

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
July 5, 2022, Meeting

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

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

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

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

Public Comment

Joy Dunn with the Aurora/Richland Township Chamber of Commerce gave an update on Chamber activities and presented an Appreciation of Service award to Jamie Perez.

Denice Bonner announced that the Aurora Community Watch would recognize this year's National Night Out happening on July 28th and conduct a "street party". They have booked the Community Center for the event and are asking the councils permission to block off 3rd Street at Pearl Street. They have also requested a small allocation from the town council for the refreshments.

Scott Hammond, candidate for Beaufort County Sheriff, introduced himself and gave a brief background. He also spoke about gun safety and the protection of our second amendment.

Commissioner Jordan joined the meeting during public comment and announced that Commissioner Peed would not be able to attend.

Consideration of Minutes

The proposed minutes of the January 3, 2022, meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Jordan, with a 3 to 0 vote.

Old Business

Mayor Williams gave an update on the Aurora Industrial Park project. He let council know that he has requested that the county consider giving the town the negotiated loan for the cost of the land to the town interest free. He also reported that the permitting process for the proposed water system plans

were complete. The Clerk reported that copies of the proposed stormwater and sediment plans were received from the engineer today with a letter indicating that the permitting process had begun for those elements as well.

The Clerk reported that she and Michele Oros had several conversations regarding the proposed application for the Rural Transformation Grant along with the notes provided by the ALC Chairman Kurt Ryan and what other projects the municipality was currently involved with.

New Business

After some discussion regarding the upcoming National Night Out and the municipalities involvement, a motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Bahhur to amend the current budget to allocate \$500 towards the event. The motion passed with a 3 to 0 vote. A motion was then made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to close the intersection of 3rd and Pearl Streets during that evening. The motion passed with a 3 to vote.

Staff Reports

The Clerk advised that she had provided a verbal report of her current activities during the meeting and that Public Works Director Chuck Bonner was on vacation and Recreation Coordinator Curt Hendrix was unable to attend.

Board Comments

The mayor thanked everyone for their community service.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Bahhur and seconded by Taylor and passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk