

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
Monday, February 3, 2025, Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 3, 2025, 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] Steve McCormack
[X] Jeff Peed

Attendance: [X] Judi Lannon – Town Clerk/Finance Officer
[] Ashley Barnes – Public Works Director
[X] Rhonda Stallings – Administrative Assistant/Utility

Billing [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 Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Bahhur. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Public Comment

There was no public comment presented.

Consideration of Minutes

The proposed minutes of the December 2, 2024, regular meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Bahhur and were approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Old Business

Under Old Business the Clerk presented council with a list of proposed dates to meet with Jamie Heath, Planner with the Mid-East Commission on the proposed future NC Division of Water Infrastructure grant projects. The afternoon of February 11th was suggested. This is to be an informal work session where a quorum of the Board would not be necessary. The Clerk would communicate the proposed date to Ms. Heath and respond back to the Board.

New Business

Under New Business the Clerk presented a Resolution as prepared by the Town Attorney to include the Town of Aurora in the Exception from Provisions of Part III, Subpart III-K of SB 382 and to Restore the Original Provisions of N.C.G.S § 160D-601(d) In part this would eliminate the authority of the local government to adopt a zoning text amendments applicable to entire non-residential zoning districts and severely limits the authority of local government to adopt regulations. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to adopt the Resolution to include the Town of Aurora in the exemption of Senate Bill 382. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormack and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Staff Reports

Public Works Director Ashley Barnes was unable to attend the meeting. He did provide a written report which included, contacting water plant engineer Spencer Bush and requesting a quote as to what it would take to have both wells operating automatically with the water treatment plant. He also has repaired the Draw Down tubing and replaced Draw Down gauges on both wells in order to check levels in each well. He also spoke with Pearson Pumps about installing external flow meters so we could accurately measure the flow that the wells are putting out.

He also reported that the Lagoon Station building has been rewired and a new panel box has been installed by Buck Electric. CMF has begun work on the two sampling access piers for safety. He also reported that the Industrial Park sewer main has been tied into the system and the valve remains off until the electrical power is installed at the new lift station.

A water leak was repaired at the Community Center. Also, all the dirt roads in town were scraped and the holes filed again.

At this time Commissioner Jordan advised the Board of the condition of the old shed in the Public Works yard and that it needed to be disassembled and removed. The Commissioner has discussed the issue with the Public Works Director and he has agreed to tear it down. A motion was made by Commissioner Peed to have the shed torn down and removed as the Public Works Director sees fit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Next under Staff Reports, the Town Clerk submitted her Notice of Retirement in writing to the Board of Commissioners. September 30, 2025 will be her retirement date. Her notice stated that it had been her honor to serve the citizens of Aurora for nearly sixteen years. She also gave an update on her work with the AIM program and the status of the municipal audits. The closeout of fiscal year 2022 was almost complete and that the 2023 fiscal year would begin immediately following.

Mayor and Board Comments

The mayor asked for a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Peed made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S § 143-318.11 (a)(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee.

Adjournment/Recess

After returning to open session, and there being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner McCormack and seconded by Commissioner Peed to adjourn the meeting. Three of the Board members had left the Town Hall before the adjournment, so no actual vote was taken.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk