

**Maiden Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, Maiden Town Hall**

The Maiden Town Council met on Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting, held in the Town of Maiden Council Chambers.

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

Also present were Town Manager Todd Herms, Town Attorney Wesley Deaton, and Town Clerk-PIO Anna Hughey.

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 Holly Crafton-Lay.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Holly Crafton-Lay.

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON 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 COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.

6. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes

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

7. Citizen Requests and Comments

Mayor Max Bumgarner Jr. announces that the Maiden Fire Department will hold a Groundbreaking Ceremony on October 6th at 11:00 am at 717 E Main St. Bumgarner also states that he received a proclamation of thanks from the City of Newton thanking Maiden employees for their assistance after the storm on August 10th.

Samantha Saunders from the Maiden Business Association states they will hold an event on 9/16/23 with food trucks and vendors from 1:00-6:00 in the parking lot of the Maiden Recreation Center. There will be a Maiden Movie night on October 21st with free hot

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dogs and water. Everyone is encouraged to dress in costume. Both events are free to attend. Saunders states that the MBA enjoys giving back to the community. Saunders states that she would like to see the American Flags placed on the sidewalk in honor of 9/11. Town Manager Todd Herms says that he and Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth are coming up with a list and will take care of this.

Citizen Richard Fox thanks the women law enforcement officers of the Maiden Police Department and acknowledges that September 12th is National Police Women's Day.

Town Manager Todd Herms announces that October 7th will be the annual Fall Festival. All rides will be free for the children.

Town Clerk/PIO, Anna Hughey says that she and Human Resource Officer, Wanda Barnes are moving forward with the Hunger Walk on October 15th. Mayor Pro Tem Beth Rudisill encourages anyone who would like to sign up to do so and fellowship.

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Finance Officers Report August (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE AUGUST FINANCE OFFICER REPORT AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.

9. New Business

- a. Fireman Relief Fund Board Nominations

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO ACCEPT THE NOMINEES AS PRESENTED FOR THE FIREMAN RELIEF FUND BOARD. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.

Fire Chief Luke Shoffner recognizes Richard and Vernon Canseler who have served on the board since the 80s-90s and have decided to resign and the Fire Department would like to nominate Terry Michaels and Tracy Caldwell as the new representatives. Councilmember Holly Crafton-Lay asks for more details about the terms for this board and Shoffner explains that this is a state-run board and different towns do it differently.

10. Old Business

- a. ATM Lease Agreement (Motion)

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

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The Planning and Zoning Director, Blake Wright states this is no cost to the Town, and the expected date for the ATM is February 2024. It will be a walk-up ATM. Manager Herms explains that this CashPoints will not be affected by the splitting of any banks in the near future. Councilmember Ronnie Williams asks about the prep work required and Herms says that all work will be handled by SECU.

b. AMI Vendor Selection (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL TO APPROVE AMI VENDOR SELECTION CENSUS AS RECOMMENDED. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.

Public Works Director Bryan Duckworth states that four proposals were reviewed. Herms says that this will be a project budget and will be separate from the operating budget. Councilmember Holly Crafton-Lay asks if any third parties will be used, and Duckworth confirms Census houses all technology. Town Attorney Wesley Deaton asks for clarification that the RFP was responsive and responsible and asks if it was the lowest bidder. Duckworth says yes. Councilmember Ronnie Williams asks about compatibility with a new billing system. Duckworth says it will be able to adapt to any changes in the foreseeable future.

c. Agreement with Catawba County for Funding Buffalo Shoals Waterline Project (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CATAWBA COUNTY TO FUND THE BUFFALO SHOALS PROJECT. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.

Bryan Duckworth explains this project will help with water pressure. Funding will come from ARPA and the county has funds for this project that will be distributed to Maiden. Herms says this will provide a backup water supply for the Town and help with health/safety issues.

d. Approval of Engineering Contract- Buffalo Shoals Waterline Project (Motion)

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KCI. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.

e. LGC Final Approval of Funding

Finance Director Jessica White explains that this Agenda item was put on the Agenda as a placeholder but after her meeting with the LGC earlier in the day there is no further approval needed.

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11. Ordinance/Resolutions

- a. Ordinance #04-2024 Ordinance Supporting Special Events in the Town of Maiden
(Motion)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLY CRAFTON-LAY AND
SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BETH RUDISILL TO APPROVE
ORDINANCE #04-2024. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.**

12. Adjourn

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER BOB SIGMON AND
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO ADJOURN THE
MEETING AT 6:36 P.M. MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0.**

**Respectfully Submitted:
Anna Hughey, Town Clerk**

Max Bumgarner Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Hughey, Town Clerk