

TOWN OF MAIDEN

December 10, 2019

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Maiden Town Council met on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for their regular meeting, held in the Council Chambers at the Maiden Town Hall.

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

Also present were Town Manager Todd Herms, Town Attorney Scott Conrad, Town Clerk Wanda Barnes and Judge Nathan Poovey.

Others attending: See attached sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Temp Max Bumgarner, Jr.

The invocation was given by Ronnie Parker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Max Bumgarner, Jr.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Citizens Requests and Comments

Town Manager Todd Herms: Merry Maiden Celebration downtown event will be held Thursday 12th, starting at 5' o'clock. The road will shut down at 4:30. It will be held in concert or the same type as Jive After Five.

The town will also observe the Christmas holiday on the 24th, 25th and 26 of this month. New Year's Day will also be observed.

Please mark your calendar elected official's. The County asks that we reserve February 13th, 2020 for a municipal summit. All elected officials in the county will come together, dinner will be provided, and it will begin at 5:30 sharp. The location has not been determined.

Council Danny Hipps also wanted to thank everyone involved for the luminary service.

Police Chief Tracy Ledford reminded council about the D.A.R.E. graduation.

6. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2019 REGULAR AND CLOSED SESSION MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Consent Agenda:

7A. Finance Officer's Report

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7B. Fire Report

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Old Business:

Blake Wright Planning and Zoning Director came before Council and presented new updates to the Façade Grant. The changes that are being recommended to the Town of Maiden Façade Grant, previously known as the Town of Maiden Main Street incentive grant program. What we are looking to do is incorporate more in the town limits into this program.

It is set up to improve the appearance of the commercial building in the downtown area. Currently, any improvement to the outside of the building can be matched on a 50 – 50 bases up to \$ 2,500.00. from the town. With the town changes we are recommending, is to expand this to the primary town corridor coming into town, which, would include the main street coming into town, Island Ford Road, West Maiden Road, West Main Street and Business 321. We are hoping to incorporate more businesses and make this available to other businesses in the area, so they can take advantage of it.

The other main changes that will be taking place in this program would be that the grant would be able to be awarded on a calendar year bases, so ultimately, two grants can be awarded in one fiscal year. Mr. Wright explain that what we are seeing is a lot of grants would come through in the summertime, which we switch over in our fiscal year. A lot of folks are asking if they could potentially have it in the calendar year, so that change would allow two grants in the fiscal year. After the second grant, there would be a waiting period of five years, unless a certain criteria was met.

Council member Ronnie Williams state he believed this goes along with the objective of the group attempting to revitalize main street in Maiden. Mr. Wright agreed.

Council member Hipps states he was in favor of this grant, but I know it's others out there that I would like to pursue. In particular, the city of Lincoln is going with a different kind of grant, where they are promoting in coming restaurants or business with grants up to \$ 100K. This is a huge thing. They are buying up businesses downtown and offering a loan with a lease to purchase grant. I would like to see what else is out there or where we tap those resources

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

9. Special Recognition

9A. Marcus Midgett – Given by Mayor Pro Temp Max Bumgarner, Jr.
Appreciation of Marcus Midgett for being a dedicate Councilmember from 1981-1989, 1992 -1995 and 2005 – 2019.

Marcus Midgett stated that he would like to thank everybody that elected me. Those dates are kind of funny. I have been elected to a four-year term, two-year term, appointed to fill a term that was unfinished, and I was even called at the beach and told I been elected. I appreciate everybody that gave me this opportunity, especially Town Manager Todd Herms and Mayor Former Bob Smyre

Former Mayor Bob Smyre stated, All the years I have been here, Marcus has been here with me. What a pleasure it has been working with a man of his caliber and wisdom. I think it is absolutely marvelous that when hard and tough decisions come about, I could call Marcus. I knew whatever he told me, came from the bottom of his heart and he meant it. He has been a true servant to the Town of Maiden. It's been with great pleasure to serve with him all these years. A wonderful man he is, Thank you Marcus.

10. Installation of Newly Elected Mayor and Council

10A. Election Results

Election Results were read aloud by Town Clerk, Wanda Barnes

Mayor: Max Bumgarner, Jr. 182 Votes 2 Year Term
Zane R. Hudson 178 Votes
Thomas (Fore) Rembert, IV 175 Votes

Council: Beth Poovey Rudisill 403 Votes 4 Year Term
Bob Sigmon 360 Votes 4 Year Term
Ronnie K Williams 342 Votes 2 Year Term
Danny Lee Kiser 249 Votes
Richard Fox 93 Votes

10B. Judge Poovey Administer the Oath of Office for Mayor to Max Bumgarner Jr.

10C. Judge Poovey Administer the Oath of Office Councilmember to Beth Rudisill

10D. Judge Poovey Administer the Oath of office for Councilmember to Bob Sigmon.

10E. Judge Poovey Administer the Oath of Office for Councilmember to Ronnie Williams.

11. New Business:

11A: Election of Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Max Bumgarner called for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE DANNY HIPPS AS MAYOR PRO-TEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11B: NCMPA1 Delegate Ronnie has done this for four years. If everybody is in agreement, I would like Ronnie to stay on that. He does a wonderful job.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO APPROVE THE NCMPA1 DELEGATE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11C: NCMPA1 Alternate Delegate Public Works Director is current. This position is usually a staff member.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BETH RUDISILL TO APPROVE THE NCMPA 1 ALTERNATE DELEGATE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11D: NCMPA1 Rate Committee Member- Historically, the Town Manager has performed this duty.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE TOWN MANAGER AS THE RATE COMMITTEE MEMBER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11E: NCMPA 1 Alternate Rate Committee Member

A staff member has held this role, which was the Public Works Director and the backup to Town Manager, if he can't go. Need a motion to keep current member, if everyone is ok with that.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AS THE ALTERNATE RATE COMMITTEE MEMBER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11F: WPCOG Representative, this is the Western Piedmont of Government. Mayor Bumgarner stated that Mayor Smyre was the town's representative and also serve on the executive board for WPCOG. Mayor Bumgarner thanked former Mayor Smyre for representing the town well. Mayor Bumgarner went on to explain that Councilmember Williams was the Alternate and recommended that council move Councilmember Williams from Alternate to the Representative.

Citizen Mary Henry asked if these appointments were open to citizens

Mayor Bumgarner explained that we reserved all but agenda items J and K for Elected Officials and/or Staff.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BETH RUDISILL TO APPROVE THE COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS AT MAIDEN'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11G: WPCOG Alternate Representative Mayor Bumgarner recommended Councilmember Trina Michael to serve as the WPCOG Alternate Representative.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPI AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO APPROVE THE COUNCILMEMBER MICHAEL AS WPCOG ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11H: WPCOG MPO Representative, Marcus has done it for 14 years. Mayor Bumgarner recommended Councilmember Sigmon to serve as the WPCOG MPO Representative.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO APPROVE THE COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AS THE WPCOG ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11i: Recreation Advisory Committee Representative, Mayor Bumgarner recommended Councilmember Beth Rudisill to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE COUNCILMEMBER RUDISILL TO SERVE ON THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11j: Request Nominee for appointment to the yard of the Month Committee to begin in Spring 2020 (3-year Term)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHELTO APPROVE THE APPOINTING RICHARD FOX TO THE YARD OF THE MONTH COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11K: Council to confirm Mayor's nominee Devore Henry from alternate to full Planning Board of Adjustment Member and Chairperson and appointing Cindy.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE 11-K APPOINTING CINDY LESTER AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER FOR THE PLANNING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPOINTING DEVORE HENRY AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, AS WELL AS APPOINTING DEVORE HENRY AS THE CHAIRPERSON.

12. Schedule for 2020:

12A: Town of Maiden Council Meeting Schedule Town Manager stated unless Council would like to change it, we kept it the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6PM. We only had one date to cause a conflict the first year that we did it. Going forward, we do not have any conflicts this year. The Dates will be posted online and outside the chamber room.

Councilmember Trina Michael request to change the April date due to Easter.

Request to move the date up. Amend date to April 7th. Same time and location.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPP TO APPROVE THE AMENDED TOWN OF MAIDEN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12B: Town of Maiden Holiday Schedule. Town Manager Herms stated that the Town of Maiden personnel policy allows for 11 Holiday's a year and present the 2020 Holiday Schedule for council's review.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE TOWN OF MAIDEN'S 2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Town Manager Todd Herms introduced and welcomed the new Town Clerk/Human Resources officer Wanda Barnes.

13. Closed Session for Consultation with Attorney G.S:

A motion was made by Council Member Danny Hipps to go into closed session and to consult with the Attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Town Council. Council Members agreed in the legal matters.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIMAS TO APPROVE A CLOSED SESSION FOR CONSULATION WITH ATTORNEY G.S. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no other business meeting was adjourn: 7:10 pm

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:10 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted

Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk

Max Bumgarner, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk