

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
Monday, January 2, 2024, Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 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
[] Steve McCormack

Attendance: [X] Judi Lannon – Town Clerk/Finance Officer
[X] Various members of the public were in attendance

Commissioner Steve McCormack was unable to attend the meeting.

Mayor Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Peed led in prayer.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Peed. The motion passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Public Comment

Mr. Otto Rodzell addressed the Board regarding Town owned property on East Main Street near the marina. He would like to purchase this lot from the Town. He has purchased the adjacent lot and plans to build an elevated home there and could provide a nice yard and driveway with the addition of the Town owned lot. Commissioner Jordan agreed to research the situation and report back to the Board.

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the October 12th 2023 special meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Bahhur. The vote was 3 to 0 vote.

Next, the minutes of the November 6th 2023 regular meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Peed and were approved with a 3 to 0 vote.

Finally, the minutes of the November 13th 2023 recessed meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Peed and seconded by Commissioner Jordan and a 3 to vote.

Presentation of Municipal Audit

Mayor Williams introduced Mr. Reid Parker, CPA with the audit firm of Carr, Riggs and Ingram. Mr. Parker presented the 2021 fiscal year audit to the Town Council. After a thorough review of the audit, a motion to receive the 2021 fiscal year audit was made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Bahhur. The motion passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

The next presentation to the Board of Commissioners was made by Dr. Robert Sands who developed and runs PRI Health Corps. PRI is the Pamlico Rose Institute and they have been awarded a Public Health Corps grant through AmeriCorps. Dr. Sand's organization helps veterans through building and growing urban garden spaces. He shared a very impressive slide show of their work being performed in the City of Washington. After much discussion about his programs and our local need and the public garden area in Aurora, the Mayor requested a motion of support for Dr. Sands be made. The motion of support was made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Peed and was approved with a 3 to vote.

Old Business

Under Old Business the Board considered the Resolution to approve the sale of Lots 18 and 19 of the Aurora Industrial Park to Beaufort County Community College as prepared by the Town Attorney. The motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Bahhur. The motion passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Next under Old Business, the Board considered the Resolution to approve the sale of Lots 5 and 6 of the Aurora Industrial Park to the Aurora Volunteer Fire Department. The motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Bahhur and seconded by Commissioner Jordan and passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Lastly under Old Business, the Mayor announced that he and the Clerk neglected to administer the Oath of Office to newly reelected Commissioner Coley Jordan at the December meeting. After a short period of laughter, Mayor Williams administered the Oath of Office to newly reelected Commissioner Jordan.

New Business

Under New Business there was once again, a brief discussion regarding efforts being made to locate an ORC for both the water and sewer utilities. Discussions were continuing with two individuals in the public utility industry currently who could contract for services with the Town.

Mayor Williams gave an update to council regarding his negotiations with Wells Pharmacy who is interested in doing business and manufacturing in Aurora. He reported that they were talking about providing dental care as well as medical care in the proposed facility.

Adjournment/Recess

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Bahhur to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk