

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
December 7, 2020 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 7, 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
[] Brad Lee
[X] Jeff Peed
[] 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 3 to 0 vote.

Laura Jordan wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year during the public comment period.

The proposed minutes for the regular October 5, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Peed, with a 3 to 0 vote.

Under Old Business, Public Works Director Chuck Bonner provided the Board with an update on the Water Treatment Plant upgrade. The project is starting to move along. The project engineer came and met with the Town on November 19th where all outstanding questions regarding electrical feed, chloritization, start-up and testing were discussed. Future valve and hydrant replacement plans and possible funding through a Community Development Block Grant were also discussed. Availability and timing of these grant opportunities would be researched by Mack Gay and Associates. The Director reported that he had met with the Duke Energy Engineer regarding wiring questions at the water treatment plant. He also reported that the Town had to replace a pump at the wastewater treatment plant. The department had also repaired multiple water leaks in the last month.

There was no New Business

The Clerk reported that she and Chuck Bonner were continuing forward with the disbursement of the surplus property as planned. The "Public Surplus" company was ready to begin when the Town is ready. The Clerk supplied an "Open Issues" report which is attached.

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

- Mowing and thatching the soft ball field continues. General mowing of the Recreation area has slowed down so he has been clearing and burning ditch debris
- Field is being utilized 4 nights week. Cleaning restrooms is still being performed
- Spoke with John Prescott with Nutrien regarding the Nature Trail and we will meet face to face after the holidays
- Have started researching water activities and would like to see a Kayaking program stated in 2021
- I will start preparing/maintenancing the Community Garden beds for spring planting
- Represented the Aurora Recreation Department and the Fossil Museum at Persimmons during the Flotilla in New Bern

Under Board Comments the Mayor gave an update on the Aurora Industrial Park project. He reported that the Army Corps of Engineers and our engineer, Michele Clements with the East Group, had met at the site along with Town personnel and NCDEQ to access wetland delineation and drainage issues. He had also spoken with a representative from the Governor's Hometown Strong program who would be in touch with us regarding the AIP project.

There being no further business, the December 7, 2020, regular meeting adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Peed, seconded by Commissioner Jordan with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk

Town of Aurora
Current Open Issues Presented to Board

Annual Inspection of the 100,000 Gallon Elevated Tank – Completed by Southern Corrosion in August and report received in November

Municipal Audit 2019-2020 – The Town is now prepared and the audit will begin December 9th.

Bailey's Creek Land Option – Town Attorney Scott Davis copied the Clerk with the proposed agreement. He should be hearing back from the Nutrien/PCS any day now.

Cares Act Funding – FEMA/NCEM – County Manager Brian Alligood contacted the Town on November 30th and the County would be securing the proposed funding for Aurora as well as Pantego. The Town of Aurora is slated to receive \$18,196.00 and the Fossil Museum has requested \$7,462.00 as a sub-signer.

Public Surplus - The Public Works Director and Town Clerk attended a training module on December 2. Liked what they saw, no fees to seller, the buyer pays the cost.

Duke Energy Performed Small Business Energy Assessment – They looked at the Town Hall and the Community Center. Public Works has been replacing the old florescent fixtures with LED as needed. The assessment was done for free. Currently, we have no funds budgeted for this purpose

Emergency Generators provided by Golden Leaf Foundation – There are two generators which we are waiting for parts to be delivered.

Zoning Issues – Several issues still ongoing. Public Works has purchased two new speed bumps!

Long Term Issues

Aurora Industrial Park – Our engineer Michele Clements, the Army Corps of Engineers, DEQ and NC Water met on December 1 at the AIP site. More information gathered from that meeting will be forthcoming soon.

Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

NC DEQ – Asset Inventory Assessment	H-SRP-D-0081	Ongoing
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Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

NC DEQ Asset Inventory Assessment	E-AIA-19-0177	Engineering stage
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