

**TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
November 2, 2020 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, November 2, 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] 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 Lee and seconded by Commissioner Jordan with a 4 to 0 vote.

There was no citizen participation during the public comment period.

The proposed minutes for the regular August 3, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Peed and seconded by Commissioner Jordan, with a 4 to 0 vote.

The proposed minutes for the regular September 8, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Peed, with a 4 to 0 vote.

Under Old Business, Public Works Director Chuck Bonner provided the Board with an update on the Water Treatment Plant upgrade. He expressed his concern over the length of time it is taking to have the permitting process completed. As of October 19th, the project engineer Mike Tolson with Mack Gay and Associates had resolved any outstanding issues with Sashi Bhatta with NCDENR and the permit to construct will be moving forward. After some discussion regarding the physical configuration of the plant upgrade, it was agreed that the Clerk would schedule an Asset Management meeting inviting Mr. Tolson to meet with Mr. Bonner, the Mayor and Commissioner Lee to answer any outstanding questions.

The Clerk reported that due to work loads and time constraints, she would be teaming up with Public Works on the Sale of Surplus Property issues. A company called Public Surplus was recommended and a demonstration was being scheduled for both the department heads to attend.

Under New Business, the Public Works Director and the Clerk reviewed building maintenance issues with the Board that included repairs to restrooms in the Community Center and the Town Hall. The needed repair of the Town Hall roof was discussed at length. Commissioner Jordan had inspected the drainage problem that was affecting both the front and side porches on the building and both would need to be redesigned and replaced. It was agreed that this would be an upcoming budgetary concern for the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peed, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to approve the Resolution and annual Lease with BHM Regional Library for support of the Hazel W. Guilford Library.

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

- Repair of water main at 8th and Stadium Drive
- Men's room at the Community Center repaired and repainted. Men's room at the Town Hall repaired and repainted
- 5 of the 7 Emergency Generators are installed and functional. We are waiting on the correct transfer switch for one and the other to be delivered
- Continuing with the repair of sewer leaks located by the recent smoke tests (air leaks not sewage)
- The Director reported that he had tested positive for COVID-19 and had completed the quarantine period successfully. James Ham stepped up and took care of all of the Directors responsibilities and did an outstanding job. The Clerk also commented on Mr. Ham's accountability.

The Recreation Coordinator Curt Hendrix gave a written report which included the following:

- Currently half of the children at Snowden were attending school virtually and the gymnasium remains closed
- The lights at the ball field have been repaired and softball is continuing a couple nights a week.
- The Trunk or Treat event which was planned for the ball field has been cancelled due to COVID
- The Fossil Museum has also temporarily shut down again due to COVID
- Was able to connect a young football fan with a much needed helmet which sparked some new ideas. The Coordinator will be reaching out to some organizations for sporting equipment as he continues to canvas the community interest and thus may be able to organize a house league to keep the youth active.

The Town Clerk reported that in addition to the regular administrative efforts the annual municipal audit preparation was underway and that we would have an onsite visit in the beginning of December.

Under Board Comments the Mayor requested a motion to enter into closed session under article one. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Peed 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 was returned to regular session, and there being no further business, the November 2, 2020, regular meeting adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Peed, seconded by Commissioner Lee with a 4 to 0 vote.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk