

**TOWN OF MAXTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
December 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 (absent), Commissioner Toni Bethea (absent), Commissioner Michael Hines, Commissioner Paul McDowell, and Commissioner Victor Womack

Staff Present: Town Manager Angela Pitchford, Town Clerk Amber Quatkemeyer, Deputy Finance Director Jasmin Mason (absent), Town Attorney Timothy Snead (absent), Police Chief Schirra Johnson (absent), 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 November 19, 2024
2. Minutes from Special Meeting of December 10, 2024

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

New Business:

a) Application for the Airport Commission

Mayor Bethea-McDougal read aloud the applicant (Victor Womack) for the Airport Commission and proceeded reappoint Victor Womack to the Airport Commission for a term of four years.

b) Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Annual Report

Executive Director of the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport, Seth Hatchell, gave a brief introduction and expressed his excitement for projects happening at the airport. He stated that with funding from grants they are planning on building a new terminal building that will be bigger and can accommodate a demand for office space. They are also expand the fuel farm to double the current capacity. Mr. Hatchell stated that the bigger tanks will allow more fuel which the airport sells cheaper to make the airport more appealing to keep visitors coming back to the area. He stated that next September they will have an air show and they hope to make it an annual event. Mr. Hatchell introduced his partner for the air show Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown stated that the air show will be on September sixth and seventh. Expressing that they have done many of these air shows in numerous locations and they all turn out great. He stated that he is introducing the project now to gain volunteers for the event.

c) Resolution Prohibiting the Viewing of Pornography on Town Networks and Devices

Mayor Bethea-McDougal requested a motion to approve the resolution prohibiting the viewing of pornography on Town networks and devices. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Womack 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.

Billie Webb request permission to seek funding for beautification of the cemeteries.

Reports:

Recreation

Mary McNeill reported on Recreation stating that the Senior Dinner will be December 21st at 2:00 pm and the event is for seniors age fifty-five and up.

Manager

Ms. Pitchford stated that the Rural Water Association will be coming to meet with the Town at the beginning of the year and that the Town is applying for a grant to revitalize the Freight building. She added that the Finance Director, Myra Tyndall, will be retiring as of December 30th and the playground will be finished at the beginning of the year.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner McDowell stated that there has been a lot going on in the community. He stated that Ms. McPhatter, whom was a cornerstone in the community, has passed away and her arraignment will be this coming weekend. he stated that the families that have lost loved once are in his prayers.

Commissioner Womack thanked the Town and Town Manager and wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Hines thanked Recreation Committee stating that they were volunteering for eleven hours for the toy give-a-way.

Mayor McDougal thanked the Town, Public Works Director Desoney Diggs, Wastewater Director Dennis Freeman, and Recreation. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Adjourn

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



Mayor



Town Clerk