

Maiden Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 8th, 2023, 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, Maiden Town Hall

The Maiden Town Council met on Tuesday, August 8th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting, held in the Town of Maiden Council Chambers.

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.

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 Cameron Ramseur.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Cameron Ramseur.

4. Approval of the Agenda

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO APPROVE THE
AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.**

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.**

6. Citizen Requests and Comments

Town Manager Todd Herms thanks everyone who helped with last night's storms and mentions that Maiden was able to help our neighbors in the North. Councilmember Bob Sigmon asks this message to please be extended to all public works employees.

Mayor Bumgarner announces that the Town of Maiden received two Public Power Awards from Electricities in the areas of Customer Centered Innovation and People.

Samantha Saunders from the Maiden Business Association says she would also like to thank everyone who helped with the storms. Saunders then asks where the Town stands with adding Jive After Five dates to the website calendar. Mr. Herms says the CIO Tammy Hawn will be able to answer this question later in the meeting. Saunders mentions two dates- September 16th the MBA will host a Maiden Business Jamboree. She says there will be vendors, food trucks, face painting, and inflatables. October 21st will be the

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MBA's outdoor movie night. The event will start around 7:30. Free hotdogs, water, and popcorn will be provided as well as an inflatable slide.

CIO, Tammy Hawn announces that the transition to the Town's new website will begin tonight. She estimates that the site will be down for about a day. Hawn thanks Anna Hughey PIO for her efforts in this project. Councilmember Holly Crafton-Lay asks if the website was outsourced and Hawn answers yes. Herms states once the website is up and running staff does manage the website.

Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill asks about the benches at the scatter garden. Herms states the benches are 6 months out but they will be coming. Herms says once the benches arrive we will have a formal opening of the scatter garden. Rudisill says she is happy to see Bryan Duckworth. Rudisill asks if the Town plans to participate in the Hunger Walk again this year. The walk will be held on October 15th in Newton. Herms says he plans for the Town to participate. Rudisill hopes in the future Maiden will be able to host the walk.

Councilmember Holly Crafton-Lay asks if the calls about the cemetery have decreased since the new contractor started. Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth says the calls have decreased and Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill says she thinks it looks great and has not received any calls.

The manager of Paradise Hills asks what the process is to lower the speed limit on Old Tavern Lane. Manager Herms says that if he will leave his contact information he will call him tomorrow and let him know the steps.

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Finance Officers Report July (Motion)

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

8. Public Hearing

- a. Resolution and Order to close a Right of Way

MAYOR BUMGARNER OPENED THE HEARING AT 6:14 P.M. MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:16 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

Planning and Zoning Director Blake Wright explains that this right of way does not serve a purpose to the benefit of the community. Villages of Maiden is requesting the closure of

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this right of way so it does not interfere with lots. Herms says he has not received any negative comments about this closure. No other comments were made.

9. New Business

- a. ATM on Public Property (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ATM ON PUBLIC PROPERTY. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

Planning and Zoning Director says Maiden was approached by SECU to install an ATM on Town property to serve the citizens and decided Town Hall would be the best location. The ATM will take up three parking spaces. Herms explains that this motion is giving staff the okay to move forward with this project but things can be discussed more in the future. Councilmember Holly Crafton-Lay asks about cost and Herms explains the only cost to the Town is power.

- b. Establish a Public Hearing date for August 21st, 2023 to discuss entering into a contract regarding real property in Maiden (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR AUGUST 21 2023 AT 8:30 A.M. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

Finance Officer Jess White explains this public hearing is a requirement of the LGC in order to move forward with financing the Fire Department.

10. Old Business

- a. Award Fire Department Bid (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY TO AWARD FIRE DEPARTMENT BID TO THE LOWEST, RESPONSIBLE, RESPONSIVE BIDDER- G.W. LILES CONSTRUCTION. INCLUDING ALTERNATES 1-10. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

Mr. Herms says bids were opened for the Fire Department on August 1st and states that G.W. Liles Construction was the lowest bidder at 8.3 million base bid. The estimated total project cost is between 9.3 and 9.5 million. Councilmember Holly Crafton-Lay asks for clarification on the pricing. She then asks Fire Chief Luke Shoffner his opinion on this bidder. Shoffner states that he is pleased with this bidder and is looking for longevity of the building and not necessarily the cheapest option. Crafton-Lay agrees that the building should be built to last. Mayor Pro Tem asks for clarification on some alternates. Herms says once this is approved there will be some changes made throughout the building process due to supply and demand.

- b. Award Financial Lending for Fire Station (Motion)

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MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO AWARD FINANCIAL LENDING FOR THE FIRE STATION TO TRUIST BANK SUBJECT TO APPROVAL FROM THE LGC. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

Finance Officer Jess White says that she reached out to six financial institutions. She received two responses with options, two declined, and two did not respond. She recommends Truist Bank because they offer the lowest interest rate and Maiden has worked well with them in the past. Councilmember Holly Crafton-Lay asks if Truist was the only one we asked for 7.5 million. White explains RFP was sent to all for 10.5 million and Truist returned with both. Herms explains once the bids came back from the building they then spoke with Truist because they were the lowest bidder according to the law. Crafton-Lay asks where the other 2 million will be coming from to furnish the building and Herms says from the fund reserve fund balance.

c. Bid Award- Purchase of Generator (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CAMERON RAMSEUR TO AWARD THE PURCHASE OF GENERATOR BID TO CAROLINA CAT POWER SYSTEMS OF CHARLOTTE. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

The Public Works Director explains that RFPs were sent out for this project and bids were opened July 12th. He says to please keep in mind that there will be another purchase for this project that includes the pad for the generator. The project is currently under budget. Herms says this is a critical need and the Recreation building is the only building without a backup generator. Councilmember Holly Crafton-Lay asks if this is a new or a replacement and Herms says it is new. She asks how many RFPs were sent out. Duckworth and Herms say it was sent out to three and advertised on other various platforms. Town Attorney Wesley Deaton explains that the formal bidding process has to be followed when spending a certain amount of money. Councilmember Cameron Ramseur asks about the other generator at the Recreation building and Duckworth says it is owned by Electricities.

11. Ordinance/Resolutions

a. Ordinance #01-2024 Duke Energy Project Closeout Budget Amendment (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CAMERON RAMSEUR TO REIMBURSE DUKE ENERGY \$712,174.64. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

b. Ordinance #02-2024 to Amend the FY 2023-2024 Budget in the Fire Department Construction Fund 46 (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO AMEND THE FY 2023-2024 BUDGET IN THE FIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTION FUND. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

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- c. Resolution #03-2024 Resolution and Order to Close an Unused Street and Right of Way in the Town of Maiden, NC (Motion)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION #03-2024. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.**

12. Adjourn

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY AND
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO ADJOURN THE
MEETING AT 6:43 P.M. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.**

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

Max Bumgarner Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Hughey, Town Clerk