

TOWN OF MAIDEN

September 18, 2017

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Maiden Town Council met on Monday, September 18, 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 Max Bumgarner Jr.

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO-TEM FORE REMBERT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MACRUS MIDGETT TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Citizens Requests and Comments

Annie Ramseur invited the Council and the Police Department to her 70th Birthday party to be held on 9/30/17 at 3 PM.

Town Manager Todd Herms reminded the Council that the Fall Festival would be held on October 7th. Mr. Herms also invited Council to attend the employee kickball game between Maiden's employees and the employees of Claremont.

Councilmember Ronnie Williams asked when the maps for a new fire station would be available to Council. Mr. Herms stated that Planning Director Blake Wright had submitted them to the Fire Chief and they would be made available in the next agenda packet.

Councilmember Ronnie Williams also asked about having the grass on curbs trimmed. Mr. Herms said that our crew has been short staffed but this will be put on the to-do list.

6. Approval of the Minutes (08/21/17 Meeting and 08/21/17 Closed Session):

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAX BUMGARNER JR TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21, 2017 MEETING AND THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF 8/21/17. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Consent Agenda

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

8. Old Business

Mr. Herms told Council the Town did not receive Part F grant funding for the splash pad. Mr. Herms laid out two options the Council could take. The first option is to use the money the Town has set aside and fund balance to construct this fiscal year. The other option is to not use fund balance and pay for the project out of next year's budget. Mr. Herms recommends moving forward with project.

The proposal is for a 2600 square foot splash pad with three different areas. The center has a dump bucket. Mr. Herms said he had spoken to other towns who recently constructed a splash pad and they recommended our plans had ample shade, benches and bus parking. The best area is behind the current picnic shelter.

The cost of the pipes will come from Fund 35, the water fund, and the remainder will come from Fund 10, the Recreation budget. We also think a fence around the splash pad is important.

Mr. Herms stated that with contingency, he believed the project would cost \$350,000 which would include a fence around the splash pad, extending the picnic shelter. Mr. Herms thinks the project could be completed for \$325,00.00 barring no major contingencies. The splash pad itself is \$250,000 and the amount of \$350,000 has about \$75,000 for contingencies.

Mayor Bob Smyre stated the Town had been discussing the splash pad several years and he believed the Town should move forward with construction.

Councilmember Ronnie Williams asked if we would subcontract out the project and Mr. Herms explained this would be a turn-key project because if others worked on it beside Vortex (the contractor) the warranty would be voided.

Councilmember Ronnie Williams also asked if we could choose the sprinkler heads for the splash pad. Mr. Herms said the one presented was chosen by him, Jody and a person from Vortex ours would be neutral. Its plant life with a variety of colors. The fixtures that come out of the ground can be changed for less than \$10,000.

Recreation Director, Jody Rogers, said he researched the rules at Hickory's splash pad and that they were a bit vague. Mr. Herms said we would nail down the policy part.

Mr. Herms said the plan and design phase would take 6-8 weeks and construction would take another 6-8 weeks. The splash pad will open Spring 2018. Mr. Herms said we really want to have the fence and additional seating.

Councilmember Ronnie Williams asked if there was money for contingencies built into the \$350,000 project cost and Mr. Herms said yes.

Councilmember Ronnie Williams asked about the budget amendments before the Council. He stated they totaled \$413,000. \$30,000 is for water and sewer. General Fund will pay back Fund 30 over an 8-year period. \$100,000 is for other improvements, that will be brought to Council for approval.

Councilmember Ronnie Williams asked Mr. Herms if this would jeopardize any other projects the Town was pursuing. Mr. Herms said no, because the Town had been saving money for this project specifically.

Councilmember Trina Michael said she thought it was time for the Town to move forward with this project.

Councilmember Ronnie Williams asked about the installation. Mr. Herms said it would be the first of October for design. Construction will start in mid-January. Councilmember Ronnie Williams asked if we should wait until March. Mayor Pro Tem said that would run into ball season. Mr. Herms said it would be best to start in January.

Councilmember Marcus Midgett asked if the photo in their agenda packet was the proposal they were voting on tonight and Mr. Herms said it is.

Police Chief Tracy Ledford suggested the Council place more security lighting in the park when the splash pad is constructed. Mr. Herms said there was a possibility surveillance cameras would be installed on the exterior. Mr. Rogers suggested there be a fence around the splash pad.

9. Ordinances

A. Ordinance 22-2017 supporting special events in the Town of Maiden.

Mr. Herms explained these were the special events the Town holds where a street closures are needed.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FORE REMBERT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 22-2017 SUPPORTING SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE TOWN OF MAIDEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

***This ordinance was mis-numbered and the correct ordinance number is 25-2017.

B. Ordinance 23-2017 An Ordinance to amend the FY 17-18 Budget in the Water-Sewer Fund

Mr. Herms said this would be for the funding of the splash pad.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHEAL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAX BUMGARNER JR TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 23-2017 TO AMEND THE FY 17-18 BUDGET IN THE WATER-SEWER FUND. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

***This ordinance was mis-numbered and the correct ordinance number is 26-2017

C. Ordinance 24-2017 An Ordinance to amend the FY 17-18 Budget General Fund

Mr. Herms explained this was for exterior items like lighting, benches, and other items associated with the splash pad.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FORE REMBERT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 24-2017 TO AMEND THE FY 17-18 BUDGET GENERAL FUND. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Resolution 10-2017 to show appreciation for Jeremy Black and the 23 years of service to the Maiden Fire Department.

Mayor Smyre thanked Mr. Black for his dedication and noted how difficult the job of fireman could be, including calls late at night and time away from family.

10. Mr. Herms stated that the re-appointment of Gene Dellinger to the Recreation Advisory Committee should have occurred in June. Mr. Dellinger has agreed to serve another term.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FORE REMBERT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT TO APPOINT GENE DELLIGER TO RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Smyre greeted a boy scout who was in attendance.

Mr. Herms read a thank you note from 710 West School Street for a job well done.

Mr. Herms wanted to let Council know that our Electric Supervisor, Brad Sigmon, was working with crews in Georgia and Florida to restore power to those impacted by Hurricane Irma. Brad has been working long days and will return to Maiden on Friday, September 22.

With no further comments...

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY RONNIE WILLIAMS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:34 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk

Robert L. Smyre, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk