Summer camps the Rec hosted this year.

Mr. Herms said we need Council to decide about moving the Church League and renting gyms from Catawba County Schools.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY MARCUS MIDGETT TO GIVE JODY ROGERS THE AUTHORITY TO DO WHAT WILL WORK BEST FOR THE BASKETBALL SEASON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. NCDOT Bridge Widening Project

Mr. Herms told the Council that DOT will be replacing the bridge on Providence Mill Road at the Water Plant. The Town has one customer on the other side of the bridge. Mr. Herms is proposing to give that customer to Duke Power as it is not cost effective to run the line for one customer.

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8. Proclamations/Resolutions/Ordinances

A. Proclamation for Billy Hedsepeth

Mayor Smyre recognized Billy Hedsepeth with a proclamation. Mr. Hedsepeth has been picking up trash along Providence Mill Road for twenty-five years.

B. Resolution 12-2017 A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property

Mr. Herms made Council aware that item 18 is an F-700 Dump Truck.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TRINA MICHEAL AND SECONDED BY MAX BUMGARNER JR TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 12-2017 TO SALE SURPLUS PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Ordinance 28-2017 A Budget Ordinance to Close the Town Hall Construction Project and Transfer remaining funds to General Fund

Mr. Herms said the project is completed, this ordinance will transfer the money back into general fund for sanitation. The Town is taking more items to the dump, and the tipping fees have increased. This project came in under budget by \$34,000.

MOTION BY RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY TRINA MICHAEL TO APPROVE BUDGET ORDINANCE 28-2017 TO MOVE FUNDS FROM THE TOWN HALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO THE GENERAL FUND AND CLOSE THE TOWN HALL PROJECT FUND. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Ordinance 29-2017 A Budget Ordinance to Close the Klutz Building Capital Project and Transfer Remaining Funds to the Water Plant Dam Project

Mr. Herms stated the Klutz Building project came in \$140,000 under budget. This ordinance will be transferred to the Water Plant Dam capital project. The Water Plant Dam project is going to be re-bid.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MAX BUMGARNER JR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 29-2017 TO MOVE FUNDS FROM THE KLUTZ BUILDING PROJECT TO THE WATER PLANT DAM PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further comments...

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY MAX BUMGARNER JR TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:02 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk

Robert L. Smyre, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk