

## TOWN OF MAIDEN

May 21, 2018

### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Maiden Town Council met on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting, held in the Council Chambers at the Maiden Town Hall.

Present for the meeting were Mayor Bob Smyre, Mayor Pro-Tem Max Bumgarner Jr., Councilmembers Danny Hipps, Trina Michael, Marcus Midgett and Ronnie Williams.

Also present were Town Manager Todd Herms, Town Attorney Scott Conrad, Town Clerk Elizabeth Krige.

Others attending: See attached sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert L. Smyre at 7:00 p.m. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilmember Ronnie Williams.

#### 4. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Smyre asked that item 10, New Business, be changed to Contracts, this was a typo.

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

#### 5. Citizens Request and Comments

Annie Ramseur asked if the Council or manager had made any progress on bringing public transportation to the Town. Mr. Herms said the Greenway brings passengers to the Recreation Center and that a feasibility study would need to be conducted. Mr. Herms said he was meeting with WPCOG Director Anthony Starr who might be able to help with this project. Mr. Herms said he would have more information by the next meeting.

Mary Henry also addressed Council with her concern of the Paul J Klutz Library and Education Center. She was concerned that this building is not being used as a library and feels the library owned by the county does not have enough computers.

Councilmember Danny Hipps said he knows of other fire departments who hold instructional sessions for the public called "fireside chats," which is a class to help citizens improve their technology skills. Mr. Herms said the town is trying to make the space more historical and have more community involvement.

In other announcements, Mr. Herms said this coming Thursday, May 24 is Springfest and the Splashpad will open June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m.

Councilmember Hipps thanked Chief Ledford and the Police Department for the quick apprehension of the suspect who robbed the Food Lion.

Councilmember Midgett said he saw a news piece on Apple which included a lot of information about Maiden.

6. Approval of the Minutes (5/7/2018 Regular Meeting):

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAX BUMGARNER JR TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2018 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Consent Agenda

- A. April Finance Officer's Report
- B. Call for public hearing on budget ordinance 11-2018
- C. Call for public hearing on text amendment for ZTA 2-2018

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. New Business

- A. L.E.A.D Presentation

Police Chief Tracy Ledford presented the L.E.A.D (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) program to Council.

The goal of the program is to help first time drug users get help to avoid repeated incarceration. There are several eligibility criteria which include: the amount of drugs cannot exceed 4 grams, no violent crimes within the last 10 years, no dealing/trafficking for a profit, person must be over 18, cannot be a threat to themselves or others, does not promote prostitution or exploitation of minors.

If an individual does not complete the program they will be charged. Members of the community can also refer someone who needs help with drug addiction. This program is grant funded for the next three years.

Chief Ledford spoke about the need for a program like this: in the last three years overdose calls have tripled. History has shown this problem cannot be solved with arrests alone.

The L.E.A.D program is cost effective, at \$29 per day and dropping to \$17 per day after services are established. The cost of incarceration is \$85 a day. Chief Ledford said the city of Fayetteville has implemented the program and has had 30 referrals, 22 active clients and an 80% reduction in law

enforcement interaction during the first year of the program. Statesville is launching this program in the near future.

Councilmember Hipps asked who would serve as the case manager. Chief Ledford said these case managers work with Catawba Valley Behavioral Health.

Councilmember Williams asked if completion of the program would keep charges off an offender's record and Chief Ledford said it would.

Councilmember Michael asked if Chief Ledford knew of any communities who implemented the program and regretted it; Chief Ledford said no and had heard only positive things about the program.

## 9. Ordinances

A. 13-2018 An Ordinance to Amend the FY 17-18 Budget State Forfeiture Funds-Police

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHEAL TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 13-2018. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. 14-2018 An Ordinance to amend the FY 17-18 Budget-Electric Fund

Mr. Herms explained this amendment was to purchase \$519,000 more power for resale. There is a budget amendment to this fund every year due to the various use patterns of our customers.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHEAL AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAX BUMGARNER JR TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 14-2018. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 10. Contracts

A. Auditors Contract for 2017-2018

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE AUDITORS CONTRACT FOR 2017-2018. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

At this time Council moved to go into Closed Session.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIMAS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHEAL TO INTO CLOSED SESSION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Council reconvened.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT TO APPROVE A 6% INCREASE FOR THE TOWN MANAGER’S SALARY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

With no further comments...

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:13 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk

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**Robert L. Smyre, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk**