

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
Monday, June 5, 2023, Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, June 5, 2023, 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
[] Jeff Peed
[X] Tina Taylor

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

Commissioner Jeff Peed was unable to attend.

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

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The motion passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Public Comment

Mr. Earl Wright wanted to let the Board of Commissioners know that he had to hire a plumber to come snake his sewer line at his home the prior weekend because there was grease clogging the line. It cost him \$200.00 to have the plumber come service the line on the weekend and he was not pleased as he contends that his household had not put any grease down the drains. The Public Works Director James Ham reported that his department had also come to the residence and snaked their sewer line on the previous Tuesday and had found grease clogging the line and had removed it and treated the line and it was running clear after they serviced it. Commissioner Jordan and the two other gentlemen discussed the location and what could be done if it occurs again.

Joy Dunn with the Aurora/Richland Township Chamber of Commerce reported that at an event being held at their building the "Venue;" they also had to call a plumber. She was advised that on the weekend that is the owners' only option to contact a plumber. During weekdays the Public Works Department will check on the situation. "From the road to the meter is the Town's responsibility and from the meter to the house is the owner's responsibility."

Also, under Public Comment the Mayor announced that our Aurora Leadership Council Chairman Kurt Ryan had received the "2023 Beaufort County Outstanding Citizenship" award at the County Commissioners' meeting earlier that evening. He also announced that another Aurora citizen, Barabara Jones also received an award and recognition for her humanitarian work with "Paws of Love."

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the February 6, 2023, meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Bahhur and approved with a 3 to 0 vote.

Old Business

Under Old Business Mayor Williams reported that positive headway was being made in the latest challenge in obtaining additional funding for the Aurora Industrial Park and that they hoped to be scheduling the groundbreaking in September.

James Ham was happy to report that the water treatment plant was once again fully operating under the newly upgraded system. The engineer had come and replaced the necessary panel, and the system was humming along at 100%.

The Director covered the challenges that TSM Welding had to overcome repairing the lift station on NC 33 and the work yet to be completed at the lift stations on 3rd Street and the one at 7th and Helen Streets.

New Business

Under new business, the council considered a Proposed Request for 2023-2024 FY Town Allocation for the Fish & Farm Festival that takes place in September and the Christmas in Aurora holiday event. The proposal was submitted by Nancy Cameron-Hubbard. The Town Board thought it was a well-thought-out proposal that ties in with the Town's Strategic Plan. However, at this time they will take the proposal under advisement as they continue working on the upcoming fiscal year budget.

Also under new business, the Clerk presented a Building Access Agreement requested by Brightspeed for them to install a fiber optic upgrade at the Hazel W. Guilford Library. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve and execute the agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bahhur and passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Adjournment/Recess

At the request of the Clerk, the Mayor asked for a motion to recess the meeting until Thursday, June 15th at 6:P. M., here at the Town Hall. The motion was made by Commissioner Bahhur and seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk