

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
May 4, 2020 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, May 4, 2020, at the Town Hall. Mayor Clif Williams called the meeting to order with the following present:

Officials Present: ☒ Clif Williams, Mayor

Commissioners Present: ☒ Coley Jordan
☒ Brad Lee
☐ Jeff Peed
☒ Tina Taylor

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

Mayor Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance and Recreation Coordinator Curt Hendrix led in prayer.

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

The Mayor asked if any members of the public had any Public Comment for the Town Board and no Public Comment was received.

The proposed minutes for the March 23, 2020, recessed meeting (from March 2nd) were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Lee, with a 3 to 0 vote.

Under Old Business the Public Works Director Chuck Bonner gave the Board an update on the water treatment plant upgrade. The engineer has been working with Beaufort County to work out a more feasible solution to the meter connection. We are also still waiting for the county to provide their proposed bulk water rate. After some discussion of the age of the current water treatment plant the conversation came to a close.

A motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)(ii) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Jordan and approved with a 3 to 0 vote.

After returning to regular session, the Clerk presented two current fiscal year budget amendments for the Board's consideration. The amendments were passed upon a motion by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved with a 3 to 0 vote.

Under Staff Reports Public Works Director Chuck Bonner provided a written report which included the following:

- The drain tile on Ruth Drive near 7th Street was replaced
- Pot holes are being repaired (ongoing)
- Mowing every chance we get between rain showers
- Moving reject from back fossil pile
- Summer pattern mowing and ditching just beginning
- The chipper is being repaired
- The Super Z mower is still being repaired
- The clutch and throw out bearing had to be replaced on the dump truck

Recreation Coordinator Curt Hendrix gave the following oral report:

- The Washington Daily News did a wonderful article on the Community Garden. Spread the news that folks can plant produce and flowers for free.
- The Fossil Museum had to temporarily close and cancel Fossil Festival due to COVID 19; so now they have decided to focus on celebrating National Fossil Day in October.
- As soon as the pandemic lifts there will be "Coastal Storm" girls softball tournaments
- Nutrien now has a "wood bat" softball team

Town Clerk Judi Lannon advised the Board that this evenings closed session and budget amendments concluded her staff report.

Under Board Comments the Mayor shared an update on the grant request to Golden Leaf Foundation for emergency generators. The Foundation's Board would be meeting and voting on new grants next month. After some discussion on which existing Town generators should be sold and which should be retained for back-up use, the meeting came to a close.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved with a 3 to 0 vote to recess the meeting to 6:00 PM on Monday, May 11 at the Town Hall.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk