TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
October 5, 2020 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, October 5, 2020, at the Town Hall. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order with the following present:

Officials Present:	[X] Clif Williams, Mayor
Commissioners Present:	[X] Coley Jordan
	[X] Brad Lee
	[X] Jeff Peed
	[X] Tina Taylor
Attendance:	[X] Judi Lannon – Town Clerk/Finance Officer
	[X] Chuck Bonner – Public Works Director
	[X] Curt Hendrix – Recreation Coordinator
	[X] Scott Davis – Town Attorney
	[X] Various members of the public were in attendance

Mayor Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Peed led in prayer.

A motion to approve the proposed Agenda was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Lee with a 4 to 0 vote.

The Town Attorney Scott Davis presented "Exhibit A" to council which included a Gift Deed of the three tracts of land that comprise the "Sanitary Sewer Facilities Site for the Town of Aurora" by PCS Phosphate Company, Inc. and a Resolution to formally accept the donation of the property. The Town had previously leased the site since 1965. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Taylor with a 4 to 0 vote.

At this time, the Town Attorney Scott Davis left the meeting.

Mayor Williams requested a motion to enter into closed session under article one. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Jordan and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(1) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

When the meeting returned to regular session the Mayor asked the Board for their consideration of the proposed minutes. The proposed minutes for the recessed June 15, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Jordan, with a 4 to 0 vote.

The proposed minutes for the regular July 6, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Lee, with a 4 to 0 vote.

Under Old Business, the Clerk produced a Resolution for the Boards consideration accepting the State (SRP) loan increase of $36,852 from the DEQ Water Infrastructure Fund. As discussed with the Project Engineer at the September 8 Board meeting, these funds were necessary to cover the cost of change orders for the metered interconnection with the county and to remedy the discovery of electrical deficiencies at the site. The Resolution passed on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Peed with a 4 to 0 vote.

The Public Works Director reported that the Town had connected to the Beaufort County water supply today and that notices had gone out to customers advising them of the change and that system flushing would be conducted for the first 24 hours. The Clerk reminded the Board that the cost to the Town for the county water was $1.50 per 1000 gallons and that this increase was not in the current fiscal year budget. She requested that the Board consider an increase of the utility rate, at the very least, up to five percent at this time. A motion to increase the water utility rate by five percent was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

The Clerk provided a second Resolution for the Boards consideration. This Resolution was a Ratification of the Boards agreement to allow reimbursement for the procurement of emergency generators that will be reimbursed to the Town through a grant for that purpose from the Golden Leaf Foundation. The Resolution passed on a motion made by Commissioner Peed, seconded by Commissioner Lee with a 4 to 0 vote

Under New Business the Public Works Director and the Town Clerk made the Board aware of needed repairs for the Community Center building as well as the Town Hall. A short discussion followed regarding roof repair for the Town Hall and flooring, drywall and plumbing updates needed at the Community Center.

Under Staff Reports the Public Works Director Chuck Bonner gave a written report which included the following:

- Three of the new Emergency Generators are installed and functional. Of those 2 are waiting for Duke Energy to complete the inspection and 1 is waiting for Toler Electric to install the transfer. The water plant generator had to be reordered and should be here in November.
- Now that we are hooked up to county water, the demolition of the interior will begin this Wednesday.
- Not all the permits have been issued as of yet. We are working with Sashi Bahada from the Raleigh DEQ office and Mack Gay Associates to resolve any outstanding issues.
- The leaning tree on Main Street near the marina has been removed.
- We have had two major equipment repair jobs completed. The dump truck had a $1400.00 brake repair and the utility truck needed a new water pump and intake manifold which cost $1200 dollars.

The Recreation Coordinator Curt Hendrix gave a short oral report which included updates to the Coastal Storm Girls softball league and field maintenance.

There being no further business, the October 5, 2020, regular meeting adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Peed with a 4 to 0 vote.

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Clif Williams, Mayor Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk