

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
April 18, 2022 Meeting Recessed From April 4, 2022

A recessed meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 18, 2022, at the Town Hall. Mayor Williams Mayor Williams reopened 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

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

A motion to approve the proposed Agenda was made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Taylor with a 4 to 0 vote.

Vernice Whitaker provided an update on the 2022 Fossil Festival. During her report on venders there was an exchange of words between Ms. Whitaker and another attendee of the meeting causing the speaker to ask to speak to the Town Board after the meeting? The Mayor stated that we will move forward with the agenda as approved and may go into closed session if necessary.

The council then considered the Real Property Reservation Agreement and Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Town and BHEC Properties, LLC, dba, Bul-Hed Corporation. A motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to set the cost of the purchase of the real property at \$33,000.00 per acre. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Peed and seconded by Commissioner Jordan to approve the Real Property Reservation Agreement and Purchase and Sale Agreement with BHEC Properties LLC, dba, Bul-Hed Corporation for lots #10 in the Aurora Industrial Park. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

ALC Chairman Kurt Ryan presented the Final Draft of The Town of Aurora Strategic Plan 2022-2024. The plan was very well received by council. Commissioner Peed made a motion to approve the Town of Aurora Strategic Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan and approved with a 4 to 0 vote. The Mayor thanked not only Kurt Ryan for all his diligence and hard work but also to the citizens who served on the ALC Committees.

Kurt Ryan then gave an overview and shared his notes on the CNDOC Rural Transformation Grant. It was agreed that the grant application was going to have to be professionally written and outside administration would need to be sought. The local Congress of Government as well as some individuals were mentioned. There are two applications cycles and all agreed the November 2022 deadline is what

would be the best approach. After these cost factors this grant would provide \$900,000 in rural transformation for the Town of Aurora.

The Clerk then provided a Resolution and Lease Agreement with Brenda Moore, Watch Me Grow Childcare, LLC for the rental of the Town's daycare facility at 442 3rd Street. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Peed made a motion to approve the lease agreement contingent on the positive outcome of her background check which was still in progress. Commissioner Bahhur seconded, and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

The Clerk presented a budget report on the water and sewer utility and a discussion of the recent repair costs took place. The Board requested further information on the utility finances including lab analysis and chemical cost projections in order to make more informed decisions on rate increases.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bahhur, seconded by Commissioner Peed and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to adjourn the meeting.

At this time, everyone with the exception of the Clerk and Council and Vernice Whitaker left the town hall. A brief question and answer session regarding existing town ordinances took place where no council decisions were sought and no closed session needed to be called.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk