

**TOWN OF MAXTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Budget Workshop
May 30, 2023 10:00 a.m.**

The Board of Commissioners of Maxton, North Carolina met in formal session in the meeting chambers of the Town of Maxton Town Hall located at 201 McCaskill Avenue Maxton, North Carolina at 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Mayor Paul Davis, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson (absent) , Commissioner Toni Bethea, Commissioner Elizabeth Gilmore, Commissioner Paul McDowell, and Commissioner Victor Womack.

Staff: Town Manager Angela Pitchford, Finance Director Myra Tyndall and Ursula Goins, Town Clerk Michael Cousar, Public Works Director Preston McKenzie, Water and Wastewater, and Director Dennis Freeman.

Call to Order- Mayor Paul Davis

Invocation- Commissioner Elizabeth Gilmore

Does any member have any known conflict of interest and appearances of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the board today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved. None

Adopt the Proposed Agenda

Mayor Davis request a motion to adopt the Proposed Agenda with Close Session added to the agenda. Commissioner Gilmore made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Womack. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Old Business:

a) Final Review of the Town of Maxton Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Projected Budget. Finance Director Myra Tyndall briefed the Board Commissioners (Board) on the projected Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 budget. The Board directed the Finance Director to change Maxton Chamber of Commerce donation from \$6,000.00 to \$2,000.00 and add 2% Cost of Living Allocation (COLA) to employee payroll. No action was taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson arrived at 10:40.

Chief Wilbur Harris of the Rescue Squad thanked the Board for last fiscal year increase and said he was not seeking an increase or decrease in the new fiscal budget. He mentioned increase

expenditures of \$20,000.00 for a new monitor and new drugs required by the state that will have to be obtained by the Rescue Squad.

The Finance Director advised the Board to look at creating more debt since the Town's current debt was low and recommended not spending any Powell Bill funds until the new FY Powell Bill funds are allocated.

The Board after further discussion on FY 2023-2024 directed the Finance Director to look into creating a capital account for donations received by Beautification and Recreation Committee's and purchasing two (2) vehicles for the Police Department or three (3) vehicles if USDA grant money is available.

The Finance Director recommended Town water and sewer rate increase. The Board reviewed 2%, 3%, 4%, and 5% increase rates and recommended a 5% increase in water and sewer rate which would increase the Town's current rate by a combined \$1.78.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6)- To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee.

Mayor Davis request motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matter. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Bethea. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

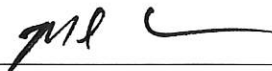
Mayor Davis request motion to come out of Closed Session. Commissioner Gilmore made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Bethea. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Mayor Davis requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.



Paul Davis, Mayor



Michael D. Cousar, MBA