

Board of Commissioners Meeting
Work Session - 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Gladys Dean, Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Morton, Commissioners: Vivian B. Morrison, Sallie McLean, Ray Oxendine and James McClanathan

Absent: None

Staff Present: Town Manager Tatum, Town Clerk Roberson, Police Chief McDowell and Town Attorney Jessica Locklear

Also present: New employees – Mark Ellis and Rosemary Wilkerson

Mayor Gladys Dean gave the welcome called the January 8, 2008 work session of the Town of Maxton Board of Commissioner to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Morrison.

WORK SESSION

1. Lumber River Council of Governments Board of Directors Appointment

The Lumber River Council of Governments has requested that the Town's Board of Commissioners appoint one elected official as the primary and an alternate to serve as the LRCOG Board of Directors representatives. The alternate may attend all the meetings, but will only be allowed a vote in the absence of the primary appointee.

2. Planning and Zoning Board Appointment

An appointment needs to be made to replace the seat previously held by Commissioner Vivian Brown-Morrison. Mr. Eddie Darton has applied for this position.

3. Tree Committee Appointment

Marjorie Sharpe has resigned from the Tree Committee. Other than Town Manager Tatum, there are only two people serving on this committee. Since Katherine Carter is about to resign due to relocation sometime this month, Mr. Willis Sullivan will be the only member left on this committee. The Board needs to appoint someone to serve on this committee. We can also actively advertise on our bulletin board if necessary.

4. Maxton Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Elaine Malloy's appointment has expired and she is asking to be reappointed. The Board needs to either reappoint Ms. Malloy or select another appointee. No others have applied at this juncture.

5. Gilbert Patterson Library Board Appointment

In their November meeting, the Library Board voted on recommending Mr. Enrique J. Porrua to serve out the term of Tim Van Hooser. Mr. Porrua is a professor at UNCP and has agreed to serve in the position with your approval.

6. Modify Town Charter - General Nuisance Ordinance.

The staff would like permission to ask one of our State representatives to introduce legislature to amend the Town’s Charter to allow the town to give a one time annual notice to repeat violators of the Town’s General Nuisance Ordinance with respect to Section 18-71.

Uncontrolled weeds and accumulation of refuse declared to be a public nuisance. As you know each year, we have to deal with the same offenders over and over again either by written notice, direct contact or both. This is time consuming and the town ends up abating the nuisance anyway. This way, we can avoid the red tape called for by the current ordinance and notify the owner during the initial annual contact that if it occurs again, the town will automatically abate the nuisance, bill them appropriately waiting 30 days for payment, then charge off the cost as taxes.

The language being proposed would read as follows: “The Town of Maxton may notify a violator of Section 18-71 of the Town of Maxton ordinance governing uncontrolled weeds and accumulation of refuse public nuisance by giving an initial annual notice that, if the violator's property is found to be in violation at any time after the initial violation notice is rendered, the Town shall, without further notice in the calendar year in which the initial annual notice is given, take action to remedy the violation, and the expense of the action shall become a lien upon the property and shall be collected as unpaid taxes. The initial annual notice shall be the first notice of violation given during any calendar year and must be served by registered or certified mail.”

The ordinance is currently written in such a way as to require staff to give ten days notice prior to taking action with each violation. By changing the notice, staff could create an annual violators roster and schedule regular maintenance with a private contractor after the initial annual notice.

7. RFP for Legal Services

Included for your review is the resignation of our current legal service provider, Locklear, Jacobs, Hunt and Brooks. In order to expedite the replacement process, Town Manager Tatum prepared a RFP for Legal Services for your review located in the work session attachment folder. Please review the document and prepare any suggestions for additional language, correction or modification.

8. Review of Proposal to Rent Gas Station – Wilmington Street

As discussed during an earlier Board Meeting, Town Manager Tatum stated that she has been collecting data to ascertain the feasibility of renting and ultimately purchasing the Wilmington Street Gas Station for a municipal pumping station. The initial expense will be recaptured within the recommended period as shown in the analysis. Town Manager Tatum stated that another reason to look into the property is that the current Town Office has no room for expansion. Getting another facility will allow room for expansion. Town Manager Tatum asked that the Board to review the analysis.

Pumping Station Analysis

I spoke with Mr. Clinton Graham and met with his representative several times concerning the town’s interest in renting and/or purchasing the Wilmington Street Gas Station located next to town hall for a

municipal pumping station. I negotiated a rent of \$550 per month or \$6,600 per year. The owner is not prepared to render a purchase price at this time without a formal appraisal. However, the analysis is prepared based on the rental terms. A more detailed purchase analysis can be conducted during negotiations. I have also negotiated terms with Oliver's Oil Company and the Jones & Frank Company which handles Fluid Handling Equipment for Petroleum, Chemical, Automotive, and Industrial needs. This company would be converting the existing equipment to meet the town's needs.

Historically relevant data: The pumps were installed in 1997. At that time they had a 30 year warranty. Twenty years remains on the warranty. The tanks have a 1/4" fiberglass coating. Two tanks are available, a 6,000 gallon gas tank and a 4,000 gallon diesel tank. All piping is fiberglass coated. An inspection of November 1, 2007 revealed that these tanks have double wall protection. The current system meets current EPA standards, which requires that the tanks be checked every day. It has a self check system. It prints the volume of gas pumped in a 24 hour period. It has a European Suction Pump system, which is exempt from line testing.

Jones and Frank Conversion Proposal: \$10,827.00

Jones and Frank performed the analysis of the current system at no cost to the town. According to Jones and Frank, the tanks are in good condition and will allow the features I requested. This company will install a system that will allow up to 60 keys. Each key will be attached to a specific car or piece of equipment. The software will shut down the tank if for instance a user has exceeded the established miles per gallon. It will only allow the gas to be pumped at that point with an administrator's override. That will allow the supervisors to determine if there is an instance of misuse of government funds or theft. When the key is used, the software establishes the typical miles per gallon attainable by that particular vehicle. The typical life of the hardware is well over ten years. Software upgrades are included in the package. All equipment is water tolerant.

INITIAL COSTS – first year of operation

Equipment Conversion -	\$10,827
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Rental - \$550 deposit, \$550 per month - \$7,150

Second year cost projection -	\$6,600
Third year cost projection -	\$6,600
Fourth year cost projection -	\$6,600
Fifth year cost projection -	<u>\$6,600</u>
Total Five Year Outlay	\$44,377

Current Yearly Costs

Shell Average yearly expenditure minus credits	\$20,815.00
Nic's gives no credits	\$36,927.00
Total Cost per year	\$57,742
Cost minus credits	(\$408)
Total Cost with credits	\$57,334
Less Gas Tax	<u>(\$2,634)</u>
Total Cost	\$54,700

Projected Fuel Savings with Direct Purchase – Oliver’s Oil Company

Yearly Cost with 15% savings	\$46,495
Yearly savings (takes existing credit into account)	\$8,205
Yearly savings (possible theft) 5%	\$2,735.

Savings/losses	Savings/Cost	Recapture Analysis	
First Year	\$10,940 - \$17,977	(\$7,037)	
Second Year	\$10,940 - \$6,600	\$4,340	(\$2,697)
Third Year	\$10,940 - \$6,600	\$4,340	\$1,643
Fourth Year	\$10,940 – \$6,600	\$4,340	\$5,983
Fifth Year	\$10,940 - \$6,600	\$4,340	\$10,323
Less Cost of Annual Support for Software (Five years)		(\$950.00)	

Recapture of Initial Investment by the third year. Net gain after software support costs of \$950 for the five year period is after five year period is \$9,373.

Note: This analysis was performed using a 15% savings rate for fuel. The actual savings for gas is 15%, for diesel is 17%.

9. Administrative and Engineering Award - CDBG

Administrative RFP:

The administrative RFP was issued twice. The first round yielded two responses. As required by DCA, we had to issue the RFP a second time. The second round only yielded one response, which was from The Wooten Company. Their bid was for \$89,660, which is 8.966% of the total project cost. Seventeen percent or \$170,000 is allowed by DCA standards. This company has worked with me during the planning phase at no cost to the town and very familiar with our concept and the residents in the project area. They are proficient in all work categories of the Project; Acquisition Service Delivery, Clearance Service Delivery, Relocation Service Delivery, Rehabilitation Activities Service Delivery, the Innovative Project (PALS Center) and CDBG General Administration. Their proposal commits a total of 1,528 man hours toward the completion of this project.

Engineering RFP:

The analysis of proposals is listed below. The Wooten Company is recommended for the contract award.

Rating Category	Hobbs Upchurch	McDavid & Assoc.	Koonce Noble & Assoc.	Municipal Engineering	The Wooten Co	Possible Point
Technical Approach/Understanding of Program	22	22	20	23	25	25
Work Management Plan/Experience of Proposed Personnel	24	22	24	20	24	25
CDBG Engineering Experience of the Firm	24	24	24	10	24	25
Familiarity with Locality	22	15	22	5	24	25
Hourly Fee Schedule	8	8	10	9	6	10
TOTAL	100	91	100	67	103	110

10. Disturbing the Peace and Disorderly Conduct Ordinance

As you know, the Town faced a number of incidents involving disturbances of the peace during 2007, without a means of providing for longer sentencing upon arrests. Staff developed an ordinance that may take care of the town’s needs in this area. It has been sent to DCA for review and comment. This document has been placed in the Work Session folder for your review.

11. Overtime Grant Application

The Police Department is seeking a grant to assist with overtime connected with Street Drugs and Street Gangs Activity. The grant will yield \$7,438.30 with a \$2,479.43 match of town funds. Keep in mind that the town currently pays all overtime without assistance from any source. All officers will be covered by this grant in the event overtime is warranted. The grant is provided by the Governor’s Crime Commission under the Criminal Justice Improvement category and must be submitted by January 31, 2008. See the Work Session folder for budget details.

Mayor Dean asked the Board if they would like to schedule an exclusive workshop to discuss the Town’s grants. It was the consensus of the Board to hold a workshop to discuss the Town’s grants.

AGENDA
Regular Meeting
7:30 P.M.

Welcome - Mayor Gladys Dean

Mayor Gladys Dean declared a quorum present and called the January 8, 2008 regular session of the Town of Maxton Board of Commissioner to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Gladys Dean, Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Morton, Commissioners: Vivian B. Morrison, Sallie McLean, Ray Oxendine and James McClanathan

Absent: None

Staff Present: Town Manager Tatum, Town Clerk Roberson, Police Chief McDowell and Town Attorney Jessica Locklear

Also present: New employees – Mark Ellis and Rosemary Wilkerson

Invocation was given by Commissioner Oxendine.

APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA – Commissioner Oxendine motioned approval of the proposed agenda. Commissioner McLean seconded. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes:

Regular Meeting: December 11, 2007

Special Meeting: December 17, 2007

Mayor Pro Tem Morton motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner McLean seconded. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Eric Sanders – Principal of Townsend Middle School

Mr. Sanders thanked the Town Council for the invitation to appear before the Board. He stated that they have a three-year plan for improvement and some of the goals have been met the first year. He stated that he seeks citizens help, input and resources. They are concerned about community relations, mentoring and beautification. He has an Open Door Policy, but asks that people call to set an appointment. Mr. Sanders congratulated Mayor Dean on her election as Mayor. He concluded by saying, “We make ourselves available to you”. Mayor Dean informed Mr. Sanders that she heard him speak earlier and applauds him on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. She extended the invitation to Mr. Sanders to come back as often as he wishes and that “anything we can do – we will gladly do”.

2. Mr. Woodberry Bowen – Robeson County Humane Society

Mr. Bowen was unable to attend this meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

1. Mark Ellis – Mr. Ellis has been hired to serve in the position of Animal Control Officer – Mr. Ellis is a volunteer Fire Fighter with the QueHeel Fire Department and attends UNCP taking courses attain his EMT certification. He is a former Marine.

2. Rosemary Wilkerson – Ms. Wilkerson comes to us from Walmart Stores where she was a Merchandise Supervisor. Ms. Wilkerson previously worked with the town from November 1996 to June 2003 prior to relocating to another town. She is now back home and working with us again.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lumber River Council of Governments Board of Directors Appointment

Commissioner Oxendine nominated Mayor Dean as the primary elected official to represent the Town of Maxton on the LRCOG Board of Directors. Commissioner McClanathan seconded. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Oxendine motioned to close the nomination and appoint Mayor Dean as the primary elected official to represent the Town of Maxton on the LRCOG Board of Directors. Commissioner McClanathan seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner McLean motioned to appoint Commissioner Morrison as the alternate elected official to represent the Town of Maxton on the LRCOG Board of Directors. Commissioner Oxendine seconded. There were no other nominations. Commissioner McLean motioned to close the nomination and appoint Commissioner Morrison as the alternate elected official to represent the Town of Maxton on the LRCOG Board of Directors. Mayor Pro Tem Morton seconded. The vote was unanimous.

2. Planning and Zoning Board Appointment

Mayor Pro Tem Morton motioned to appoint Eddie Darton to the Planning and Zoning Board to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner Vivian Morrison to expire in October 2010. Commissioner McLean seconded. The vote was unanimous.

3. Tree Committee Appointment

The Board had no recommendations for the Tree Committee appointment. Staff will advertise for the Tree Committee appointment.

4. Maxton Board of Adjustments and Appeals Appointment

Mayor Pro Tem Morton motioned to reappoint Elaine Malloy to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Commissioner McLean seconded. The vote was unanimous.

5. Gilbert Patterson Memorial Library Board Appointment

Mayor Pro Tem Morton motioned to appoint UNCP Professor Enrique J. Porrua to Gilbert Patterson Library Friends of the Library Board of Directors and Trustees to fill the position vacated by Timothy L. Van Hooser. Commissioner Oxendine seconded. The vote was unanimous.

6. Modify Town Charter – General Nuisance Ordinance

Amend the Town’s Charter to allow the town to give a one time annual notice to repeat violators of the Town’s General Nuisance Ordinance with respect to Section 18-71. Uncontrolled weeds and accumulation of refuse declared to be a public nuisance.

Mayor Pro Tem Morton motioned approval to allow staff to request that one of our State representatives introduce legislation to amend the Town’s Charter as proposed:

The language being proposed would read as follows: “The Town of Maxton may notify a violator of Section 18-71 of the Town of Maxton ordinance governing Uncontrolled weeds and accumulation of refuse public nuisance by giving an initial annual notice that, if the violator's property is found to be in violation at any time after the initial violation notice is rendered, the Town shall, without further notice in the calendar year in which the initial annual notice is given, take action to remedy the violation, and the expense of the action shall become a lien upon the property and shall be collected as unpaid taxes. The initial annual notice shall be the first notice of violation given during any calendar year and must be served by registered or certified mail”. Commissioner McLean seconded. The vote was unanimous.

7. RFP for Legal Services

Mayor Pro Tem Morton motioned to allow Town Manager to proceed with advertisement of the RFP for legal services for the Town of Maxton. Commissioner Oxendine seconded. The vote was unanimous.

8. Review of Proposal to Rent Gas Station – Wilmington Street

Commissioner Oxendine motioned approval to grant Town Manager Tatum permission to negotiate a lease agreement and accept proposal of Jones and Frank for conversion. Commissioner McLean seconded. The vote was unanimous.

9. Administrative and Engineering Award – CDBG

Mayor Pro Tem Morton motioned to approve The Wooten Company to administer the program and render engineering services. Commissioner Morrison seconded. The vote was unanimous.

10. Disturbing the Peace and Disorderly Conduct Ordinance

ORDINANCE FOR:

Disturbing the Peace and Disorderly Conduct. Definition – For the purpose of this section disturbing the peace and disorderly conduct shall mean any offense involving disturbance of the public peace and decency.

Disturbing the peace.

No person shall disturb the peace of others by violent, tumultuous, offensive, stubbornly defiant, or aggressively boisterous conduct or carriage, or by excessively loud and unusual noises, or by unseemly, profane, obscene or offensive language, calculated to provoke a breach of the peace; or permit any such conduct in or upon any house or premises owned or possessed by him or under his management or control, so that others in the vicinity are disturbed thereby.

Disorderly conduct on public property or at public events.

No person shall disturb the peace by any noisy, riotous or disorderly conduct in any street or other public places or events, including those intended for pleasure or amusement, or use indecent, loud or profane language on the public streets, or other public places or events, including those intended for pleasure or amusement.

Disorderly conduct.

(a) Disorderly conduct is a public disturbance intentionally caused by any person

who does any of the following:

(1) Engages in fighting or other violent conduct or in conduct creating the threat of imminent fighting or other violence.

(2) Makes or uses any utterance, gesture, display or abusive language which is intended and plainly likely to provoke violent retaliation and thereby cause a breach of the peace.

(3) Engages in conduct which disturbs the peace, order, or discipline on any public school bus or public school activity bus.

(4) Except as provided in subdivision (5) of this subsection, disrupts, disturbs, or interferes with a religious service or assembly or engages in conduct which disturbs the peace or order at any religious service or assembly.

(5) Engages in conduct with the intent to impede, disrupt, disturb, or interfere with the orderly administration of any funeral, memorial service, or family processional to the funeral or memorial service, including a military funeral, service, or family processional, or with the normal activities and functions occurring in the facilities or buildings where a funeral or memorial service, including a military funeral or memorial service, is taking place. Any of the following conduct that occurs within one hour preceding, during, or within one hour after a funeral or memorial service shall constitute disorderly conduct under this subdivision:

a.) Displaying, within 300 feet of the ceremonial site, location being used for the funeral or memorial, or the family's processional route to the funeral or memorial service, any visual image that conveys fighting words or actual or imminent threats of harm directed to any person or property associated with the funeral, memorial service, or processional route.

b.) Uttering, within 300 feet of the ceremonial site, location being used for the funeral or memorial service, or the family's processional route to the funeral or memorial service, loud, threatening, or abusive language or singing, chanting, whistling, or yelling with or without noise amplification in a manner that would tend to impede, disrupt, disturb, or interfere with a funeral, memorial service, or processional route.

c.) Attempting to block or blocking pedestrian or vehicular access to the ceremonial site or location being used for a funeral or memorial.

(6) He intentionally causes public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm to any other person, or creates a risk thereof by:

a.) Engaging in fighting or violence, tumultuous or threatening behavior; or

b.) Making an unreasonable noise or an offensively coarse utterance, gesture or display, or addressing abusive language to any person; or

c.) Disturbing any lawful assembly or meeting of persons with lawful authority; or

d.) Obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic; or

- e.) Congregating with other persons in a public place and refusing to comply with a lawful order of the police to disperse; or
- f.) Creating a hazardous or physically offensive condition which serves no legitimate purpose; or
- g.) Performs an offense constituting malicious and willful intrusion upon the peace and quiet of a community or neighborhood, or
- h.) Quarreling in public.

(7) He engages with at least one other person in a course of disorderly conduct as defined in Subdivision (1) of this section which is likely to cause substantial harm or serious inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, and refuses or knowingly fails to obey an order to disperse made by a peace officer to the participants.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, any person who willfully engages in disorderly conduct is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

(c) A person who commits a violation of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this section is guilty of:

- (1) A Class 2 misdemeanor for a first offense.
- (2) A Class 1 misdemeanor for a second offense.
- (3) A Class I felony for a third or subsequent offense.

Mayor Pro Tem Morton motioned approval of the Disturbing the Peace Ordinance pending recommended changes by DCA. Commissioner McLean seconded. The vote was unanimous.

11. Overtime Grant Application

Commissioner McLean motioned approval of the Overtime Grant application. Commissioner Oxendine seconded. The vote was unanimous.

12. Addition to the Agenda – Item #12

Mayor Pro Tem Morton motioned to add set time and date to discuss all grants during a workshop to the agenda as New Business Item #12. Commissioner McClanathan seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Pro Tem Morton motioned to hold a workshop in January 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. for a special discussion on grants. Commissioner McLean seconded. The vote was unanimous.

REPORTS

1. Commissioner's Reports

A. Mayor Pro Tem Morton commented that he was glad to see and receive the Townsend Middle School report from Mr. Sanders. During a recent visit to the school (which was at the time that classes change) the students were mannerly and the school is clean and orderly. Mayor Pro Tem Morton said that things are looking good at Townsend. Mayor Pro Tem Morton reported that he is glad to see that staff is catching up with the leaf pickup. Ms. Tatum said that Charles Brayboy was the only member who volunteered that Saturday after the holiday to pick up limbs and leaves.

B. Commissioner McClanathan stated that there were drawings and rendering some years ago as part of the Downtown Revitalization. He understands that there was no ordinance enforced, but would like to know if there was an ordinance set up. He would like to see that in place. Ms. Tatum replied that it was submitted and reviewed by the Board but nothing was voted on. Staff is working on that with NC STEP. Mayor Pro Tem Morton remembered a sample mural on the wall where the Sarah McCall has the beauty salon. Ms. Tatum stated they have been talking about the building on the other side of the street. She also stated that she will be working on the ordinance.

2. Manager's Report

A. NC STEP – No meeting was held during the month of December. A meeting will be held at 7:00 January 4, 2008. The Housing Committee Chairman and I attended a BRAC Housing Planning and Update meeting January 3, 2008. None of the Robeson County data had been submitted for review by BRAC. Ken Windley, Robeson County Manager indicated that he was going to look into the hold up. A Housing Summit is being discussed to take place in May of this year. No details were finalized.

B. OSHA – OSHA has agreed to include the town in their Consultative Service Program. The first inspection under this program is scheduled for January 24th at 10:00 am. The Police Station and the Town Hall Building will be inspected first. Keep in mind that the program is non-punitive and works on an advisory basis. There is no fee and we will not be cited for two years.

C. URGENT REPAIR PROGRAM

Contracts have been awarded for the first eight houses in the joint program. One property has to be re-bid.

D. CDBG – The engineering review is complete. Reissuing the administrative RFP yielded only one bidder, the Wooten Company.

3. Police Report

Police Chief McDowell reported that the December 2007 Monthly Gun report is included in the packets and the Animal Control report will be submitted next month. They are still experiencing computer problems. Crime Stoppers meeting will be held on Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the library. He asked that everyone try to come and stated that you don't have to live in the town limits. Commissioner McLean gave positive comments on Animal Control Officer Ellis. Town Manager Tatum asked Police Chief McDowell to report on break-ins. She stated that they are done by people with whom you have associated with. Police Chief McDowell suggested that we are cautious of the people who help us out. He also said the people are coming from other areas to rob us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The UNC Pembroke is conducting an Alcohol Needs Assessment on January 8, 2008, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Town's Resource Center. They need volunteers to participate in this Program and are paying participants a fee of \$40.00. Participants will receive the payment and dinner during the exercise. They needed ten people and Maxton was their first successful assembly.

2. The North Carolina State Government Internship Program has 100 paid summer internship opportunities. Three of those positions are with the Division of Tourism; one at the Division Office, one at the I-95 North Welcome Center and one at the I-40 West Welcome Center. Applications forms to apply for these positions can be downloaded from the DOA website which is <http://www.doa.state.nc.us/yaio/inter.htm>. All applications must be postmarked by January 23, 2008.

3. The Lumber River Council of Government's new office complex ground breaking will take place on January 8, 2007 at 10:00 am at the COMtech Park, 30 CJ Walter Road, Pembroke, NC.

4. A BRAC briefing will take place on January 15, 2008 at 3:30-5:00 pm at the Southeastern Agricultural Center on Hwy 74. All elected officials are being asked to attend because information is relevant to the economic state of our municipalities. Paul Dordal, Executive Director of the BRAC Regional Task Force will be making the presentation.

5. Training New and Existing Elected Officials – Essentials of Municipal Government - January 8-10, 2008-Charlotte, January 23-25-Wilmington, February 5-7-Greenville, February 19-21-High Point, March 5-7-Asheville, March 26-28-Kitty Hawk. Detailed information can be found in the FYI folder.

6. Chamber of Commerce – Annual Dinner will take place on January 18, 2008 at Something New at Abigail's II. The cost is \$15.00 per person. There will also be a fashion show.

7. The Lumber River Council of Governments would like to extend an invitation to all senior citizens age 55 and older to participate in the Lumber River Senior Games. This year the games will take place April 21 – 29, 2008. This year as with last year they have a Performing Arts competition, as well as highlighting Heritage, Visual and Literary Arts entries. They promote bowling, shuffleboard, horseshoes, and golf year round. They are asking for sponsors and would like the sponsorship payments to be made by March 17, 2008. If you are interested you may get detailed information at Town Hall.

8. Lt. Governor Beverly Perdue will be in Maxton on January 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. We would like to bring in some of the PALS students.

PUBLIC FORUM

- 1. Ruby Gilchrist** – Expressed concern about overgrowth and sunken graves at McLeod Cemetery, and the large number of cats (14 counted) at Golden Pond Manor. Ms. Tatum replied that we have a crew that cleans the cemeteries and that citizens need to let us know of its condition. She said that nothing has been reported about sunken graves.
- 2. Delia Quaison** – Annual Chamber Dinner on January 18, 2008 at Something New at Abigail's II. We are trying to push the chamber and get more people involved. Cost is \$15.00 and it includes a meal, entertainment and a fashion show.
- 3. Former Mayor Lillie McKoy** – Spoke to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the quick response of the Maxton Rescue Squad on the 911 call at her brother-in-law's house. Robeson County Rescue was also there. We need to commend our volunteers. Hugs and thank you to Captain Deese and her staff.
- 4. Jane Hersch** – Reported that the NC STEP Business Development is working hard. She also stated that the drawings that Commissioner McClanathan referred to are at the museum.

5. Diane Dixon, 402 S. Patterson Street, 844-5453 – Invitation extended to Town Commissioners to a meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. She asked the Board to consider placing defibrillators in our police vehicles.

CLOSED SESSION – No Closed Session

Adjournment

Mayor Dean entertained the motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Morton motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Oxendine seconded. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Gladys Dean

Town Clerk Jacqueline Roberson, CMC