

**TOWN OF MAXTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
November 19, 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 (Absent), Commissioner Michael Hines (Absent), 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- Mayor Pro Tem 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. None

Approval of Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes from Board Meeting of October 15, 2024

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

Old Business:

- a) Approval to Replace the A/C Unit in Town Hall

Mayor Bethea-McDougal requested a motion to approve the replacement of the A/C unit in Town Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion to approve the lowest bidder (Nowling's A1). Commissioner McDowell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

New Business:

a) Town of Maxton Property Parcel # 33030101612

Manager Pitchford explained that the lot bordering the Town's property is interested in purchasing a section of town property to make her property slightly larger. Attorney Snead suggested waiting until the Town receives the deeds from the other foreclosures and listing them all at the same time. Mayor Bethea-McDougal requested a motion to table this matter.

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

b) Budget Amendment to Accept Insurance Reimbursement

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

c) Approval to Replace the Roof on the Library

Mayor Bethea-McDougal requested a motion. Commissioner Womack made the motion to approve the lowest bidder (Roof it Rite Co.) and Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson 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

Manager Pitchford stated that the Christmas Parade will be December 14. The Senior Dinner and Toy Drive will be announced next week. Mary McNeill stated that Recreation is accepting donations for the Senior Dinner and Toy Drive. She also thanked everyone for the help with the Collard Festival.

Police Department

Chief Johnson stated the officers have received 475 calls for service since October first and that there is a lot going on for five officers but they are doing what they can. He is searching for grants to help with department funds and has increased patrol to try to keep down on incidents. Recently he has reached out to the Prosecutor's Office to form mutual aid. Stating that the officers are making the arrest however they do not have anything to do with how the Prosecutors handle each case.

Manager

Manager Pitchford gave a status update on the new Police Department Building. Stating that Lumber River Council of Government is handling the administrative aspect of this project and currently they are reaching out to architects for quotes. As for the Freight Building there is still a lot of work that needs to be repaired or replaced. Items such as the air conditioners, drains, toilets, faucets, and copper pipes are still a work in progress.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Womack stated that the Christmas decoration in Down Town looks really good.

Commissioner McDowell invited everyone to come to the Thanksgiving dinner that will be held at St. George United Church. The dinner will be November 24th at 6:00 pm.

Mayor McDougal stated that he really enjoyed the Collard Festival and fireworks.

Adjourn

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


Mayor


Town Clerk