

Maiden Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 11th, 2023, 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, Maiden Town Hall

The Maiden Town Council met on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting, held in the Town of Maiden Council Chamber.

Present for the meeting were, Mayor Max Bumgarner Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill, Councilmembers Bob Sigmon, Ronnie Williams, Cameron Ramseur, and Holly Crafton-Lay. Councilmember Cameron Ramseur arrived at 6:09 p.m. and was absent to vote on the Approval of Agenda and Approval of the meeting minutes.

Also, present were Town Manager Todd Herms, Town Attorney Wesley Deaton, and Town Clerk-PIO Anna Hughey.

Others attending: See attached sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Max Bumgarner Jr.
The invocation was given by Councilmember Bob Sigmon.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Bob Sigmon.

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.

6. Citizen Requests and Comments

Finance Officer Jessica White introduces new Customer Service employee Angel Ingram. White says she is excited to have Angel on the team. Town Manager Todd Herms states Angel is doing a great job so far.

Todd Herms states that the Town had a good Edith Pirkle Parade on the 4th of July and despite the heat, the turnout was the most he has seen in a while. Herms thanks everyone who was involved in helping organize the parade.

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Police Chief Tracy Ledford announces that the Police and Fire Department have started their annual school supply drive. Supplies can be dropped off at various locations including the Police Department and Dollar General. Ledford also announces that Kids and Cops Summer Day will be July 28th from 10:00-12:30.

Samantha Saunders from the Maiden Business Association announces that the MBA plans to host a Maiden Market on September 16th from 12:00-6:00 at the Recreation Center. This will be a time for members of the MBA to display their products and promote their businesses. There will be food trucks, face painters, balloon artists, and a cornhole tournament as well. The MBA also plans to host a fall movie night on October 21st. They will show a Halloween-themed movie and have an inflatable slide.

Councilmember Bob Sigmon asks for an update on Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth. Todd Herms says that he is hoping to be released from the hospital soon and it will be 2-3 weeks before he is able to return to work but in the meantime, he is working from home as much as possible.

Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill asks when the Fall Festival is going to be and Parks and Recreation Director Keaton Miller states it will be October 7th. Vendors are being accepted at this time. There will be no rain date for this event due to having to set up rides 24 hours in advance.

Mayor Max Bumgarner Jr. says that on July 3rd Anna Hughey was sworn in as the new Town Clerk and Wanda Barnes was sworn in as Human Resources Director. He also congratulated Jessica White on passing her certification as Certified Finance Officer. Keaton Miller was also congratulated for being the Town's first ever-certified playground inspector.

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Finance Officers Report June (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE JUNE FINANCE OFFICER REPORT AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

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8. New Business

a. Award Cemetery Contract

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGNMON TO AWARD THE CEMETERY CONTRACT TO GROUNDS CREW MOWING AND LANDSCAPING. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

Town Manager Todd Herms states that Bryan Duckworth and Street Supervisor Micah Beal interviewed the three lowest bidders. Herms says that Duckworth has worked diligently to make sure this bidder is capable and well-equipped for the job and is recommending Grounds Crew Mowing and Landscaping.

Councilmember Ronnie Williams asks why there is no mention of roundup being sprayed in the contract and Councilmember Cameron Ramsuer explains it is due to damaging the tombstones but the parking lot and fences are sprayed.

b. Town Policies

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY TO APPROVE TOWN POLICIES AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

Todd Herms explains that the Town policies need to match the County policies to use federal money for projects that go out for bid. These policies are in line with ARPA and County policies. Councilmember Holly Crafton-Lay asks if we already had these policies in place and Herms says yes this is strictly due to wording and protocols.

c. Purchase of W. Main St Properties

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISIL TO PURCHASE PROPERTIES ON WEST MAIN ST. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

Herms states that there has been an agreement with a family in Town for many years that the Town will maintain the back of their property if they can park vehicles on this property. The family has contacted the Town and would like to make this a more formal agreement. After the purchases of these properties, the Town stands to gain roughly half an acre of land that is connected to the Public Works building. Councilmember Holly Crafton-Lay asked how the price was determined and Herms states that he looked at market value combined with rent over the years.

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d. Recombination of Town of Maiden Properties

Councilmember Bob Sigmon asks if they will be deeded together and Herms explains that several properties in Town need to be looked at for this reason. These locations are available in the Agenda Packet.

e. Town Manager Contract

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO APPROVE THE TOWN MANAGER'S CONTRACT AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

Town Attorney Wesley Deaton explains that this contract has been discussed between the Town Manager and Town Council. The three changes to the current contract are that the new end date will be 2/12/28, the increase in salary to \$149,149.60, and the vehicle allowance is increased to \$665.50. Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill mentions Herms's retirement is coming up in 8 years.

9. Old Business

a. Parks and Recreation Bid for AC in the Gym

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO AWARD THE PARKS AND RECREATION AC BID TO THE LOWEST, RESPONSIBLE, AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

Keaton Miller states the bid was sent to three companies and was posted for the public. Two companies submitted bids.

10. Ordinance/Resolutions

a. Resolution #01-2024 A Resolution approving the Villages of Maiden Road Closure

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CAMERON RAMSEUR TO APPROVE THE VILLAGES OF MAIDEN ROAD CLOSURE. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

b. Resolution #02-2024 Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of Financing Agreement for the Fire Department

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

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11. Adjourn

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY
COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:06
P.M. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.**

**Respectfully Submitted:
Anna Hughey, Town Clerk**

Max Bumarnner Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Hughey, Town Clerk