

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
Monday, November 6, 2023, Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, October 2, 2023, at the Town Hall. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order with the following present:

Officials Present: [X] Clif Williams, Mayor

Commissioners Present:
[X] Omar Bahhur
[X] Coley Jordan
[X] Jeff Peed
[X] Tina Taylor

Attendance: [X] Judi Lannon – Town Clerk/Finance Officer
[X] James Ham – Public Works Director in Training
[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 agenda was made by Commissioner Taylor seconded by Commissioner Jordan. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Public Comment

Jennfier Ryan with the Aurora Leadership Council gave an update on the preparations being made by volunteers for the third annual Christmas in Aurora. The crane/lift owned by CMF is unavailable as it is being repaired. Once it is repaired, CMF will need to complete their scheduled job at Nutrien. Once that work is completed, they will bring the crane/lift to the Public Works yard for the annual lighting of the Aurora water tower Christmas tree. The Aurora Chamber of Commerce and the Aurora Leadership Council are requesting the Town allocate \$1000.00 towards the 2023 Christmas in Aurora event. The funds will be used to maintain the outdoor Christmas decorations and provide any supplies needed in organizing and producing the community event that will run from December 8th through Sunday the 10th culminating with the parade on Sunday afternoon. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Taylor made a motion to amend the current fiscal year budget and provide the requested \$1000.00 for the event. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan and approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the August 7, 2023, meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Peed and seconded by Commissioner Bahhur and approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Next the minutes of the August 14th recessed meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Taylor and were approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Old Business

Under Old Business the Board considered the November 2, 2023, award letter, Resolution and Grant Agreement for the NC Department of Commerce Industrial Development Fund of \$1,250,000 for the installation of water and sewer and roads in the Aurora Industrial Park. The motion to authorize the execution of the agreement was made by Commissioner Bahhur and seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Next under Old Business, the Board considered the Resolution approving the Final Plat of the Aurora Industrial Park. Commissioner Peed made the motion to approve the Final Plat. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bahhur and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

New Business

Under New Business the Clerk presented the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities (BRIC) and Capability and Capacity Building (C&CB) application for engineers to complete a full assessment of the Town's sewer system, including cost estimates for all needed repairs and upgrades as presented by Jamie Heath of the Mid-East Commission at last month's council meeting. The grant requires a local match for Economically Disadvantaged Rural Communities (EDRC) of 10% which equals 22,500.00 if the grant is awarded. The local match can be a combination of cash and in-kind service. The cost for the Mid-East Commission to write and complete the application is \$3,900. A motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to authorize the execution of the BRIC/C&CB application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peed and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Aurora Leadership Council Chairman Kurt Ryan gave an update on the Study for the Historic Preservation of the Downtown Main Street being conducted by the "Part P" partnership who has begun a new series of meetings and is developing a new vision for the project. He also reported that BCCC and the Town will be conducting an "Open House" for the Aurora Industrial Park for potential buyers that will take place on November 20th.

At this time a motion was made by Commissioner Peed, seconded by Commissioner Bahhur and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to enter in to 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 and Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)(ii) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.

Adjournment/Recess

After the meeting returned to regular session, a motion was made by Commissioner Peed and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to recess this evening's meeting until Monday, November 13th at 7:PM at the Town Hall. The motion to recess the meeting passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk

