

Former Police Chief Mike Harmon reported that he has completed four disposition and destruction of evidence orders and is scheduled to transfer the items and paperwork to District Attorney Tom Anglin on March 14, 2019. He suggested that the golf cart previously used by Police Department personnel be transferred to Public Works. He also recommended that Board members consider using, trading, or selling the police cars. Use of a power maintainer would eliminate dead batteries from lack of use. Former Chief Harmon estimates that he will have all police related paperwork and activities completed within one month. Terry Groome will be instructed to purchase battery maintainers for the police cars. Former Chief Harmon will contact Sheriff's Department Kelly Cox about attending an

upcoming Town Board meeting concerning law enforcement in Aurora. Commissioner Farrow will contact Terry Groome about the hole in the street on John Drive.

Under new business, Judith Lannon gave a brief overview of the purpose of the Rural Planning Organization and how members participate in the collection of information about road hazards and needed improvements, and their subsequent interaction with the Department of Transportation in seeking a solution to resolve transportation problems. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Peed and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to approve a "Municipal Statement of Adoption of the Amended November 18, 2018, Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Rural Planning Organization for Beaufort, Martin and Pitt Counties" and to acknowledge that Judith Lannon is the Town of Aurora's representative to the Mid-East RPO.

Recreation Coordinator Curt Hendrix gave the following report:

- Fossil matrix has been placed at the batting cage
- He has suggested to Boy Scout personnel that improvements to the nature trail could be an Eagle Scout project
- He is gathering information about the community garden
- He has spoken with Andrew Smith about hosting bike rides in the area
- He is interested in introducing a kayaking program. Mike Harmon will provide information about insurance he has on his kayaking business.
- The soccer goals need to be erected
- Mrs. Deborah Windley, Principal of S. W. Snowden Elementary School has given permission for the recreation program to use the school gym.
- He believes that building on past activities is the beginning point for success.

Commissioner Farrow suggested that publicizing activities will get the community involved.

Interim Town Clerk/Finance Officer Sandra Sartin presented the Budget versus Actual financial report and asked that Board members contact her if they have any questions or comments about the report. She also presented Board members with an event schedule from Riders of the A Car and Social Club.

Anthony Tyre, operator of Stepping Stones Childcare and Learning Center, announced that a healthy eating/active learning program will be started in the area. He is also searching for a medicine drop site to assist area residents in the fight against the opioid crisis. Mike Harmon suggested that he contact the Senior Center leaders about use of their facility.

Commissioner Boyd noted that he has seen more Beaufort County Sheriff's Department personnel in Aurora in the past month. Mayor Williams and Commissioner Peed stated they have witnessed more drug traffic recently. Mike Harmon stated he will talk with Deputy Kelly Cox about attending a Town Board meeting to discuss this issue with the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peed, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

After the meeting returned to regular session, a motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to recess the meeting to 6:00 PM on Monday, March 25 at the Town Hall.

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Clif Williams, Mayor

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Sandra Sartin, Interim Town Clerk/Finance Officer

Adopted/approved this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.