

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
August 3, 2020 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, August 3, 2020, 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

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 Peed with a 3 to 0 vote.

The proposed minutes for the May 11, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Jordan, with a 3 to 0 vote.

Commissioner Taylor joins the meeting in session.

Under Old Business, Public Works Director Chuck Bonner gave an update on the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade. He explained the interaction that occurred with the electrician with the contractor, A.C. Schultes and the fact that only the electrical control box was on the plans and not the rest of the electrical service. He has been in discussion with the engineer to have this corrected immediately. He will keep the Board informed as the issue progresses.

The Clerk reported that the Town Attorney Scott Davis had touched base regarding the renewal of the lease agreement for the wastewater treatment lagoon site, and that his letter to Nutrien regarding a proposed donation of the site had been received favorably.

The Clerk also reported that the first Golden Leaf Foundation quarterly report for the Emergency Generator Grant was successfully submitted by the July 20th deadline.

Under New Business, the Town Clerk reported that with the expiration of the Governors Executive Order 124/142 regarding COVID-19, the Town was now able to perform shutoffs and apply penalty charges for non-payment on its utility service. The Clerk went on to relate that the majority of

customers on the utility had continued to pay as billed during the shutdown and that the UNC School of Government had issued guidelines for collection practices for municipalities to use.

Under Staff Reports the Public Works Director Chuck Bonner gave an oral report which included the following:

- Preparation for probable Hurricane Isaias was underway, with the focus on ditch drainage
- Mowing continues to be a high priority

The Director is concerned about several culvert tubes that will need replacing in the future. A short discussion followed regarding the multitude of drain tiles in the Town.

The Recreation Coordinator Curt Hendrix provided a written report which included the following:

- Beaufort County Schools will be using virtual schooling for the first four weeks and then will move to a modified schedule. Mr. Hendrix has reached out to S.W. Snowden Principal Mrs. Windley to see if the Town can collaborate recreational programs with the school's P.E. Director.
- The Hustler mower had wiring and switch issues that are now repaired
- The Coastal Storm girls softball continues to enjoy the use of the ball field and the Director is disinfecting the facility daily
- The Community Garden is being maintained and the empty beds have been burned of thatch and are ready for fall planting
- The Fossil Museum is working with the State to create a "Dig the Past" Aurora Fossil Museum license plate

The Town Clerk/Finance Officer had no further report.

Under Board Comments the Mayor advised council that he had met with the land owner Max Thompson bringing him up to speed on the Aurora Industrial Park project and the wetlands delineation study currently underway with the project engineer and the Army Corps of Engineers.

After a brief discussion regarding the agricultural history of the AIP site, a motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Jordan and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to adjourn the meeting.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk