

TOWN OF MAIDEN
September 1, 2020
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Maiden Town Council met on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting, held in the Council Chambers at the Maiden Town Hall.

Present for the meeting were, Mayor Max Bumgarner Jr., Councilmembers Trina Michael, Beth Rudisill, Bob Sigmon, Danny Hipps and Ronnie Williams.

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

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 Trina Michael.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trina Michael.

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO AMEND THE AGENDA AND ADD 9 A. UNDER NEW BUSINESS, FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE FIREFIGHTERS GRANT, TWO PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CDBG GRANT SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 AT 8:30 AM AND SEPTEMBER 29, 2020 AT 8:30 AM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND APPROVE AS AMENDED 9/1/2020. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

5. Citizens Requests & Comments

Police Chief Tracy Ledford Advance Certificate presentation to Officer Ryan Causby. The Advance Certificate is the highest award given to an Officer in the state of North Carolina.

Councilmember Hipps acknowledges Public Works Director, Bryan Duckworth for the brush pick up activity around town and Blake Wright, Planning and Zoning Director for grant work efforts.

Mr. Herms provides an update on the Safer at Home 2.5 Executive Order. The order begins Friday, September 4, 2020 at 5:00 PM. It limits indoor gathering to 25 people and outdoors to 50 people. Playgrounds will reopen, museums and aquariums at 50% capacity. Gyms and any other indoor exercise facility can open at 30% capacity. Mask age restriction have increase to age five. Current restaurant capacity will remain. Restaurant 11:00 PM curfew alcohol sell restriction have been extended to October 2, 2020. Bars, nightclubs, movie theaters, amusement parks and indoor entertainment will remain closed.

Councilmembers agreed to place In God We Trust motto below the ceiling in the chamber.

Planning and Zoning Director, Blake Wright updates Councilmembers on the NC Commerce job retention Grant opportunity and the state earthquake assistance for local businesses. Cranky Crab and Fat Franks food trucks indicated setup in September. Councilmembers Hipps states the earthquake assistance is for businesses and residential.

Councilmember Sigmon inquiries about an update on Electricities commercial business visit with Council. Mr. Wright states they will be scheduling a date in October and it will be a virtual setup.

6. Approval of Minutes

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 8/11/2020 MEETING; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Finance Officer's Report July (Motion)

Councilmember Hipps inquiries about the Carter Bank and Trust 12-month CD matured on August 5, 2020. Finance Director, Dianne Lowe confirms renewing the 12 month CD for 1-year at .41%.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE FINANCE OFFICER'S JULY REPORT; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0.

8. Ordinances/Resolutions/Recognition

A. Ordinances #20 – 2020 An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2020 – 2021 Budget In The Electric Fund (Motion)

Mr. Herm explains ordinances #20 is to collect \$7400.00 settlement for a damaged power poll.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE # 20 – 2020 WITH MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5 – 0

- B. Ordinances #21 – 2020 An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2020 – 2021 An ordinance to Amend The 2020 – 2021 Budget Electric Fund (Motion)**

Mr. Herms explains that the Ordinance is to revise the language in the previous ordinance.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO APPROVE ORDINANCE # 21 – 2020 WITH MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5 – 0

- C. Ordinance # 22 #– 2020 An ordinance Authorizing The Establishment of A Revenue Fund For Coronavirus Cares Act (Motion)**

Mr. Herms explains that the Ordinance is to accept \$70,015.00 from Catawba County and \$206.38 from Lincolnton for the Corona Virus Care Act. Councilmember Hipps ask if its \$70k more than anticipated? Mr. Herms confirms the amount was more than expected. Councilmember Williams ask if the funds will need to be paid back. Mr. Herms said you will lose it, if you do not use it. The plan is to use the funds for non-administrative salary, if we haven't used it for PPE.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE # 22– 2020 WITH MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5 – 0

- D. Ordinance # 23 – 2020 An Ordinance to Establish A Special Revenue Fund For the Corona Virus Care Act (Motion)**

Mr. Herms explains the Ordinance is to show an account receiving the funds.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO APPROVE ORDINANCE # 23 – 2020 WITH MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5 – 0

- E. Ordinance # 24 – 2020 An Ordinance to Amend The FY 2020-2021 Budget In the General Fund To Record Funds From The Corona Virus Relief Fund (Motion)**

Mr. Herms explains that the Ordinance Amend the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget to receive the Corona Virus Relief Fund.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE # 24 – 2020 WITH MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5 – 0

9. New Business

A. Fire Department Assistance Firefighters Grant (Motion)

Fire Chief, Tracy Caldwell explains the Firefighter Grant will replace the Fire Department air packs. The Grant was for \$217,000.00. The price for each air pack was \$9800.00 per air pack, which is \$2800.00 short per air pack. Co-op air pack cost is \$7800.00, which is \$700.00 short of the grant. The local vendor will buy back the use air packs for \$40,000.00. The Fire Department total cost to purchase 30 air Pac is \$48,600.00 and the funds will come from the reserve account. After the \$40,000.00 refund from the buy back, it will cost \$8000.00. Councilmember Hipps ask if the Co-op build fire departments. Fire Chief confirms being able to use the Co-op to build the new fire department.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BETH RUDISILL TO APPROVE FIREFIGHTERS GRANT WITH MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5 – 0

10. Old Business

A. Marty Beal, CBSA Architect Follow-up with Council

Marty Beal follow-up with a status update on the preliminary fire department design study. He met twice with the Fire Chief and the building committee. He explains floor plan D. The committee identified a need for deeper bays and adding a 5th bay. This is to accommodate for future needs. The estimate cost is \$6,351,000.00 for a gross floor area of 23650 sq feet. A review was done to minimize the cost impact. The fire department agreed on an increase on the bay depth of a 100 ft clear of the exterior walls can be decreased by 10ft. across all bays. It will accommodate the length of the equipment that is anticipated in the future. Positioning the building closer to main street will reduce the cost. Decreasing the bays will allow for the building to be closer to the street. It will increase turning radius in the back of the building for large vehicles. The modified floor area would be 22737 sq ft. for a cost of \$5,959,000.00. The committee is in consensus to reducing is back to 4 bays and reduce it to 90 ft. front to back. The cost for plan D with the modification would be \$5,695,000.00.

Councilmember Williams ask if the beds will be separated in plan D modification.

Mr. Beal states there are not separation in the bed, but four separate bedrooms. The plan is to have only one person sleeping per shift. Councilmember Williams said some fire departments are going to just a 6ft separation wall. Mr. Beal states that is possible, but the size of the rooms would need to be increased. Councilmember Hipps ask if only one person will be sleep at a time. Mr. Beal confirms that only one person will be sleeping at a time, the plan is for the future. Councilmember Williams states it is being built on a fifty-year plan. Councilmember Rudisill ask if it's possible to add a fifth bay in the future. Mr. Beal states there isn't enough site for a fifth bay, unless the town close 8th street for the property. Mr. Beal said plan E the two story is better business living for ground floor where you would not have to increase the site and still maintain five bays, you would need to add an elevator and two sets of stairs. The two story would not be as efficient. The area would be 6000 sq ft. per floor and the

footprint would fit better on the site. It would be a total of 12000 sq ft on the living and business side. The building could be even closer to main street. It would give the 70ft front apron needed for the front bay door, sidewalk and future equipment. It decreased the footprint but the gross floor area increased over all to 25565 sq ft. and the cost is \$6,636,000.00. To have five bays, the site would need to be larger or reduce the footprint. Councilmember Williams ask how many towns the size of Maiden have five bays? Mr. Beal said he could not confirm that information. Mr. Herms ask Councilmembers to determine if Mr. Beal needs to work on additional plans. Councilmembers confirms Plan D for Mr. Herms. Mr. Beal said he can modify Plan D to reflect what was discussed in the meeting. Citizen, Ms. Henry ask if Mr. Beal will share an architechal design picture for the community? Mayor Bumgarner, confirms that a picture will be provided later on in the development.

11. Presentation & Department updates

A. Retired Firefighter recognition

Mayor Max Bumgarner, Jr. and Fire Chief Caldwell presentation to retired Firefighter Danny Hipps, Chris Lowman and Chad Parker.

Parks and Recreation Interim Director, Keaton Miller confirms the opening of the splash pad on September 5, 2020. Hours of operations will be 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily.

Mr. Wright introduction of the Code and enforcement Officer, Patrick Demorrow from the Western Piedmont Council Government. Mr. Demorrow explains the coding enforcement process and confirms solving 57 cases without any citations or town abatement.

Mr. Herms acknowledges retired Firefighter Jody Rogers recognition taking place prior to his passing.

Mr. Herms provides Councilmembers with and update on the utility cut off status. Councilmember Williams request a copy of the Executive Order on utility cut offs.

Fire Chief states the Fire Department have received approval from the state to burn the house on West Main Street.

12. Closed Session

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BETH RUDISILL TO GO INTO CLOSE SESSION AT 6:50 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

13. Adjourn (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL ADJOURN AT 8:17 PM MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

Respectfully Submitted:

Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk

Max Bumgarner Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk