

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
August 5, 2019 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on August 5, 2019, at the Town Hall. Mayor Clif Williams called the meeting to order with the following present:

Officials Present: [X] Clif Williams, Mayor

Commissioners Present: [X] W. C. Boyd, Police
[X] John Farrow, Public Works
[X] Brad Lee, Water and Sewer (Mayor Pro Tempore)
[X] Jeff Peed, Buildings and Facilities

Attendance: [X] Judith Lannon – Town Clerk/Finance Officer
[] Sandra Sartin – Deputy Town Clerk/Finance Officer
[X] Chuck Bonner – Public Works Director
[X] Curt Hendrix – Recreation Coordinator
[X] Various members of the public were in attendance

A motion to approve the proposed Agenda was made by Commissioner Peed, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

The proposed minutes for the regular July 1, 2019, meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Peed, with a 4 to 0 vote.

The Clerk provided the Board with information regarding an update on the Water Treatment Plant upgrade. This consisted of a letter from Michael Tolson, Engineer with Mack Gay Associates, outlining the meeting of the Asset Management Team that consisted of the Mayor, Commissioner Lee and Public Works Director, Chuck Bonner who met on July 11th. The team was able to review the project numbers and evaluate which line items were able to be removed from the project. Mr. Tolson also provided a tabulation of the as-bid pricing alongside a comparison of reduced line items. The overall price reduction was \$79, 979 bringing the contract amount back within the original budget of the proposed project.

Public Works Director Chuck Bonner presented the Board with bid-proposals from John Deer and JCB for a new public works backhoe. John Deer will give the town \$3000 for the old backhoe and can offer anytime service for the new backhoe. The JCB backhoe is over \$20,000 less and JCB provided a list of counties and municipalities that are pleased with the equipment and the service. Delivery times were discussed as was the concern of the hurricane season looming. The Mayor advised that the Director check with equipment rental companies to see how the JCB backhoe holds up under heavy use. Commissioner Peed was familiar with JCB and would consider a favorable motion if that is what was chosen. Commissioner Boyd expressed the importance of the P.W. Director and staff getting on both machines and checking them out thoroughly before making a decision. A motion was made by

Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to give the Public Works Director permission to evaluate and purchase a new backhoe for the town.

Recreation Coordinator Curt Hendrix presented a report of activities for the month of July. He was instrumental in acquiring and delivering a donated refrigerator/cooler for the ball field. He reported on the maintenance of the ball field(s) as well as the theft of three of the Community Garden's six rain barrels. The theft was reported to the Beaufort County Sheriffs' Department. He also reported that the Volunteer Recreation Board/Committee had cancelled planned events for the weekend of August 3rd and 4th however; the Aurora Parks and Recreation did host a very successful soft ball tournament in spite of the intermitted rain. The Recreation Coordinator was also pleased to inform Council that he had closed on a new home on Fourth Street in Aurora.

The Clerk Judi Lannon provided an oral report highlighting the completion of the annual Powell Bill Funding report to the LGC and NCDOT. This money is for roads and ditches which the town receives approximately \$23,810 in funding annually. She also reported that the end of fiscal year closeout was nearly completed and preparation for the annual audit had begun. The Clerk emphasized the thorough and dedicated work that had been performed by Interim Clerk Sandra Sartin. Not only in stepping in and performing the duties of Town Clerk and Finance Officer over 18 months ago but also in re-training her and working towards a smooth transition.

The Mayor was pleased to announce that the Golden Leaf Foundation had approved the Town of Aurora Grant funding request for the Aurora Industrial Park. He was also pleased to report that the NC Department of Commerce would be making a decision on an additional funding request for the project on August 22nd.

The August 5, 2019, regular meeting adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Boyd with a 4 to 0 vote.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk