

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
Monday, June 3, 2024, Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, June 3, 2024, 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] Steve McCormack

Attendance: [X] Judi Lannon – Town Clerk/Finance Officer
[] James Ham - Public Works Director
[X] Rhonda Stallings - Administrative Assistant/Utility
[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 agenda was made by Commissioner McCormack and seconded by Commissioner Jordan. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Public Comment

Beverly Horvath of the Blue Crab Boutique located at 398 Main Street came to give Public Comment regarding the recent Fossil Festival. She stated that “Festivals are a good thing, great for the community and good for my business. We need to get it together though.” In years past festival planning meetings have been conducted that involved other businesses and entities in the Town and this needs to start happening again. She said that she had also spoken to the Director of the Museum as well as the committee for the Fish and Farm Festival. We need to coordinate for these festivals to be a success. Handicapped or disabled access issues were discussed as well as unauthorized and possible illegal street closures and other safety matters.

Also under Public Comment Clyde and Pecora Bryant came to address the Town Board regarding high-grass, noxious weeds and trees down and overgrown vines have covered the lot next door to his residence. He and the other neighbors have tried speaking with the owner who does not live there, and she has not been responsive to the problem. The

Town Hall had spoken with the property owner by phone and she had given a very different account. The Town Hall will see about contracting a bush-hogger and then will bill the property owner.

Consideration of Minutes

The proposed minutes of the May 6, 2024, meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner McCormack and approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Old Business

On the advice of the Town Attorney the Mayor reopened the Public Hearing to receive Public Comment regarding the Consideration of Resolution and Authorization of the sale of real property for Economic Development to Bul-Hed Corporation. There being no further Public Comment, Commissioner Peed made a motion to close the Public Hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Jordan and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

The motion to approve the Resolution and Authorize the sale of real property (Lot 10) of the Aurora Industrial park to Bul-Hed Corporation was made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Bahhur. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Continuing under Old Business the Board considered the Lease Agreement with Pamlico Rose Institute (PRI) of the .95 acres known as the Community Garden site. A motion to approve the execution of the lease agreement was made by Commissioner McCormack and seconded by Commissioner Bahhur and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

New Business

Under New Business the Town Clerk shared the 2023 Consumer Confidence Report for water and sewer. A brief discussion was heard regarding the mandatory lead and copper line reporting that is now underway.

Next under New Business the Mayor gave an update on the Aurora Industrial Park project. Discussion regarding the sewer force-main that needed to be replaced was discussed at great length. The Mayor requested and received a motion made by Commissioner Jordan to request the \$200,000 in contingency funds the county had earmarked for the project be allocated to the Town for the force-main repairs and any other utility related issues that are bound to happen in completing the industrial park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormack and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

At this time a motion was made by Commissioner Peed 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

and also Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormack and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Adjournment/Recess

Upon returning to open session a motion to recess the meeting until Thursday evening June 20th here at the Town Hall at 6:00 PM was made by Commissioner Peed and seconded by Commissioner McCormack. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk