

**TOWN OF MAXTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
January 17, 2023, 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 Paul Davis, Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson, Commissioner Toni Bethea (absent), Commissioner Elizabeth Gilmore, Commissioner Paul McDowell (absent), and Commissioner Victor Womack.

Staff Present: Town Manager Angela Pitchford, Town Attorney Timothy Snead, Town Clerk Michael Cousar, Finance Ursula Goins, Police Chief William Davis, Public Works Director Preston McKenzie, and Water and Wastewater Director Dennis Freeman.

Call to Order- Mayor Paul G. Davis

Invocation- Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson

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.

Commissioner Gilmore recused herself from Old Business items b and c involving the Beautification Committee.

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from Board Meeting of December 20, 2022.
2. Tax Adjustment December 8, 2022 thru January 11, 2023.

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

Approval Proposed Agenda

Mayor Davis request a motion to approve Proposed Agenda. Commissioner Gilmore made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Womack. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Roll call: Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson and Commissioner Womack vote Yea and Commissioner Gilmore voted Noe. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Womack made a motion to purchase Truck #1 for \$99,900.00 and Tuck #3 for 265,000.00. Motion died.

Mayor Davis request a motion to purchase Truck #2 for \$125,000.00 and Truck #3 for 265,000.00. Commissioner Womack made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Gilmore. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Old Business:

a) Sanitation Truck – Clear up exactly what the commissioners are expecting. Commissioner Womack made a motion to purchase one (1) new sanitation truck and 1 old sanitation truck and it was second by Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson.

b) Main Street Tree Removal – Beautification Committee
Mrs. Gloria Strickland representing the Beautification Committee expressed the Committee’s desire to remove the trees on Main Street and replace them with planter boxes.

Board of Commissioners took no action. Mayor Davis recommend that the Beautification Committee consult with the Town’s Tree Board for tree removal recommendation.

c) Main Street Sidewalk Repairs - Beautification Committee
Board of Commissioners took no action.

d) Town Foreclosure Properties
Mayor Davis request a motion to delay the selling of Town foreclosure properties. Commissioner Gilmore made the motion and it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

New Business:

a) None

PUBLIC FORUM (2 MINUTES ONLY) NOTE: Please state your full legal name, address, and phone number the board & staff will not respond to individual comments or questions during the public forum. The appropriate staff member will follow up if needed.

Mary McNeill, 407 W. Central Street Maxton, NC, (910) 216-9294. Mrs. McNeill asked if the Town’s foreclosure properties were advertised and on the Town’s website. She also inquired if the Police Department could inform residents of the ongoing criminal activity in the Town.

Mrs. Sandra McCallum, 421 Croom Road Maxton, NC, (910) 318-2740. Mrs. McCallum thanked the Beautification Committee for decorating Elizabeth Cole Park and asked if the Town could decorate areas along Paul’s Barbershop and the laundromat with Christmas flags next year.

REPORTS

Police Chief:

Police Chief William Davis addressed Mrs. Mary McNeill’s question directed to the Police department about informing the residents about criminal activity in the Town. He said the Police Department is doing the best it can and that most residents are not reporting or cooperating with criminal inquires.

Chief William Davis reported statistics from January through December for the years of 2021 and 2022.

2021 - 2022

Murders	3	3
Kidnappings	1	1
Robbery	3	2
Burglary	24	23
Shoplifting	8	2
Motor vehicle thief	0	2
Larceny	62	55

Chief Davis introduced the Town’s newest Police Officer, Officer Ashulyon Feurtado.

Manager:

Town Manager Ms. Angela Pitchford reported the following:

The Town’s acquired an Air Burner to help with leaf and limb disposal. Permits to operate the air burner are pending.

PALS and Girl Scouts have been moved to the Town’s Resource Center.

The Police Department will be moving to the Town’s Learning Academy building.

Mrs. Ursula Goins was introduced as the Town’s new Finance Director.

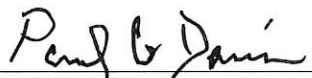
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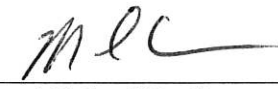
Commissioner Womack informed meeting attendees the from 2-5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, supplies will be given out in front of the old Supply Building.

Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson said hand wipes and sanitizers would be the supplies given out on January 18, 2023, and that they are working on trying to get food boxes in the future.

ADJOURN

Mayor Davis request a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gilmore made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Womack. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.


Paul Davis, Mayor


Michael D. Cousar, MBA