

TOWN OF MAIDEN
June 9, 2020
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Maiden Town Council met on Tuesday, June 9, 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, Danny Higgs and Ronnie Williams. Councilmember Bob Sigmon, absent.

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 Beth Rudisill.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Beth Rudisill.

4. Approval of the Agenda

- A. Mayor request the Ordinance # 14 – 2020 An Ordinance to Amend To The FY 2020-2021 Budget in the Electric Fund.
- B. Mayor request the Removal of Rhyan Causby Advance Certification

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED AND THE REMOVAL OF RECOGNITION RHYAN CAUSBY ADVANCE CERTIFICATION AS PRESENTED 6/9/2020. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0

5. Citizens Requests & Comments

Mr. Herms said that to remain under COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines Fall Sports registration has been postpone until guidelines are given. Typically, signup starts June 15, but will be delayed until guidelines are given to avoid issuing refunds.

Councilmember Higgs said North Carolina High School Athletic Association released information allowing high schools to start practicing on June 15.

Mr. Herms said the Recreation Department's Handicap Ramp was approved and should be completed in two weeks.

Councilmember Williams inquires about the splash pad and Mr. Herms said under the Governor's orders it is considered playground equipment and not to be utilized. Phase two is scheduled to end June 26, however that date maybe adjusted. Mr. Herms communication with the Governor has been minimal. The Splash pad is scheduled to be prepped for operation on June 26. Mr. Herms is unsure if it will open if the Governor's orders places limit restrictions. The opening will be in coordination with surrounding cities.

Councilmember Hipps ask the Program Director Mr. Miller about the plans for registration. Mr. Miller confirms that other Towns are also working through COVID-19 concerns and the sports meeting is scheduled for July.

Councilmember Hipps inquiries about the July 4th parade. Mr. Herms will research the plans for the July 4th parade.

Councilmember Hipps said the community was very appreciative of the Seniors Parade.

Mr. Herm said the citizens appreciated the Easter Bunny visit throughout the Town and the Town tour took four hours.

Mr. Keygardener with Maiden Business Association said the sale of alcohol at the Jive After Five will increase the attendance and they have general liability insurance with a million-dollar alcohol policy. An aggregate rider policy of two million dollars. The Business Association will assume all responsibility of consuming alcohol and attendance during the Jive After Five event. The boundaries will be marked with staff at all four entrance/exit areas. ID's will be verified; wristbands and tokens will be given at the time of purchase.

Councilmember Hipps asks Mr. Keygardner about the token management process for the purchase of alcohol. Mr. Keygardener will provide an update on the token management process at a later date. Councilmember Williams suggests a wristband whole punch process.

Police Chief Ledford confirms having a full staff while making an introduction of the new Police officers Barnes and Avery.

Officer Barnes Acknowledges the Councilmembers.

Officer Avery Acknowledges the Councilmembers.

6. Approval of Minutes

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AND BUDGET MEETING MINUTES 5/12/2020 & 5/18/2020 MEETING; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Finance Officer's Report May

Councilmember Hipps Acknowledges Town and County staff on the 99.81 tax collection rate.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BETH RUDISILL TO APPROVE THE FINANCE OFFICER’S REPORT AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Public Hearing

A. ZTA – Conditional Zoning District

Planning and Zoning Director Mr. Wright explains that the Conditional Zoning will allow more flexibility for the Council when approving larger rezoning projects.

Councilmember Hipps ask if the Conditional Zoning is for the Councilmembers and the Zoning Board. Mr. Wright confirms it would be the normal process with conditions being allowed.

Councilmember Williams request to Amend the notice to ten business days. Mr. Wright said under the Conditional Zoning District developers must contact and schedule a meeting with all adjacent property owners prior to applying for the rezoning, but it can be changed to ten business days.

B. ZTA – Notice of Planning Board Hearing

Planning and Zoning Director Mr. Wright explains that The Notice of Planning Board Hearing will go a step beyond what is required by state law to let the property owners know for their consideration.

9. Ordinances/Resolutions/Recognition

A. Ordinance # 12 – 2020 An Ordinance to Amend FY 2020– 2021 Budget to Record State Forfeiture Funds In The Police Department (Motion)

Mr. Herms summarizes the budget with the tax rates, water and sewer rates to remain the same, trash and recycling to increase by \$1.50 per month by house. Inside the budget a General Fund of 9.5 million, Electric Fund 6.7 Million, Water and Sewer 2.7 Million for a grand total of \$19,052,026.00. Stabilization Fund 1.2 million, Capital Fund – Electric \$ 65,000.00, Fire \$110,000.00 and Cemetery Trust Fund \$600.00.

Councilmember Williams inquires about the cemetery contract. Mr. Herms confirms the contract is for mowing, damages and software for the two cemeteries.

Mr. Herms explains that Ordinance #12 finalizes the fiscal year for the auditor.

Chief Ledford gives examples of the items the funds were used for, which include bikes and a vest.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO APPROVE ORDINANCE # 12 – 2020 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5 – 0.

- B. Ordinance # 13 – 2020 An Ordinance to Amend FY 2019-2020 Budget to Record The General Fund To Record Reimbursement From Insurance Company For Damages To Police Car (Motion)

Mr. Herms Explains the Funds will repair the damages to the car.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE # 13 – 2020 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5 – 0.

- C. Ordinance # 14 – 2020 An Ordinance to Amend The FY 2019-2020 Budget In The Electric Fund (Motion)

Mr. Herms Explains the funds will be used to pay for power from electricities if the bill is higher than expected, however it will be returned, if not needed.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE # 14 – 2020 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5 – 0.

- D. Ordinance # 15 - 2020 An Ordinance For FY 2020-2021 Budget (Motion)

Mr. Herms will answer questions or please see budget.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BETH RUDISILL TO APPROVE ORDINANCE # 15 – 2020 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5 – 0.

- E. Ordinance # 16- 2020 ZTA- Conditional Zoning District (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO APPROVE ORDINANCE # 16 – 2020 WITH THE COUNCIL COMMENTS AND AMENDMENT OF TEN BUSINESS DAYS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5 – 0.

- F. Ordinance # 17- 2020 ZTA- Notice of Planning Board Hearings (Motion).

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE # 17 – 2020 WITH COUNCIL CHANGES AND ADDING TEN BUSINESS DAYS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5 – 0.

- G. Recognition Rhyan Causby Advance Certification

10. Old Business

A. Jive After Five Maiden Business Association

Attorney Conrad explains prior Council meeting voting on Ordinance #10 and confirming no additional comments received by clerk.

Madam Clerk Barnes confirms not receiving any additional comments after the Council meeting.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE # 10 – 2020 WITH MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5 – 0.

Mr. Herms request direction on Jive After Five and states that May and June were canceled. He will have staff prepare as if the event will take place.

Councilmembers confirm still having the event based on the conditions and wait to hang the banner.

Councilmember Hipps inquires about the surplus of a vehicle to the Town of Maiden. Mr. Herms confirms that the County surplused a vehicle to the Town of Maiden and the Town will decal the vehicle.

Councilmember Williams inquires about the vehicle use for Aid and First Response travel. Mr. Herms said he will confirm that with the Fire Chief, since he thought it was for school travel.

Councilmember Williams confirms that Councilmember Sigmon is at home.

11. Adjourn (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO ADJOURN at 6:54 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

Respectfully Submitted:

Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk

Max Bumgarner Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk