

TOWN OF MAIDEN

March 6, 2017

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Maiden Town Council met on Monday, March 6, 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, 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 Ronnie Williams.

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 announced that Travis Ramsey, Town Planner is resigning. His last day is May 17, 2017.

Town Manager Todd Herms updated the council on the Part F Grant. The Town Manager and Recreation Director, Jody Rogers, presented the plans from the grant to the Maiden PTO, and will give a presentation to the Maiden Boy Scouts. The Town Manager also stated the Council of Governments will be presenting the grant to Council and the community on April 3rd. A survey about recreation opportunities in the Town of Maiden was included in the March Newsletter which is being sent to residents. The survey is part of the Part F Grant Application.

Police Chief Tracy Ledford announced Donna Hartman's Retirement Reception. It will be held on April 28th, 2017 from 4-6 PM at the Maiden Recreation Center. Chief Ledford updated the Council on the

Maiden Police Department's use of Narcan. The officers received the training on this drug which revives those who have suffered a heroin overdose. One of Maiden's Police Officers has saved a life using this product.

5. Approval of the Minutes (2/20/17 Meeting/Closed Session):

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION OF FEBRUARY 20, 2017. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Public Hearing:

- A. A Public Hearing for the Finance Contract for the Maiden Police Department was held. No comments were made. The Town of Maiden is borrowing \$2 million for 15 years with BB&T.

7. New Business:

- A. Town Attorney Scott Conrad presented procedures about the liquor by the drink referendum. Scott Conrad stated the Town will need to have a public hearing. If the council wishes to proceed, the council would need to vote to have a special election concerning liquor by the drink. The County Board of Elections will conduct this election. Scott Conrad stated the earliest it could be on the ballot would be the November 2017 election.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHEAL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS FOR ATTORNEY SCOTT CONRAD TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION FOR PUTTING LIQUOR BY THE DRINK ON THE BALLOTT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHEAL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR LIQUOR BY THE DRINK ON APRIL 3, 2017. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Ordinance/Resolutions

- A. Resolution 2017-6 is to accept the contract with BB&T for \$2 million at 2.9% for fifteen years. A budget amendment will be brought forth for the first four payments on the new police facility.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FORE REMBERT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 2017-6. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Old Business

- A. Town Manager Todd Herms explained that in the past, Food Trucks were regulated with a privilege license, however the state of North Carolina has banned these types of licenses. Many small cities do not have a way to handle the licensing of these types of business. The only food truck in Maiden has paid \$4,000.00 in fees to the Town. Town Manager Todd Herms suggested suspending the Peddler License for Food Trucks until July 1 and the adoption of a new budget.

Councilmember Ronnie Williams asked how food trucks could be regulated with zoning. Other cities use zoning districts such as C1 and C2 for food trucks. Per Town Planner, right now there is no zoning ordinance that would keep food trucks out of residential areas.

Ronnie Williams asked about ice cream trucks in residential neighborhoods. Town Manager stated that suspending the fee for food trucks would allow staff to address this issue.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FORE REMBERT TO SUSPEND THE COLLECTION OF PEDDLERS FEES FOR FOOD TRUCKS UNTIL NEXT YEAR TO ALLOW STAFF TO REVIEW. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Town Manager Todd Herms discussed the water line down Davis Road. Delta left, and the pressure is low, causing leaks downtown. The City of Hickory has a line less than 500 feet away. The County will provide a 0% interest loan. Will give Maiden another connection with the City of Hickory. This will create a new pressure zone. It will cost the Town \$7,200 a year for ten years and the town will need to provide PRV valves for homes on Water Plant Road. The Town will install them for the homeowners and it will cost less than \$2,000.00.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY MAX BUMGARNER JR. TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CATAWBA COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF MAIDEN FOR THE DAVIS ROAD PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fore Rembert wanted to know if the property at the Water Plant is being mowed and maintained by the Town of Maiden. The property is mowed four times a year. Town Manager Todd Herms stated that the long-term plan was to fill in the ditch and extend the fence. Mayor Bob Smyre and Trina Michael would like to see the property mowed more than four times a year.

Without further comments...

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY RONNIE WILLIAMS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:27 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk

Robert L. Smyre, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk