

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
Tuesday, September 5, 2023, Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 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] Jeff Peed
[X] Tina Taylor

Attendance: [X] Judi Lannon – Town Clerk/Finance Officer
[] James Ham – Public Works Director in Training
[X] 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 agenda was made by Commissioner Bahhur and seconded by Commissioner Jordan. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Public Comment

Denise Bonner once again announced that the Aurora Community Watch would be conducting the annual Aurora National Night Out on Saturday, October 14, 2023 and respectfully requested the Town Board please consider allocating the same amount of \$500.00 as was given last year for the event. The motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Bahhur. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the May 12, 2023, meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Jordan and approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Next the minutes of the June 5th meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Taylor and were approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Lastly, the minutes of the June 15th meeting were considered and approved on a motion by Commissioner Bahhur and seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Old Business

Under Old Business the Clerk had listed mowing being performed by the Public Works Department, Commissioner Jordan stated he was hoping to get more information on pricing from independent mowers that he had reached out to but the current rate was right about \$70.00 an hour. He reported that there were currently eighteen lots not being mowed by property owners. The discussion turned

toward alternative mowing practices. The Town could consider such as only mowing up to the utility poles to aid pedestrian traffic and keep the bugs snakes down.

Next under Old Business, was the building that houses the newly upgrading water treatment plant needed a new roof. It is important that this be done as soon as possible. The Clerk was instructed to request a quote for an "A" frame roof replacement from Allstate Roofing Company.

Also under Old Business, the needed repairs to the 3rd Street lift-station were discussed. Chuck Bonner was in the process reaching out to the engineer at Pearson Pumps to see where we were on completing the necessary work and getting the soft start issue addressed. Commissioner Peed stated that he would be in touch with Willis Electric and get their input.

At this point in the meeting it was noticed that reversing the order of topics under New Business was advisable in order to go into closed session at the end of the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Peed to reverse the order of the topics under New Business. Placing the topic of Town of Aurora participation in the National Flood Insurance Program ahead of the Discussion Regarding Future ORC contracts. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

New Business

Under New Business the Clerk provided council with a copy of the close out documentation of the Town of Aurora participation in the National Flood Insurance Program since 2002. The Town has a Flood Damage prevention Ordinance and has an inter-local agreement with the County for permitting and inspection services that include floodplain development. Development records and construction certificates are maintained by the County. It was agreed that the Town should continue to participate in flood mitigation programs whenever possible.

It was decided not to enter in to closed session regarding the ORC future contracts. The Clerk reminded council to review the proposed utility services contract provided by Mike Houston with NC Rural Water. The document is in MS-word and can be augmented to suit the Town's needs.

Mayor and Board Comments

The Mayor reported that Dr. James Joseph with Wells Pharmaceutical was very interested in Aurora as a future sit for a lab and a medical practice. He planned to visit Aurora very soon.

Adjournment/Recess

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Bahhur and seconded by Commissioner Peed to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Commissioner

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk