

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
July 26, 2021

A recessed meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, July 26, 2021, at the Town Hall. Mayor Williams reopened the meeting to order with the following present:

Officials Present: [X] Clif Williams, Mayor

Commissioners Present:
[X] Coley Jordan
[X] Brad Lee
[X] Jeff Peed
[X] Tina Taylor

Attendance: [X] Judi Lannon – Town Clerk/Finance Officer
[X] Chuck Bonner – Public Works Director

The July 6, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting had been recessed with the intent to consider a Resolution to Call for Public Hearing regarding proposed amendment to the Town's Code of Ordinances, Section 38-81 Appointment of Planning and Zoning Boards as prepared by the Town Attorney. Commissioner Peed advised that the Town already had or at one time had ordinance to appoint a planning board and should not conduct a Public Hearing at this time until the matter is rectified. No vote of further Board discussion took place. The Clerk will continue researching the missing ordinance text with The Mid-East Commission who administers the zoning ordinances.

The Clerk presented the Town of Aurora Water & Sewer 2021 Rate Study as prepared by Mike Houston, NC Rural Water Association. This rate assessment also took into consideration the cost of the water treatment plant upgrade. After a long discussion regarding the impact of rate increases on customers and the fact that as a proprietary fund the water and sewer utility must operating on the fees it receives. The Mayor summed it up by stating we just increased the rates last month during the budget process 1.5% for water and 2% for sewer and we have no recourse but to keep increasing the rates at regular intervals. All were in agreement as the NCRWA study showed a needed overall increase of 46 percent.

Under Board Comments, a review of the July 23 meeting that took place at Nutrien was discussed. Mayor Williams, Commissioner Peed and several state officials including House Representative Keith Kidwell, Congressman Greg Murphy joined Beaufort County Economic Development and Beaufort County Community College to meet and discuss local and regional economic issues that included the Aurora Industrial Park project as well as the Bailey's Creek property.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Jordan 4 to 0 vote.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk