

**TOWN OF MAIDEN  
JANUARY 16, 2017  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Maiden Town Council met on Monday, January 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for their regular 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

Trina Michael, Max Bumgarner, Jr., Marcus Midgett, and Ronnie Williams.

Also present were Town Manager Todd Herms, and Town Attorney Scott Conrad.

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 Fore Rembert

3. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FORE REMBERT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Citizens Requests and Comments

The Town Manager stated that he has received several good comments about the snow removal from the streets in town during the snow event, and thanked the Public Works, Police, and Fire for an outstanding job.

5. Approval of Minutes:

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAX BUMGARNER, JR. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2016 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Consent Agenda:

6A. Finance Officer's Report

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

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7A. Financial Auditor's Report

Debora B. Wentz came before council and gave an overview of the town's Fiscal Summary ending June 30, 2016. She stated that the net Assets on June 30, 2016 were \$27,924,604 (Governmental Activities of \$11,849,554 and Business-Type Activities of \$16,075,050). She informed council that the total general revenues were \$8,710,211, which is an increase of \$1,449,966 from FY 14/15 to FY 15/16. The beginning Net Assets were \$10,399,588 and ending Net Assets were \$11,849,554. She continued that the operating revenues for water and sewer were \$2,158,214, and for electric were \$7,089,849. Outstanding debt for water and sewer were \$91,516 and \$0 in electric. The total fixed asset (net of depreciation) for water and sewer was \$7,790,898 and \$9,647,129 for electric. The total net position for water and sewer was \$11,922,492, and \$4,152,558 for electric. Wentz stated that the cash on hand at the beginning of the year was \$9,449,295 and at the end of the year, it was \$9,831,289, which represents a \$381,994 increase. The debt outstanding on the administration building was \$510,000. The Ad Valorem Taxes levied were \$5,670,761, the current taxes collected was \$5,646,619. The uncollected taxes for the year were \$24,142, which is a 99.57% collection rate. Investment earnings were \$7,664. The fund balance for all government funds as of June 30, 2016 were \$4,571,323 (an increase of \$432,967); of that, \$2,277,556 was undesignated fund balance in the General Fund (an increase of \$223,816).

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAX BUMGARNER, JR. TO ACCEPT THE AUDITOR'S REPORT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7B. Sewer Line Extension at South 11th Ave.

The Town Manager stated that the property owner has inquired about sewer service at this property. He wants to develop housing units on it. The closest sewer is roughly 150 feet away downhill and will cost around \$3,500 to serve this property; this property is inside the town limits. This property can currently have sewer service, but a large pump would need to be installed. However, sewer always works better if it can be installed so gravity flows.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FORE REMBERT TO APPROVE EXPANDING THE SEWER LINE 150 FEET AND SETTING A MANHOLE FOR THE PROPERTY AT THE CORNER OF SOUTH 11TH AVE AND BOYD STREET. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7C. Master Park Plan

The manager stated this is needed as a part of the PARTF Grant application for a splash pad. The estimated cost \$8,500 plus surveying cost and staff in recommending using LKC Engineering.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO APPROVE LKC ENGINEERING AS THE FIRM TO DEVELOPMENT A MASTER PARKS PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF MAIDEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 8. OLD BUSINESS:

### 8A. JW Abernathy Plant Road Improvements

The manager stated that since Carolina Nonwovens have constructed their plant there, several long trucks have driven through the neighbor's yards. Therefore, he would like to have Hulsey McCormick and Wallace Engineer design a better entrance: take out the grass median, move street lights, and maybe move some storm drains and develop a much wider turning area for the trucks. Councilmember Ronnie Williams asked about the beauty shop parking lot. Herms stated that he would make every attempt to satisfy any concerns while developing the safest entrance possible. However, he could not promise that everyone would be happy, but he will meet with each one of them for their input and show them what design has been developed, before bringing it back to council.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT TO HAVE HULSEY MCCORMICK AND WALLACE ENGINEER AND DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE ENTRANCE AT JWABERNATHY ROAD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### 8B. Bids for Electric Department Work Truck

Herms informed council that \$30,000 was in the budget for a truck, and recommends purchasing the truck from Asheville Ford at a price of \$24,881.11.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM ASHEVILLE FORD FOR A F-150 FORD 4X4 PICK UP TRUCK AT A PRICE OF \$24,881.11. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 9. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

### 9A. Public Hearing on the Funding of the Proposed Maiden Police Department.

Mayor Smyre opened the public hearing at 7:21 pm. Mayor Smyre asked three times if anyone had anything to say on this issue. After receiving no comments, Mayor Smyre closed the public hearing at 7:22 pm.

### 9B. Public Hearing for Project Driveline Economic Development Agreement

Mayor Smyre opened the public hearing at 7:22 pm. Catawba County EDC Director Scott Millar came before council and stated that this project is for GKN. It is a \$110 Million investment with 143 new jobs by GKN. These jobs will be higher than the county average, and GKN is currently the 3rd highest taxpayer in the county, and one of the top employers as well. Mr. Millar asked council to support this agreement.

Mayor Smyre closed the public hearing at 7:25 pm.

### 9B. Public Hearing for Project Dallas Economic Development Agreement

Mayor Smyre opened the public hearing at 7:25 pm. Town Manager Todd Herms spoke in support of this project, which will bring 40 new jobs to Maiden. This project is for South Fork Industries, which is a dying and finishing company. The company plans to invest at least \$1 million in equipment and use between 10 and 20 million gallons of water a month. He asked council to support this agreement. Mayor Smyre closed the public hearing at 7:28 pm.

10. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

10A. Economic Development Agreement for Project Driveline.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FORE REMBERT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO APPROVE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT DRIVELINE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10B. Economic Development Agreement for Project Dallas.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT DALLAS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

11A. Ordinance 1-2017-An Ordinance Amending FY 16/17 Budget, General Fund in Parks and Recreation.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1-2017-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FY 16/17 BUDGET, GENERAL FUND IN PARKS AND RECREATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11B. Ordinances 2-2017-An Ordinance Amending FY 16/17 Budget, General Fund in Fire  
The Town Manager stated that this is funds from an accident involving a fire truck, and is insurance money from the driver who hit the truck.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2-2017-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FY 16/17 BUDGET, GENERAL FUND IN FIRE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11C. Resolution 1-2017-A Resolution Authorizing an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement

The manager stated that this was a resolution allowing staff to apply with the LGC for approval of a financing agreement.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FORE REMBERT AND SECONDED BYCOUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1-2017-A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A FINANCING AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11D. Resolution 2-2017-A Resolution Approving Financing Terms

The manager stated that Dianne Lowe is recommending BB&T for a \$2 million loan for 15 years, at a rate of 2.95%.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FORE REMBERT AND SECONDED BYCOUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2-2017-A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING TERM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. CLOSED SESSION:

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BYCOUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY AT 7:32 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FORE REMBERT TO ENTER BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION 7:56 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

With no further comments.....

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BYCOUNCILMEMBER FORE REMBERT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:57 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully Submitted:  
William Todd Herms, Assistant Town Clerk

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Robert L. Smyre, Mayor

ATTEST:

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William Todd Herms, Assistant Town Clerk