

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
Monday, July 1, 2024, Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, July 1, 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] Steve McCormack
[] Jeff Peed

Attendance: [X] Judi Lannon – Town Clerk/Finance Officer
[] James Ham - Public Works Director
[X] Rhonda Stallings - Adm. Assistant/Utility Billing
[X] Various members of the public were in attendance

Commissioner Peed was unable to attend the meeting.

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

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

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment presented.

Consideration of Minutes

The proposed minutes of the June 3, 2024, 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

Mr. Mike Tolson, PE, PLS with Mack Gay and Associates, P.A. presented the Asset Inventory Analysis on the water and sewer utility. These analyses are part of the 2019 NC DEQ grant for the upgrade of the water treatment plant that was completed in 2022. The AIA studies were intended to map and score the utility systems. As expected, due to

the age of the systems, there are several areas of need. There are many sewer manholes that need repair or relining. In the water utility there are several valves that also need to be repaired or replaced. There was much discussion as to how this analysis will help in the Resilient Coastal Communities Phase 4 grant for the upgrade of the wastewater treatment lagoons as well as the BRIC, Building Infrastructure In Communities grant for pipes and valves. Mike Tolson also spoke of technology his firm is using that can “sleeve” or reline some types of water pipe and force main. The presentation closed with the discussion of a tiered rate structure for both water and sewer utility rates that will better allow the Town to maintain the infrastructure moving forward.

New Business

Under New Business the Board considered the Resolution and Grant of Easement to Duke Energy for the Aurora Industrial Park as prepared by the Town Attorney. A motion was made by Commissioner McCormack to approve the Resolution and Grant of Easement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bahhur and passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Staff Reports

Rhonda Stallings informed the Board that the Public Works Department had begun the Lead and Copper line survey for the water utility.

The Clerk informed the Board that the Accounting Instruction and Mentoring Program (AIM) offered through the NCLM and the NC LGC will begin the first week of August.

Mayor and Board Comments

Mayor Williams gave an update on the Aurora Industrial Park. A contractors “Open House” meeting will be conducted by Nutrien at their employee center in September focusing on Nutrien’s stake and partnership in the regrowth of the Town of Aurora. The Mayor also informed the Board that Steve Goldman planned to expand his tire recycling business to include “pyrolysis” and is planning to have a facility in Phase II of the Aurora Industrial Park.

Adjournment/Recess

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner McCormack to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk