

TOWN OF MAIDEN

May 15, 2017

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Maiden Town Council met on Monday, May 15th, 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, Councilmembers Trina Michael, Max Bumgarner Jr., and Ronnie Williams. Absent from the meeting were Mayor Pro-Tem Fore Rembert and Marcus Midgett.

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.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Bob Smyre announced that item 9, closed session would be removed from the agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAX BUMGARNER JR TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Citizens Requests and Comments

Annie Ramseur asked if the Town planned to hold Springfest and if there was an application and charge for vendors. Manager Herms stated he did not believe the Town charged non-profits, however a short application was required. If there is going to be a tent with open flame for selling food, the vendor would need to meet fire code. Ms. Ramseur asked if a vendor was not affiliated with a non-profit what the charge would be. Manager Herms said \$25.00.

Manager Herms announced that Springfest would be May 25th starting at 6:30. Town Offices will be closed for Memorial Day. Manager Herms announced the next Council meeting will be June 5th and he is requesting to cancel the June 19th meeting due to staff and elected officials being out of town. The next Council meeting will be July 17th. The budget will be approved June 5th.

Ronnie Williams was approached by Cliff Wilson whose neighbor has a pool that is not being maintained. Mr. Williams wanted to know what was being done about this issue. This property is located on West School Street.

5. Approval of the Minutes (5/1/17 Meeting):

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2017 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Consent Agenda Items:

Manager Herms stated there was one correction to the Finance Officers' report which is that the Town only has around \$4,000 to be collected. The Mayor stated that the collection rate of 99.93% was truly remarkable. Councilmember Trina Michael agreed the Town's property collection rate was truly remarkable.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MAX BUMGARNER JR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHEAL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Ordinance/Resolutions

A. Resolution 7-2017

Manager Herms said the Council of Governments asked all the municipalities to pass this resolution. The preliminary presidential budget calls for the elimination of the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration. Since 2012, the COG has helped municipalities get 128 grants through these organizations. If the ARC and Economic Development Administration were eliminated our area would suffer from not receiving these grants.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAX BUMGARNER, JR. TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 7-2017 FOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Ordinance 10-2017

Manager Herms explained this was to amend the Electric Fund due to unknown growth of our local industries. The Town is selling more power than was projected last year, therefore we are asking for \$650,000 to purchase power through June 30.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHEAL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE 10-2017 TO AMEND THE ELECTRIC FUND. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Ordinance 11-2017

Manager Herms explained that we are receiving more Fire Tax than was budgeted. Therefore, a budget amendment is required to bring in the extra funds. The Town is receiving \$5,690 from Catawba County.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MAX BUMGARNER JR. AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHEAL TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE 11-2017. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. New Business

A. Catawba County Emergency Services Agreement

Manager Herms stated this was the agreement we make every year for Fire Inspections in the Town. The cost is just over \$10,000 and saves the Town money because the Town does not have to pay for the training of an employee and insurance costs.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHEAL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS WE ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CATAWBA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES AND THE TOWN OF MAIDEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Without further comments...

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY RONNIE WILLIAMS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:11 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk

Robert L. Smyre, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk