

TOWN OF COATS
Board of Commissioners
November 8, 2018
OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. ABSTRACT:

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on November 8, 2018 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall.

II. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Chris Coats, Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley, Commissioner JC Allen, Commissioner John Raynor, Commissioner Allen Mosby and Commissioner Bob Hedrick were present.

Attorney Alton Bain was present.

III. CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, Mayor Coats called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Coats delivered the invocation and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Coats asked to amend agenda to add Close Session as item-V.A. pursuant to N.C.S. G. 143-318.11 (a) (3) moving other items down.

RESOLVED, to approve amended Agenda.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER BOB HEDRICK: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, HEDRICK, MOSBY
AND RAYNOR
NOES (0)**

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLVED, to approve Consent Agenda.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR: SECOND BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, HEDRICK, MOSBY
AND RAYNOR
NOES (0)**

V. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Capital Management – John Frye

John Frye, CPA, CPFO with Capital Management of the Carolinas, LLC presented to the Board purposes and benefits for the Town in transferring reserved funds to the Capital Management Trust. Mr. Frye shared the Portfolio and S&R rating to the Board. Mr. Frye explained the banking fees and interest earnings analysis, which shows the potential of additional earnings for the Town. As of today, the 30-day yield is at 2.02%. The analysis shared with the Board shows that investing additional funds would yield additional earnings of nine thousand to eighteen thousand. **(Reference #1)**

Karen Wooten Town Clerk stated that the Town could operate on \$400,000 balance and transfer the other funds to earn the additional interest.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley suggested that the Board have a work session to discuss the upcoming CD and discuss what direction the Board needs to take concerning the funds in the Depository Account.

B. 2017-18 Audit Presentation – Preston Douglas & Associates

Lee Grissom, CPA, CFE presented the Board with the audit for 2017-2018. Mr. Grissom stated that Coats had an unmodified clean opinion audit, which is the highest security that is given. Mr. Grissom informed the Board that Coats has been steady for the past several years. Mr. Grissom highlighted the change in fund balance for the General Fund at \$1,128,050 showing a net change of negative \$84,288 and Water Fund at \$853,003 showing a net change of negative \$41,783. Mr. Grissom explained the net change based on the transfer of funds to the Public Works Project Fund. Mr. Grissom shared with the Board graphs on Fund Balance, Net Position and Total Cash Balance. Mr. Grissom shared the internal control issue due to the size of staffing. **(Reference #2)**

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Proposed Rezoning - R6 District

Nick Holcomb Town Manager updated the R-6 proposed rezoning for the Public Hearing. Mr. Holcomb stated that this would allow for economic growth and be in line with the Future Land Use Plan. Mr. Holcomb shared that he has not received any feedback on notices sent out nor the ads in the local paper.

Max Matthews, Jr Planning Board Chairman stated that the Planning Board recommends the R-6 District and expressed the concerns with the "Class A" Manufactured Homes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley questioned if the Board of Commissioners were the final decision on the conditional permits.

Max Matthews, Jr. informed the Board that there are 12 parts to meet before any permits given.

Mayor Coats opened Public Hearing. Hearing none Mayor Coats closed Public Hearing.

VII. CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLVED, to go into Closed Session.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER BOB HEDRICK
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, HEDRICK, MOSBY
AND RAYNOR
NOES (0)**

Board went into Closed Session at 7:46 p.m.

Board returned to Open Session at 8:07 p.m.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Proposed Rezoning – R6 District

Nick Holcomb recommended the Board to approve R6 District, which will allow development on lots sized 6,000-7999 sq. ft.

RESOLVED, to rezone R6 District.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, HEDRICK, MOSBY
AND RAYNOR
NOES (0)**

B. SRO – Reimbursement Contract

Nick Holcomb Town Manager stated that for the past few months the discussion for the SRO continues as benefits verses liabilities. Mr. Holcomb shared an e-mail from Brian Haney, MPA with the County office stating that the County was unable to change the language of the agreement. **(Reference #3)**

Ken Storicks Interim Chief stated that he and Chief Hall feel that the benefits are greater than the risk. Mr. Storicks informed the Board that Chief Hall had suggested back in the spring to Sheriff Coats that each Town cover their own schools and Chief Hall feels that this will have positive effects with the children.

Mayor Coats stated that he had been approached about the decision and stated that the Board was addressing the decision at the Town meeting.

Commissioner Raynor expressed his concerns about the verbiage with the *Memorandum of Understand* and that he would like the Sheriff to sign as a partner, however he does feel that it is important for the Town to have their own officer at the school.

Nick Holcomb Town Manager stated that the verbiage has been cleaned up between Officer Storicks and our Town Attorney. Mr. Holcomb did not feel the Sheriff had a problem with signing but could not insure that the County would make the change due to the other Towns, County, Sheriff's department and the School Board having already signed the contract.

Mayor Coats stated that this would allow us to talk with other municipalities to address these issues for the next contract year.

Commissioner Mosby stated he felt it was very important that we sign the contract. Commissioner Mosby shared that Angier, Dunn, Erwin and Lillington have all signed the contract and that the bottom line was the safety of our kids. Commissioner Mosby stated that he respected the advice from our attorney but it was time for the Board to do their business and make a decision. Commissioner Mosby stated that he recommends signing the contract and get this over. **(Reference #4)**

RESOLVED, to amend previous vote, to sign contract and place a Coats Police Officer as SRO at Coats Elementary.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR

Commissioner Hedrick stated that he believes that the County will honor the contract with Coats and the other municipalities.

**APPROVED, AYES (4), COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, HEDRICK, MOSBY AND RAYNOR
NOES (1) MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY**

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution for FEMA – Designation of Applicant's Agent

Nick Holcomb Town Manager asked for approval for the Resolution Designation of Applicant's Agent and Applicant Disaster Assistance Agreement. Mr. Holcomb stated that these forms need approval by the Board to receive any reimbursement for storm related expenses. **(Reference # 4)**

RESOLVED, to approve FEMA forms and Resolution.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER BOB HEDRICK: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, HEDRICK, MOSBY
AND RAYNOR
NOES (0)**

B. Talon Construction Payment Request #5

Nick Holcomb Town Manager requested approval of progress payment for Talon Construction #5 for \$89,776.90. (Reference #5)

RESOLVED, to approve payment to Talon Construction for \$89,776.90.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, HEDRICK, MOSBY
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NOES (0)**

C. Resolution for NC Commerce Rural Planning Center

Nick Holcomb Town Manager ask the Board to consider a proposal from NC Main Street & Rural Planning Center (Division of NC Commerce) to conduct a one-day interactive community assessment. Mr. Holcomb explained that this is an opportunity to involve community groups with the same goals. Mr. Holcomb stated that the goals could be included in the budget process this coming year. Mr. Holcomb informed the Board that this would cost \$400. (Reference # 6)

RESOLVED, to approve proposal from NC Department of Commerce.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, HEDRICK, MOSBY
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NOES (0)**

D. Street Closures for Christmas Parade

Nick Holcomb Town Manager presented the street closures for the Christmas Parade on December 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Holcomb informed the Board that the Chamber requested to close Main Street at 2:30 – 9:00 p.m. (Reference #7)

Pat Godwin Coats Chamber Director updated the Board with activities planned for Christmas on Main. Ten vendors, live nativity, entertainment before and after the parade. Ms. Godwin shared Coats Harvest Queen Bingo on November 11, open house for the Chamber on November 18 at 3:30 -4:45 p.m. and the annual Christmas tree lighting at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Godwin asked for unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots.

RESOLVED, to approve street closures for the Christmas on Main and Parade.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER BOB HEDRICK
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, HEDRICK, MOSBY
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X. MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nick Holcomb updated the Board of the sale of the 11 properties of which the Town has not received taxes in the past 10 years. Mr. Holcomb added that all properties sold and the Town will receive back taxes.

Ken Storicks Interim Chief presented his report for October 18 – November 8, 2018. (Reference #8)

Rodney Pleasant Public Works Director presented his report for October and stated that all the debris from the storm has been picked up. (Reference #9)

XI. PUBLIC FORUM:

Mayor Coats opened Public Forum.

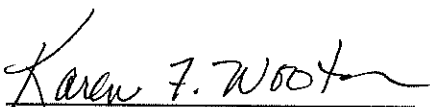
Hearing none Mayor Coats closed Public Forum.

XII. ADJOURN:


RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER BOB HEDRICK
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, HEDRICK, MOSBY
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Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Karen F. Wooten, Town Clerk



Chris Coats, Mayor