

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
Monday, December 4, 2023, Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 4, 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
Newly Elected Commissioner [X] Steve McCormack

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 Peed and seconded by Commissioner Jordan. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Public Comment

Mr. Vernon Scott Wilson addressed the Board regarding his rental property located at 198 Bridge Street and that he feels that the Town should reimburse him for clean-up costs incurred in 2021. He also stated that he needs electrical service at the location. Commissioner Peed, once again, advised him to complete a zoning application and submit it to the Town Hall.

Next under Public Comment Mr. Willie Cox Jr. of Beaufort County H3 Communities introduced himself and his staff and explained the services they were providing for the community in connection with the Cornerstone Church in Washington N.C.

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the September 5, 2023, meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Peed and seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Next, the minutes of the October 2, 2023, meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Bahhur and were approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Presentation by Mayor

Mayor Williams presented a plaque commemorating the four years of outstanding service performed by the outgoing Commissioner Tina W. Taylor. Commissioner Taylor stated that it had been an honor to serve the Town of Aurora.

Oath of Office

Mayor Williams administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Commissioner Stephen J. McCormack. All in attendance welcomed him aboard.

Old Business

Under Old Business the Board considered the Resolution to Initiate the Upset Bid Process for Lots 18 and 19 as prepared by the Town Attorney for the Aurora Industrial Park. The motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Bahhur and seconded by Commissioner Jordan. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Next under Old Business, the Board considered the Resolution to approve the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Aurora Industrial Park. Commissioner Peed made the motion to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

New Business

Under New Business there was a brief discussion regarding efforts being made to locate an ORC for both the water and sewer utility.

Next under New Business the repair of the water treatment plant roof was discussed. The Board agreed to accept Barry Nethercutts's quote of \$14,660.00 to remove the old flattop roof and replace it with an "A" frame roof. The motion was made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Peed. The motion was approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Commissioner Jordan reported that the old John Deer Tractor was no longer worth the cost it would take to repair it. Both Commissioners Peed and Jordan had researched the issue thoroughly.

Staff Reports

Under staff reports the Clerk advised the Board that the Agape Medical Group was seeking the Town Boards endorsement for a grant so they may then set up practice in the old county owned clinic building on 3rd Street. This opened a wider discussion that included the mayor's dialogue he was currently having with Wells Pharmacy. No decision was made at this time.

Commissioner Jordan advised that the mowing performed by the Public Works department was still being researched, but he has found that a great percent of private lots will no longer be mowed for free. Some discussion of the various lots were discussed.

Adjournment/Recess

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

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk