

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
June 7, 2021 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, June 7, 2021, at the Town Hall. Mayor 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: ☒ Judi Lannon – Town Clerk/Finance Officer
☒ Chuck Bonner – Public Works Director
☒ Curt Hendrix – Recreation Coordinator
☒ Various members of the public were in attendance

Commissioner Taylor is unable to attend the meeting.

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

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

During the Public Comment Period Vernice Whitaker gave a recap of the Aurora Fossil Museum Grand Re-Opening that took place on Saturday, May the 29th. The event was a huge success. Over 500 cars were counted. The One day event had hundreds of people show up the following Sunday to tour the Museum and dig in the Fossil pits. Ms. Whitaker also informed the Board that the Fossil Museum would also be celebrating Megalodon Day on June 15th commemorating the Fossil Museum's 40th year in operation.

The proposed minutes for the regular April 5, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Lee, with a 3 to 0 vote.

Under Old Business, Public Works Director Chuck Bonner provided an update on the Water Treatment Plant upgrade. As requested by the Board at the May meeting, an onsite visit has been arranged with the engineer, Mike Tolson with Mack Gay & Associates, and contractors, Kyle Jefferies with A.C. Schultes and Spencer Bush with Water Engineering Group to conduct a “first run” test of the new water treatment system on Wednesday, June 9th at 10:30 a.m. While on site the outstanding issue of the “punch list” will also be addressed.

Also under Old Business the Clerk presented the proposed 2021-2022 fiscal year budgets for both the General Fund as well as the water and sewer utility. The Board requested that the Clerk consult with Mike Houston with NC Rural Water and have a water and sewer rate study completed or at

the very least provide a template for the Town to evaluate the proposed water and sewer rates. After some discussion it was agreed to recess this evening meeting at the close of business and schedule a Public Hearing to receive public comment on the proposed 2021-2022 budget.

Under New Business the Clerk presented a Resolution of Intent in Opposition to SB 349/HB 401 and HB496 Restricting Local Government in Control in Land Use and Planning/Zoning Decisions. After a short discussion, a motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Peed, seconded by Commissioner Jordan and approved with a 3 to 0 vote.

Under Staff Reports, the Clerk indicated that she had no further administrative or financial information to report. The Public Works Director provided a written report that included the following:

- The elevated tank has been drained and sterilized. The vales in question are working properly
- A water leak along NC 33 has been repaired (2" galvanized line)
- Pot holes are being repaired
- Clean out repaired on 3rd Street at Terry Williams new building
- Mr. Dunn and Mr. Girkin from County Boys Auction will be here on June 15 to start loading the designated surplus property for auction
- Been working on the Public Works, Facility Management and Water and Sewer department proposed 2021-2022 budget with Town Clerk/Finance Officer
- Reminded to Commissioners to come attend the "Water Plant Start Up" this Wednesday at 10:30

Recreation Coordinator Curt Hendrix provided a written report which is attached.

Under Board Comments the Mayor gave an update on the Aurora Industrial Park. Things are beginning to move along pretty quickly and he should be able to share some big news pretty soon.

After a lengthy discussion regarding Zoning Ordinance violations concerning nuisances such as overgrown yards and lots and abandon cars and structures was discussed. It was agreed that a renewed effort would begin in addressing and documenting these incidences. Public Works agreed to assist the Town Hall in these efforts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peed, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved with a 3 to 0 vote to recess the meeting until Monday, June 21st at 6:P.M.in order to conduct a Public Hearing in order to receive public comment regarding the proposed 2021-2022 fiscal year budget.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk