

TOWN OF MAXTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
August 20, 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 Toni Bethea, Commissioner Michael Hines (Absent), Commissioner Paul McDowell, and Commissioner Victor Womack

Staff Present: Town Manager Angela Pitchford (Absent), Town Clerk Amber Quatkemeyer, Accounts Payable Jasmin Mason, Town Attorney Timothy Snead, Police Chief Shirra Johnson, Public Works Director Desoney Diggs and Wastewater Director Dennis Freeman.

Call to Order- Mayor Christopher Bethea-McDougal

Invocation- Commissioner Womack

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 July 16,2024
2. Minutes from Special Meeting of July 23,2024
3. Minutes from Special Meeting of August 1, 2024

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

Approval of Proposed Agenda:

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

Recognition:

a) Certificate of achievement- Delante Smith

Mayor Bethea- McDougal presented Mr. Smith with a certificate of achievement for being an outstanding student and representing the Town of Maxton at the NAACP Youth Council and National ACT-SO Competition.

b) Certificate of achievement- Terrell McNeill

Mayor Bethea-McDougal presented Mr. McNeill with a certificate of achievement for being an outstanding student and becoming North Carolinas first Junior Beta Club Officer. He now holds the office of Beta Club Secretary.

Old Business:

a) 2023-2024 Audit Preparation

Mayor Bethea-McDougal requested a motion to approve the finance Director to make any necessary adjustments when preparing the final documents for the auditor. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and Commissioner Womack seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

New Business:

a) Budget amendment to accept revenue for the sale of equipment and donations

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

b) Approval to repair the leaking roof at the library

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

c) Recreation Board Application

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

d) Approval of resolution to apply for a grant to begin the freight building rehabilitation project

Mayor Bethea-McDougal request a motion to table until the next round of funding.

Commissioner Womack made a motion to table and Commissioner McDowell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

e) Approval of Budget Amendment

Mayor Bethea-McDougal request a motion to table until the next round of funding. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson made a motion to table and Commissioner Bethea seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Public Forum: (2 MINUTES 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.

James McDougal request transparency from the Town on when downtown renovations will take place. Stated he would like an answer swiftly.

Earl McLaughlin has concerns about taxes going up but the roads throughout town are terrible. He stated he is also concerned about his neighbor having an overgrown lot and the reptiles that have been coming from it.

Sandra McCallum thanked the senior citizens that helped to build the playground and asked for a budget to be made to make the park even better.

Reports:

Recreation

Jamie Smith reported on Recreation stating that August 22 will be the food give-a-way and on August 24th KCom will be in town for their give-a way. She also stated that there will be a pause on September events while recreation moves a few events around.

Police Department

Chief Johnson stated that the Department is hosting National Night Out on August 22nd from 6:00 pm through 10:00 pm. There has been 291 calls for service this month and the Department checked on the seniors within town during the storm to ensure their safety.

Commissioners Report

Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson stated that he is working on a program that he would like to bring to the town that would help ensure safety during bad storms.

Mayor McDougal congratulated the children that were recognized during the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

Adjourn

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


Mayor


Town Clerk