

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
May 3 , 2021 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, May 3, 2021, at the Town Hall. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order with the following present:

Officials Present: [X] Clif Williams, Mayor

Commissioners Present:
[X] Coley Jordan
[X] Brad Lee
[] Jeff Peed
[X] Tina Taylor

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

Commissioner Peed is unable to attend the meeting.

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

A motion to approve the proposed Agenda was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Jordan with a 3 to 0 vote.

During the Public Comment Period Vernice Whitaker gave further updates on the Fossil Museum Grand Re-opening scheduled for Saturday, May 29th.

The proposed minutes for the regular March 1, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Taylor, with a 3 to 0 vote.

Under Old Business, Public Works Director Chuck Bonner expressed his concerns to the Town Board of the lack of production that he is currently experiencing regarding the Water Treatment Plant upgrade. The Director referred to his project “punch list” that he had shared with the Board at the April meeting and how he felt that these issues were not being addressed by the project engineer. After reviewing the (attached) punch list and much discussion regarding valve issues, chlorine injector pumps and the “contract to construct”, a decision was made to have the Clerk call a meeting with A.C. Schultes, Mack Gay and Associates and the Town to address these unresolved issues.

Also under New Business the Clerk produced a Resolution to approve and ratify the updated Land Purchase Agreement with Max and Mary Thompson for the Aurora Industrial Park as prepared by the Town Attorney. The resolution was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Jordan with a 3 to 0 vote.

Under Staff Reports, the Clerk requested that the Board recess this meeting and reconvene for a Budget Workshop to be conducted on Monday, May 17. The Public Works Director gave updated reports on road patching and mowing. Recreation Coordinator Curt Hendrix reported the following:

- Met with several ladies from Nutrien about adopting five Community Garden beds
- Dailey maintenance of the ball fields
- Two separate girls softball teams are using the field for practice now
- The intermural soccer team is continuing to improve and enjoying learning to play soccer
- Holding a Garden Seed Exchange meeting with the teachers at Snowden
- Reminded everyone again about the Fossil Museum reopening on Saturday, May 29th

Under Board Comments the Mayor gave an update on the Aurora Industrial Park. There may be renewed interest in the Bailey's Creek site for future planning.

After some discussion of the budget process, a motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved with a 3 to 0 vote to recess the meeting until Monday, May 17th at 6:P.M.in order to conduct a budget workshop on the proposed 2021-2022 fiscal year budget.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk