

**TOWN OF MAXTON**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING**  
**April 16, 2024 7:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

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 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Mayor Christopher Bethea- McDougal, Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson, Commissioner Tomi Bethea (absent), Commissioner Michael Hines, Commissioner Paul McDowell, and Commissioner Victor Womack

Staff Present: Town Manager Angela Pitchford, Town Clerk Amber Quatkemeyer, Town Attorney Timothy Snead, Police Chief Shirra Johnson, and Water and Wastewater Director Dennis Freeman.

**Call to Order-** Mayor Christopher Bethea-McDougal

**Invocation-** Commissioner Hines

**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

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

1. Minutes from Board Meeting of March 19, 2024

Mayor Bethea- McDougal request a motion to approve Consent Agenda. Commissioner Womack made the motion and it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**Approval of Proposed Agenda:**

Mayor Bethea- McDougal request a motion to approve Proposed Agenda. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Womack. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**Presentation:**

- a) Blake Tyner

Blake Tyner gave the Board and citizens a very detailed historical insight into Maxton's past. He presented historical photos of how successful the Downtown area had been giving everyone hope that the Town of Maxton does have the opportunity for growth.

- b) Mickea Fuller- Shattered Frame Photography

Mickea Fuller and her Business partner Robin presented on a business the plan to grow in Maxton named "House of Antiques". They both stated how much they love this area and

want to bring a new aspect to the community. They hope to start with the one antique shop and roll it into other exciting ventures.

### **Old Business:**

#### a) Approval of Kaboom! Letter of Intent

Commissioner McDowell Stated the Letter of Intent seems like the Board needs to speak with someone from Kaboom! because it seems like a lot of things we have to do ourselves. He would like to get more clarity on the soil testing and volunteers. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson stated he thinks the Board should meet with a representative to get more clarification. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion to table and Commissioner McDowell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

### **New Business:**

#### a) Air Conditioning Replacement/ Repair for Freight Building

Mayor Bethea- McDougal requested a motion. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve and Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

#### b) Freight Building Budget Amendment

Mayor Bethea-McDougal Requested a motion. Commissioner McDowell made the motion approve and Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**Public Forum: (2MINUTES ONLY)** NOTE: Please state your full legal name. The board & staff will not respond to individual comments or questions during the public forum. If you want our staff members to follow up with you, you can give your address and phone number to the Town Clerk.

S. Spencer spoke to Manager Pitchford concerning her comment at the previous meeting when she stated there are topics that the Board is hesitant to talk about yet. He stated that the Board should talk about everything and if the topic doesn't work out then state why it didn't happen. Manager Pitchford let Mr. Spencer know that she would meet with him to let him know why she made that statement. Mr. Spencer also stated that starting in June he would like to revive the Historical Society

Sandra McCallum stated that she was happy to see all races come together for the Birthday Celebration.

Walter Brown asked what happen to Downtown stating that he use to ride around it when he was a young boy and now it is all dilapidated. He stated other communities have cameras to catch people and they can see everything. Stated he knows the Town has money to Beautify things.

### **Reports:**

#### **Recreation**

Jamie Smith stated she thought the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration went excellent and stated that recreation is always looking for volunteers if there is anyone that feels they have a better idea on how to go about events. She stated they still have tee shirts available for purchase. The committee is currently working on the 2024 calendar.

**Manager**

Manager Pitchford stated the time capsule is still available for anyone wanting to place any items into it.

**Police Department**

Chief Johnson introduced our newest officer Mitchell Woods and stated that he is working on having two more officers soon. He stated that he is still working on getting dogs for the department.

**Commissioners Report**

Commissioner Wornack let the citizens know that there is a cemetery landscape proposal out.

Commissioner McDowell stated that May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the National Day of Prayer.

Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson responded to Walter Brown stating that when he first moved to Maxton he noticed opportunity within the Town. He stated that the greatest asset Maxton has is the citizens. Stating that if you invest into the citizens the citizens will invest back into the community.

Mayor McDougal Welcomed Mitchell Woods to our Police Force and thanked our presenters and citizens for coming out.

**Adjourn**

Mayor McDougal request to adjourn meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion and Commissioner Wornack seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

  
Mayor

  
Town Clerk