

**TOWN OF MAXTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
June 18, 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, Town Attorney Timothy Snead, Police Chief Shirra Johnson, 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 May 21, 2024
2. Minutes from Budget Meeting of May 29, 2024

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

New Business:

a) Approval of Code Enforcement Contract

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

b) Approval of Auditor Contract

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

c) Budget Amendment for Removal of Two Burnt Houses on McCaskill Avenue

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

d) Recreation Board Applications

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

e) Planning- Zoning Board Applications

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

f) ABC Board Application

Mayor Bethea-McDougal requested a motion to appointed Elizabeth Gilmore and Ritchie McCrimmon to the ABC Board for a three year term and appoint Larry Graham for a two year term. Commissioner Womack made the motion to approve and Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

g) Approval for a New Ice Machine for the Town

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

h) Approval of Repairs to Vac Truck

Mayor Bethea- McDougal requested a motion. Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Repairs 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. **None**

Reports:

Recreation

Jamie Smith reported on Recreation stating we should all be leaders and she is tired of hearing about how her or her team has failed. She added that there are problem with communication and accountability that need to be addressed.

Police Department

Chief Johnson stated that the department is ready for the Juneteenth Parade and National Night Out. National Night out will take place June 6th and they are currently taking volunteers.

Manager Report

Manager Pitchford Stated that the Town is currently working on the air burner permit and we are working on a revision to the animal ordinance. She also gave a reminder that Robeson Community College is in the Learning Center and the next class will be a truck driving course.

Commissioner Report

Commissioner Bethea Thanked Recreation and the Fire Department for doing great with Youth Day and stated she did not appreciate being called derogatory terms by the Police Department in front of children. She stated that something needs to be done with the Police Department and more than Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson and herself need to be going over there.

Commissioner Womack thanked the Town for tearing down the burnt houses.

Mayor Bethea-McDougal stated that he is disappointed in the actions that occurred on Youth Day and agrees with Jamie Smith about communication and accountability.

Commissioner Hines asked Chief Johnson if there is anything he needs to say concerning Youth Day. Chief Johnson had no comment.

Closed Session

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

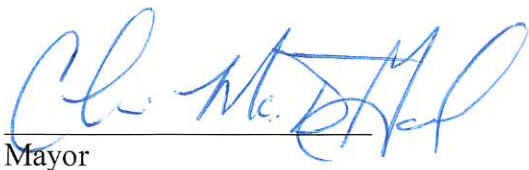
Closed Session: Closed Session- Motion to go into closed session, pursuant to **NCGS 143-318.11.**

Closed sessions. (a) Permitted Purposes. – It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required: (3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged

Mayor Bethea- McDougal requested a motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and Commissioner Hines seconded it. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Adjourn

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

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Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amber Quatkemeyer", written over a horizontal line.

Town Clerk