

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
June 6, 2022, Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, June 6, 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 Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Taylor with a 4 to 0 vote.

Public Comment

Vernice Whitaker gave a recap of the recent first “North Carolina Fossil Festival” on behalf of the Aurora Fossil Museum. The rebranded festival went very well and surpassed the expectation of the festival committee. Ms. Whitaker reported the festival received over 41,000 views on social media prior to the event.

Consideration of Minutes

The proposed minutes of the December 6, 2021, meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Peed, with a 4 to 0 vote.

Old Business

Mayor Williams gave a brief update on the Industrial Park. The project is moving forward on the permitting process that is being conducted by the Park’s engineer with The East Group.

The Town Clerk gave an update to the Board regarding the NC Department of Commerce Rural Transformation Grant. She reported that Michele Oros would be happy to research and write the RTG application for the Town. The Clerk shared her conversation with Ms. Oros and how the RTG offered a broad range opportunity for communities however it is extremely competitive.

New Business

Under New Business the Clerk gave an overview of the 2021-2022 budget amendments necessary for the closeout of the current fiscal year and advised the Board that a public hearing would have to be scheduled to hear public comment on the proposed 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. She requested a

motion to recess this meeting for that purpose. After some discussion, a motion to approve the 2021-2022 budget amendments was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Jordan. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

After a brief discussion regarding the date and time, a motion was made by Commissioner Bahhur to recess this evening's meeting and schedule the public hearing to take place on June 20th at 7:PM at the town hall. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peed and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Staff Reports

The Public Works Director reported that two suspected sewer line problems have been resolved. The first was a water line at Helen and 7th Streets and due to the type of leak he contacted Utilitech out of Jacksonville as they were the only company that could come and repair the line within a reasonable amount of time. For the second issue he contacted NC Rural Water to come and run a fiberoptic camera in the line on 5th Street between Middle and Bridge streets. The line looked fine, and it was determined that there was no problem located at that section. The Director also reported that tubing at the new water treatment plant had to be replaced recently. They found a minor liquid chlorine leak and discovered that the contractor had used the wrong grade of tubing causing it to degrade. The crisis had been averted due to consistent monitoring. He also reported that we had to get another mower. Commissioner Peed advised Mr. Bonner to go ahead and get prices on a new/used mower and access what non-working mower equipment could be sold or auctioned as it was all previously designated as surplus inventory so he could dispose of it, as necessary.

Recreation Coordinator Curt Hendrix provided a written report which included: The Yard of the Month; Aurora Birding Club; T-Ball is starting up and tacking place at the ball field on Tuesday and Thursdays; Girls Softball is gearing up and schedules will be announced soon; Special thanks to the Aurora Fire and Rescue for the great cookout at the Fossil Festival kickoff.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Mayor asked for a motion to recess the meeting until June 20th, at 7: PM in order to conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. The motion was made by Commissioner Peed, seconded by Commissioner Bahhur, and approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk