

TOWN OF MAXTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
September 17, 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, Commissioner Paul McDowell, and Commissioner Victor Womack

Staff Present: Town Manager Angela Pitchford, Town Clerk Amber Quatkemeyer, Accounts Payable Jasmin Mason, Town Attorney Timothy Snead, Police Chief Schirra Johnson, Public Works Director Desoney Diggs, 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 August 20, 2024

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

Approval of Proposed Agenda:

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

Recognition:

a) Introduction of Code Enforcement Officer-Tony Porter

Mr. Porter introduced himself to the Town stating that he is working with the Town for the betterment of the community. He has been posting properties that could cause harm to the community and is willing to work with any citizen that has concerns. His primary concerns at this moment are dilapidated houses and overgrown lots.

New Business:

a) Approval to Build, Replace, and Install Shafts for Aerator #2

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

b) Approval of Grant Administration Service Agreement for Police Department with LRCOG

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.

c) Approval of Financial Services Agreement with LRCOG

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

d) Approval to make Repairs to the Street Sweeper

Mayor Bethea-McDougal requested a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion to approve and Commissioner Womack seconded the motion. The vote was 3-2 with Commissioner Bethea and Commissioner Hines voting nay. 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.

Caroline Locklear stated that 6-8 local churches had a meeting about homelessness within Maxton and would like to come together to make a shelter. They do not have a location or grant as of yet but are hoping to in the future. Doing so they hope to bring the community together spiritually.

Shontell Campbell has concerns about the speeding on Hwy 74. She suggested a round-a-bout near the location of Dollar General in hopes of slowing down traffic.

Vivian Brown has concerns about the house on the corner of Wilmington and First Street. She stated that it has been abandoned and there is a lot of overgrowth and vermin on the property. She would like to know if the Town can do anything about it.

Angela McDougald stated that September 24th there will be an event at the Library to receive a free voter ID. The hours will be from 3:00 pm- 6:00 pm.

Sandra McCallum proposed a reduction in taxes claiming that other neighboring towns are lower than ours. She also would like the date of when they Town will be putting in the digital sign that she has requested. Also requesting for the park to have more work done to it now that the playground is there.

Reports:

Recreation

Mary McNeill reported on Recreation stating that there will be a food give-a-way on the 19th and 26th.

Police Department

Chief Johnson thanked the community for coming together for National Night Out and stated that the department is currently planning for Trick-or-Treat. The officers have received 320 calls for service this month. The K-9 has two weeks left of training and then it will be ready for work.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Womack thanked the citizens for speaking up about their concerns.

Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson gave a few thoughts about the citizens working on the homelessness. He stated that if it happens they should be prepared for an influx from the surrounding locations. He suggested they also have services set up for healthcare, mental health, and security.

Mayor McDougal thanked the citizens for sharing their concerns and reminded everyone to register to vote due to the very important presidential vote coming up.

Adjourn

Mayor McDougal request to adjourn meeting. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and Commissioner Womack seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.



Mayor



Town Clerk