

**Maiden Town Council Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 6:00 PM**  
**Council Chamber, Maiden Town Hall**

The Maiden Town Council met on Tuesday, February 7, 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 Wesley Deaton, 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 Cameron Ramseur  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Ramseur

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 5-0.**

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BETH RUDISILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.**

6. Citizen Request & Comments

Citizen Ms. Annie Ramseur states, you know when everyone was put into office, I said I was putting the tape on my mouth, and I can take it off. Right now, I feel in my own heart, and you know I tell the truth. Everyone here knows me. I want you all as a council people to work together. Don't leave anyone out or say that you all have the same amount of time, and it was done in quarters. I respect you all. I would like for all the council people to work together on one accord. This is Maiden and this is a new day. This is a small community and a beautiful place. We need to do the work of Maiden. Let's get on with productive things in the Maiden community. I need you to do it right. Thank you for this time and I love you all.

Citizen Danny Kiser states, I live at 330 East Main Street, I too read the newspaper and I been on council before. A week ago, Friday newspaper, I read an article that Kevin Griffin wrote and it was discussed in closed session. You were in there to hire a town attorney, that was the purpose. Second, you weren't supposed to tell what went on in closed session. I must hand it to councilmember Holly; I asked her, and she said, "I can't tell you what went on in closed session". You got to go by the rules. I have been told that Maiden is different. You all read up on the rules,

that is all I ask.

Mayor Max Bumgarner states when talking about a council member, is that not considered personnel? Attorney Wesley Deaton states, typically discussing council member would not be personnel or a matter to go into closed session. Mayor states, but a council member is considered a personnel part of management. Attorney Deaton states, there's an exception for discussing censure of a council member, commissioner you would want to discuss that in close session. Mayor states, going forward it will be done in open session. Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill states, to be clear none of us went in closed session to discuss that. It came up during Danny's resignation when he announced it between the interviews. I am going to be honest; it came up between the interview and Danny did not give a time or date at that point. When does it becomes public knowledge. Attorney Deaton states, once its discussed, it becomes public knowledge. Councilmember Crafton-Lay states, it wasn't public knowledge because that was the first time, I had heard of it. Mayor Pro Tem states, when it came out in the paper it was already public knowledge. Mayor states, the meeting was on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December, but the newspaper did not come out until January 10<sup>th</sup>. Devora Henry states, if it was disclosed to the public, they could have gone to a council member and ask to be nominated, but they did not have that opportunity. Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill states, I would like for to be the end of this and carry-on doing business, since he has already been seated. I hope we all can agree to do that. We are here as a council to work together. Devora Henry states, I agree less move forward. There should be a process to inform the citizens of Maiden.

Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill states, I was at Village of Maiden today and it looks like some footings were being dug today. Town Manager Mr. Todd Herms states, they have a meeting this week. They are anticipating the first person moving in and turning on utilities, spring of next year. Councilmember Holly Crafton-Lay states, can we get a recap of the monthly meeting? Mr. Herms states, yes.

Citizen Devora Henry states, tenants are wondering why the town payments process is not electronic. An incident happens and it took about 4 or 5 days to get utilities turned on. Mr. Herms states, we will investigate it. We investigated going electronic and the cost was not worth it. The new website that Anna is working on, should be able to help with the process.

Councilmember Cameron Ramseur states, have we address the issue of the drains on South D. Ave? Mr. Herms states, they are working on drains at Rosenwald Park and Union Street. Councilmember Cameron Ramseur states, do we celebrate Black History month? Mr. Herms states, we post quotes on social media.

## 7. 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 5-0.**

## 8. New Business

### A. Lowdermilk Church & CO LLP Audit Report (Motion)

Rick hammer states, I'm with Lowdermilk church and company. I was the manager on the audit this year. I am here to go over some highlights. The report has been presented to the local Commission and it was approved. It was submitted timely, so there weren't any amendments needed for extra time or anything this year. We issued an unmodified auditors' opinion, which is what you want to have. That is required by the local government Commission, and it says that everything was fairly stated in our opinion. There weren't any kind of material statements, we also did a report on the back a compliance report, a government audience standard. Where we looked at some of your compliance items, some of your grant expenditures.

We had no findings related to any of the grant expenditures that we examined. That we examined there was a finding relating to an over budget and the debt service account in the general fund but that was it's not a material finding or anything but we were required to report that as far as the highlight sheet there's so similar to what we went over last year there's a 2022 column which is the June 2022 audit that we're reporting on then there's the 2021 column which was last year's amounts and then there's an increase and decrease column there at the right the first portion is your general fund which is your main operating fund at the town that you can see cash investments at the end of June was \$4,503,062.00 and included cash investments is included in your total assets which was \$5,335,044.00. Your fund balance, which is your assets less your liabilities and June 30 was \$5,172,611.00. As far as revenue you took in about \$11.3 million in total revenue in the general fund. During the year and you expended out \$11,138,944.00, and your increase in your increase balance for the year was \$920,085.00. Avalon taxes collected which was included in the revenue amount above was \$8,022,480.00. You collected 99.87% of your current revenue this year.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE FINANCE AUDIT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.**

9. New Business

B. Transition from part-time to Full-Time Fighter Position (Motion)

Adding 4 full-time fire fighter positions.

Promoting Addy Ikard to the utility data manager and getting training for her in July.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON TO APPROVE THE FULL TIME POSITION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.**

10. Closed Session (Motion) In 6:44 P.M.

A. G.S. 143-318.11:

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIMAS TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON END CLOSED SESSION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0. OUT: 7:46 P.M**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY INTO REGULAR SESSION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0. OUT: 7:46 P.M**

11. Adjourn

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON TO ADJOURN AT 7:49 PM MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.**

Respectfully Submitted:  
Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk

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**Max Bumgarner Jr., Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Wanda Barnes, Town Clerk**