

## TOWN OF MAIDEN

February 12, 2019

### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Maiden Town Council met on Tuesday, February 12, 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 Bob Smyre, 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 Bob Smyre

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

#### 5. Citizens Requests and Comments

Mr. Herms reminded the Council about a presentation from the EDC, titled Economic Development 101 which will be held on 2/26 at 8 AM on the CVCC campus. Mr. Herms asked Council to RSVP by 2/15/19.

Mr. Herms also announced the Jive After Five music series, which starts in June. These musical performances will be held where the Town holds Springfest. The music series was paid for with money from the Downtown Revitalization budget.

Councilmember Trina Michael asked if there would be vendors and Mr. Herms said that would be determined by Council. Mr. Herms said Electricities was assisting the Town with developing a logo for Jive After Five.

Councilmember Ronnie Williams said he thought the signs and banners would generate a lot of interest in the event. Councilmember Michael said she thought this was a good idea. She also thanked Billy Price for installing the new LED street lights. Mr. Herms said if anyone heard of complaints about the lights being too bright to let Mr. Price know and the light would be changed.

Councilmember Williams asked Mr. Herms for an update on the signal box artwork. Mr. Herms said the artwork was being produced by ASR and should be completed soon.

6. Approval of the Minutes 1/8/19 Regular Meeting

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Consent Agenda

A. Finance Officer's Report- January

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAX BUMGARNER TO ACCEPT THE FINANCE OFFICERS REPORT FROM JANUARY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. Public Hearing-Revising Directional Signage in the 321 ED District

Mayor Smyre called the public hearing to order at 6:07. Planning and Zoning Director Blake Wright addressed Council. The change being recommended is to amend the sign size for directional signs only. The district is Startown road and 321. The potential issue is the size limitations on directional signage is 5 square feet. The intention with this restriction was for signs that were already on the business' property. It is difficult to see this size sign when traveling at 45 mph along Startown Road. The proposed change would allow larger signs in that district. Council needs to consider 1) whether it is consistent with the comprehensive plan, the UDO and the code of ordinances. The comprehensive plan states that "sign policies and standards should be periodically updated to enhance community identity and create a high quality business image." This proposal does not contradict other sections of the UDO or ordinances. This proposal does not contradict federal or state laws. The Planning Department reviews signs before they are erected. The last thing Council would need to consider is if the amendment is beneficial to public health, safety and welfare and is in the public interest. Mr. Wright stated this amendment may provide for safer transportation and traffic flow.

Councilmember Hipps asked what kind of signs this amendment would affect. Mr. Wright said these signs were directional signs, showing trucks where deliveries are to be made etc. Mr. Herms said this would alleviate trucks missing their destination and trying to find a location to turn around.

Councilmember Ronnie Williams asked if the signs would be at the business owners' expense and Mr. Wright said they would. Mr. Wright said this change would not apply to NC DOT or the Town's signs.

Councilmember Midgett asked if this would affect advertising signs? Mr. Wright said that it was only for directional signage.

The public hearing was closed at 6:13.

9. 2018-2019 Audit Report

This item was moved to the end of the meeting due to a scheduling conflict with the auditor.

10. Ordinances

A. 1-2019 An Ordinance to Amend Directional Signage in the 321 ED District

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1-2019 TO AMEND DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE IN THE 321 ED DISTRICT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. 2-2019 Budget Amendment for School Resource Officers (Motion)

Mr. Herms said this item needed to be funded; it has previously been discussed. This is to fund capital cost of cars and radios. Mayor Smyre said he was really glad to have the Police Department running this program.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2-2019, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. New Business

A. Micol Road Paving Project

Mr. Herms told Council the Town received a request to pave and maintain a section of the road that was previously unmaintained. This road was scheduled for paving. The last 250 feet have been on our Powell Bill Map for a long time, the Town is required to pave roads that receive Powell Bill funding.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT TO APPROVE ADDING 250 FEET TO THE MICOL ROAD PAVING PROJECT AND CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THAT 250 FEET. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. School Resource Officers

Mr. Herms stated that he needed approval for three positions but with the promise to fund two of them. The first two would be at the high school and middle school and the county would reimburse the Town \$80-90,000.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO APPROVE THREE POSITIONS WITH FUNDING FOR TWO SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. Closed Session

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:18 FOR DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Council reconvened after Closed Session.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO ENTER BACK INTO OPEN SESSION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAX BUMGARNER JR TO APPROVE THE MANAGERS EMPLOYEMENT AGREEMENT FOR 5 YEARS AND INCREASE HIS SALARY 10%. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Auditor presented the Audit Report to Council. She broke the report down by the two types of funds the Town has, government and business type. For government type the Town had assets of \$14,969,025 and liabilities of \$3,558,704. The Town's net position for governmental funds was \$11,410,321, which was a decrease of \$515,365 over the previous year.

For business-type funds the Town had \$18,447,604 in assets and liabilities of \$1,177,008. The Town's net position for business-type activities was \$17,270,596 which was an increase of \$495,896 over the previous year. Other highlights included a large increase from investment earnings. 2018 saw several capital projects completed, costing the Town \$1,807,427.

Councilmember Williams asked Ms. Wentz if the Town was in a good financial position. Ms. Wentz said the Town was in a good position and that the main reason for decreases in fund balance and net position were the capital projects that occurred.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO ACCEPT THE 2018-2019 AUDIT REPORT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

With no further comments...

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAX BUMGARNER JR TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:15 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk

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**Robert L. Smyre, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk**