

Maiden Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 6:00 PM
Council Chamber, Maiden Town Hall

The Maiden Town Council met on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. for their regular scheduled meeting, held in the Town of Maiden Council Chamber.

Present for the meeting were, Mayor Max Bumgarner Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill, Councilmembers Bob Sigmon, Ronnie Williams, Cameron Ramseur, and Holly-Crafton-Lay.

Also, present were Town Manager Todd Herms, Town Attorney Ellis Hankins, and Town Clerk-HR Officer 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 Bob Sigmon
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Bob Sigmon

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON -LAY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL TO APPROVE THE REGULAR SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.

6. Resignation

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO ACCEPT COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HIPPS RESIGNATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.

7. Citizen Requests & Comments

A. Samantha Saunders Maiden Business Association states, I am looking for feedback from the Merry Maiden event. Mayor Max Bumgarner state, everything went well.

Devore Henry 522 S. D Ave states, I see on the agenda, council seat vacant and a motion. I heard that the resignation was dated on December 31, 2022. I would like for the council to take into consideration that both individuals had run for council. The citizens have spoken on those individuals. If you are looking to motion on those individuals, think twice. You had five candidates run and the citizens selected three candidates.

I think it would be in the best interest that we go outside and hold that vacancy for another month. He just resigned on 12/31/2022.

Finance Officer, Jessica White acknowledges the new hire, Jonah Cunningham.

Mayor Max Bumgarner acknowledges Law Enforcement Day.

Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, all town offices will be closed on January 16th for Doctor Martin Luther King Day.

Parks and Recreation Director, Keaton Miller states, Jody Rogers Day went well. All twenty-nine of the team came out to play. We kicked the season off in Jody's memory.

Councilmember Crafton-Lay states, Blake is there an update from the EDC Conference?

Planning and Zoning Director Blake Wright states, we have partnered with Electriciti's, and they are creating some commercial maps that we can use to work with developers.

Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, there are some conferences that Blake, me, or Elected Officials can attend. They are being held in Charlotte, Raleigh, and Atlanta.

Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill states, what is on the maps?

Mr. Wright states, the map will show our businesses, Subway, Dollar General the commerce's, population with a five- and ten-minute drive time. We are putting the new subdivision and the homes right outside of town.

8. Consent Agenda

A. Finance Officer's Report (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY TO APPROVE THE FINANCE OFFICER REPORT AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.

9. New Business

A. Council Seat Vacancy (Motion)

Mayor Max Bumgarner states, I have spoken with two different people. Tonight, I would like to nominate Mr. Ronnie Williams. I have worked with him before. He is very experienced and keeps up with the meetings on social media. He knows what is going on and did a good job while on council. The second person that contacted me was Richard Foxx. Is there anyone you would like to nominate? Councilmember Cameron Ramseur states, do we have to fill this right now? Attorney Hankins states, I sent council an email stating what the law allows and requires. The town charter is silent, and the general assembly haven't specifically stated what to do about it. That means that one of the statues applies, and that statue is called vacancy. It's G.S 160A163. It says a vacancy that occurs in an elected office, shall be filled. It does not say when you have to do it. Your motion to accept the resignation created the vacancy. If you wish you can vote here and now to fill the vacancy. The seat you are filling is a four-year term. The term runs until 2025. That means when the council appoints a citizen to fill the vacancy the appointment runs to this election year 2023. That seat will be on the municipal ballot in 2023 for the remainder of the two-year term. That is the process. I recommended to the mayor that the council vote in the order they were offered. The

majority vote will fill the vacancy. Councilmember Crafton-Lay states, my nomination is Danny Kiser to add to the list. Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill, states I am going to give my thoughts on whether we should wait or not. We have a lot of business and entering budget season. I feel like we need another councilmember in place. Danny's resignation was effective tonight, but he spoke to council previously about the resignation. Councilmember Crafton-Lay states, I agree, we should not leave it vacant until November. There has not been a conversation about this with me. I think there have been some conversations. I personally would like to see it sit for one meeting with all the nominees on the table. Attorney Hankins state, the nominees are before the council right now. It is appropriate to vote unless there is a motion to delay. Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill states, I make a motion to move forward. Councilmember Bob Sigmon states, second. Mayor Bumgarner states, all in favor say aye all opposed say no. Councilmember Crafton-Lay states, no. Councilmember Ramseur states, no. Mayor Bumgarner states, I vote to move forward. Mayor Bumgarner states, I need a motion if you agree to appoint Ronnie Williams. Councilmember Bob Sigmon states, I so move. Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill states, second. Mayor Bumgarner states, all in favor say aye all opposed say no. Councilmember Crafton -Lay states, no. Councilmember Cameron Ramseur states, no. Mayor Bumgarner states, I vote that we appoint Ronnie Williams in the vacant seat.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO MOVE FORWARD TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT. MOTION CARRIED 3 AYE AND 2 NO. MAYOR BUMGARNER AYE.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT WITH RONNIE WILLIAMS. MOTION CARRIED 3 AYE AND 2 NO. MAYOR BUMGARNER AYE.

B. If Needed, New appointment and swearing in of New Councilmember (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL TO APPOINT AND SWEAR IN RONNIE WILLIAMS. MOTION CARRIED 3 AYE AND 2 NO. MAYOR BUMGARNER AYE

Madam Clerk Wanda Barnes swears in appointed councilmember Ronnie Williams.

10. Old Business

A. Appointment of Town Attorney and Fee Agreement (Motion)

Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, this is the same attorney agreement and fee that the town paid the previous attorney. The contract can be cancelled at any time by council or attorney Deaton.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWN ATTORNEY AND FEE AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

11. Ordinance / Resolution

- A. Ordinance #12-2023 An ordinance to Amend the FY 2022-2023 Budget in the Police Fund (Motion)
Finance Officer Jessica White states, I have a budget amendment every year from Lawrence lumber, a donation of \$1000 to the Police Department. We have put that money in the miscellaneous general fund until you approve this amendment to move it over to the Police Department.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO AMEND THE FY 2022-2023 BUDGET IN THE POLICE FUND. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

12. Adjourn

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON - LAY TO ADJOURN AT 6:25 PM MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:
Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk

Max Bumgarner Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk