

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
Monday December 5, 2022, Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 5, 2022, at the Town Hall. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order with the following present:

Officials Present: ☒ Clif Williams, Mayor

Commissioners Present: ☒ Omar Bahhur
☒ Coley Jordan
☒ Jeff Peed
☐ Tina Taylor

Attendance: ☒ Judi Lannon – Town Clerk/Finance Officer
☒ Chuck Bonner – Public Works Director
☒ Various members of the public were in attendance.

Commissioner Taylor was unable to attend.

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 Bahhur with a 43to 0 vote.

Public Comment

There was no public comment presented.

Consideration of Minutes

The proposed minutes of the July 5, 2022, meeting were approved on motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Bahhur and approved with a 3 to 0 vote.

New Business

Nancy Cameron Hubbard came before the council and discussed the proposed Christmas in Aurora and the planned dates and festivities. The lighting of the water tower Christmas Tree would again kick off the weekend of events culminating with the parade. Christmas in Aurora, ALC Committee requested a donation from the Town and did not specify a needed amount. Commissioner Jordan suggested an amount of \$1000.00 as an allocation to the committee this year for replacement lights and electrical/safety needs. The motion was made by Commissioner Bahhur and seconded by Commissioner Peed and passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Old Business

The Clerk presented the proposed engineering services contract for the RCCP Phase III Wastewater Treatment Plant Wetland Restoration Grant. After discussion regarding the wording of the contract and there being no fall back if their engineering failed, the proposal was rejected by the town board. The

Clerk will contact the engineer on the project, Gordan Marsh with RK&K and request the revisions in the contract.

Also under Old Business, an update on the Bailey's Creek Nature Based Tributary Improvement grant application had been file with the help of the RK&K firm and Jamie Heath with the Mid-East Commission.

Continuing under Old Business the mayor gave an update on the Aurora Industrial Park. He had reported on the cost of construction being double what had been originally funded when the board last met. Negotiations with the NC Department of Commerce on the project and steps forward were now being discussed.

Staff Reports

Chuck Bonner gave an oral staff report where he shared what went wrong with the Town's copper test/report that will be re-taken and it should be fine. He also advised that the engineer on the water treatment plant, Spencer Busch would be returning to correct a small issue.

At the request of the Public Works Director, a motion was made by Commissioner Peed, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, and approved with a vote of 3 to 0 to enter closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1); and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6).

Adjournment/Recess

When the meeting returned to regular session, a motion was made by Commissioner Peed to recess the meeting until the evening of December 19, at 6:00 P.M. to conduct a Public Hearing to receive Public Comment on the Proposed Ordinance Amendment to allow for Tiny Home Parks. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bahhur and passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk