

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
November 1, 2021 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, November 1, 2021, 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 Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Peed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Under Public Comment Joy Dunn provided an update on the Chamber of Commerce and that they hope to be up running in January. She also announced that Nancy Hooker will be organizing this year's Christmas Parade. Discussion took place regarding the community effort for the Water Tower Christmas Tree. Donations have started to come in to the Town Hall where they are being recorded and receipts were being issued. After some discussion surrounding the civic effort underway and Public Works Director Chuck Bonner's plan, and the advice that it could be handled as a budget amendment by the Clerk, a motion was made by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Peed and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to amend the budget and provide \$1000.00 to the Aurora/Richland Township Chamber of Commerce or the Water Tower Tree Lighting event and the Christmas Parade.

The proposed minutes for the July 6, 2022 regular meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Taylor, with a 4 to 0 vote

Under Old Business, the Mayor congratulated and thanked Aurora Leadership Council Chairman Kurt Ryan for the outstanding Kickoff of the Aurora Leadership Council that took place on October 21st. There were over 120 people in attendance. Three newspapers followed up on the event and the ALC received over 500 views on social media. Residents from Hobucken and Edward also attended. Mr. Ryan then presented a shared idea on how the Town could track ordinance violations. The idea was well received. Kurt Ryan then introduced Sharon Holland, a Richland Township resident and ALC member; she will give a presentation at the December meeting on how towns and cities have successfully partnered with non-profit organizations on historic preservation and downtown development.

Also under Old Business, the Clerk presented the Aurora Industrial Park Consideration of Proposed Change to Articles 6E, F of the Statement of Work as requested by Sandy Ackton and Allen Paul. The original agreement with the two developers and the Town had been approved on June 24, 2019. At this time a motion was made by Commissioner Peed, seconded by Commissioner Lee 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. After returning to open session the Town Board unamunusly rejected the proposal to amend the agreement and no vote took place.

The Clerk, upon the advice of the Town Attorney, requested a motion to call for a Public Hearing to be held at the December meeting to amend the land use ordinance. The motion was made by Commissioner Peed, seconded by Commissioner Lee with a 4 to 0 vote.

Under Mayor and Board Comments there was some discussion regarding the current cost of land. Commissioner Jordan expressed his concerns regarding venders and future town festivals and that local venders should be given priority.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Jordan and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to adjourn the meeting.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk