

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

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 4, 2022, 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
[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

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

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

Public Comment

Vernice Whitaker provided another update to council regarding the upcoming 2022 Fossil Festival. The annual festival will now be titled the “North Carolina Fossil Festival” and would be part of the NC Association of Festivals and Events. The festival will be listed in NC Travel Magazine as well as PBS Carolina Weekend.

Consideration of Minutes

The proposed minutes of the October 4, 2021, meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Taylor, with a 3 to 0 vote.

Old Business

There were no items under Old Business.

New Business

Under New Business, Aurora Leadership Council Chairman Kurt Ryan gave an update on the Town of Aurora Strategic Plan. The plan should be ready for adoption before the next council meeting. He emphasized that this plan is a result of the community input conducted through the ALC committee meetings. He was working on a few updates to the completed items as well as new additions like the Fish and Farm Festival and funding opportunities.

Also under New Business, ALC Chairman Kurt Ryan segued smoothly into an overview of The Rural Transformation Grant being offered by NC Department of Commerce. He thought that this was an excellent funding opportunity for the Town and could possibly assist with real estate condemnation

processes or administration. The grant does not officially open until mid-month and then we will know the full scope of possibilities.

Also, under know business, Mr. Ryan gave an update on the recent activities of the ALC which included:

- Planning stages of the Aurora Fish and Farm Festival
- Review of the Christmas celebration and what to do this year
- The newly formed Historic Preservation non-profit or "Part-P" board will have their kick-off meeting soon and their 501c3 should be filed tomorrow
- We have 31 Veterans for the new Town banners so far

Continued under New Business, Mayor Williams informed council that in regard to the Aurora Industrial Park, Bul-Hed Corporation was ready to inter into the Real Property Reservation Agreement and purchase and Sale Agreement with the Town, however the document is not ready for this meeting.

Staff Reports

Recreation Coordinator Curt Hendrix provided a written report which is attached.

Prior to the next staff report, Mayor Williams called for a motion to go into closed session under article one. A motion was made by Commissioner Peed, seconded by Commissioner Jordan and approved with a 4 to 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 the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

When the meeting returned to regular session, Public Works Director Chuck Bonner provided a written report which is attached.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Peed and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to recess the meeting until April 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk