

TOWN OF COATS
Board of Commissioners
December 13, 2018
OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. ABSTRACT:

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on December 13, 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-VIII. pursuant to N.C.S. G. 143-318.11 (a) (6) moving other items down.

RESOLVED, to approve amended Agenda.

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

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Transfer to NCCMTF

Nick Holcomb Town Manager stated to the Board the benefits of moving funds to the NCCMT presented to the Board during the November meeting by John Frye. Mr. Holcomb reiterated the impact of the additional gain on interest in a 12-month period.

Karen Wooten Town Clerk asked the Board to consider this opportunity to increase our interest earned which can be an advantage during our budget planning. Ms. Wooten asked to move all funds except Four hundred thousand (\$400,000) to the NCCMT. Ms. Wooten stated that there is a CD that will expire at the end of January, which will be brought before the Board for discussion.

RESOLVED, to allow Town Manager and Town Clerk to transfer funds into the NCCMT.

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

VI. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Nick Holcomb Town Manager presented applicants for the Planning Board, Parks and Recreation Board and the Cemetery Board.

A. Planning Board (Reference #1)

RESOLVED, to appoint Robert Barefoot and Ed Lauder to serve a three-year term on the Planning Board for the ETJ.

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

B. Board of Adjustment (Reference #2)

RESOLVED, to appoint Robert Barefoot and Marc Powell to serve a three-year term on the Board of Adjustment.

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

RESOLVED, to appoint Commissioner Allen Mosby to serve a three-year term on the Board of Adjustment.

**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)**

C. Parks and Recreation (Reference #3)

RESOLVED, to keep the present active five and add James Forthofer to serve a one-year term on Parks and Recreation Board.

MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER J C ALLEN

Commissioner Bob Hedrick stated that it possibly would be better to have one additional to avoid having an even number on the Board.

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

RESOLVED, to appoint Commissioner Bob Hedrick to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board for a one-year term.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley asked that the Recreation Committee report quarterly to the Board.

Commissioner John Raynor ask that the Town Manager plan a Board of Adjustment meeting for a refresher on the responsibilities of the Board.

D. Cemetery (Reference #4)

RESOLVED, to appoint all seven applicants to serve a one-year term on Cemetery Board.

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

Mayor Coats expressed appreciation to all that served this past year and for those who are willing to serve the coming years.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Talon Final Payment

Nick Holcomb updated the Board on the completion of the Public Works building and receiving the CO permit from the County. Mr. Holcomb stated that he and Rodney would need to complete a walk through with the contractor prior to the final payment. Mr. Holcomb ask for approval from the Board to authorize him to make the final expenditure payment for \$38,697.06 once the walk through and all concerns addressed.

RESOLVED, to authorize Nick Holcomb Town Manager to make the final payment for \$38,697.06.

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

B. Concrete Parking

Nick Holcomb Town Manager requested the Board to consider a concrete parking area at the Public Works building. Mr. Holcomb stated that a hard surface parking area was discussed during the budgeting process but was not included in the budget. Mr. Holcomb expressed that evaluating the state of the current gravel lot that there is a strong belief that something will need to be done. Mr. Holcomb stated that recommendations from other similar projects, engineers and contractors are that a 6-inch concrete with fiber mesh and no wiring would be what is needed for the front part of the building. Mr. Holcomb presented three bids with P & M / Talon as the low bidder at \$35,000. Mr. Holcomb informed the Board that the Project Fund only needs an increase of \$15,000 to \$20,000 due to an estimated count of remaining funds. **(Reference #5)**

Discussion and agreement among the Board was to go with 6-inch concrete instead of 4-inch.

RESOLVED, to approve P&M/Talon, low bid at \$35,000 and to transfer from surplus \$20,000 for concrete surfacing at the Public Works building.

**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)**

C. SRO Budget

Nick Holcomb presented a budget for the SRO department to cover expenditures for the SRO position. The eligible expenditures will be balanced by a County reimbursement on the revenue side. A dedicated department for the SRO will be used for tracking monthly reimbursements that will be refunded from the County. (Reference #6)

RESOLVED, to approve SRO department budget amendment.

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

D. SRO Vehicle Request

Nick Holcomb Town Manager presented price quotes for the SRO vehicle purchase. Mr. Holcomb stated that rural departments are shifting toward SUV's and since the County will reimburse the Town, it makes a practical and financial decision to go with the Dodge Durango. (Reference # 7)

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley questioned the cost to have the Durango equipped and if this vehicle would be put into the car fleet. Interim Chief Storicks stated that the cost to equip the Durango is around \$3,400, which is the same for all vehicles. Interim Chief Storicks confirmed that this vehicle to be placed in our fleet and will not be the vehicle used for the SRO at the school.

RESOLVED, to approve purchase of the Dodge Durango.

**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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E. Souper Bowl 5K Street Closures

Nick Holcomb presented the street closures for the 5K run on Saturday February 2, 2019. (Reference #8)

Commissioner Bob Hedrick stated that this year would be the same route as last year. Commissioner Hedrick confirmed that this is the 6th year for the Souper Bowl 5K and this past year had over 200 participants.

RESOLVED, to approve street closures for the Souper Bowl 5K on Saturday February 2, 2019.

MOTION BY: MAYRO 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)**

F. Cemetery Plots

Nick Holcomb asked for approval of Cemetery plots C-162,163 and 164 purchased by Phillip and Carolyn Barnes. (Reference #9)

RESOLVED, to approve Cemetery plots purchased by Phillip and Carolyn Barnes.

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

VIII. MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORT:

Nick Holcomb Town Manager informed the Board that Amy Johnson with the Coats Beautification Committee would like to address the Board.

Amy Johnson informed the Board of the 20 lights purchased are up and look amazing, which leaves 25 more to order. Ms. Johnson asked the Board to budget to help purchase the remaining lights.

Mayor Coats stated that there have been many compliments on the Town's Christmas decorations.

Nick Holcomb Town Manager updated the Board:

1. Condemnation of the building on Main Street ends on December 18, 2018, which a decision may be needed at the January meeting.
2. North Carolina Commerce meeting set for late January and a team of local business owners and residents have been formed.
3. Staff Christmas party Wednesday December 19, 3-5 pm.

Nick Holcomb Town Manager updated the Board on the Recreation and Parks due to Mike Collins having over obligations. Mr. Holcomb informed the Board of the committee meeting on November 27, 2018. Mr. Holcomb stated that the merging with Erwin Parks and Recreation has not worked the way it was expected and that Erwin is interested in merging for Softball and Baseball only. A meeting with Erwin's Town Manager and Recreation Director is to be scheduled. During the meeting, the committee was asked to think of the top five concerns and projects to address for the recreation planning.

Ken Storicks Interim Chief presented the stats for November 9-December 13, 2018. (Reference #10)

Rodney Pleasant Public Works Director presented the November report. Mr. Pleasant confirmed with the Board plans for the McKinley Street leak are in motion and addressing the patching needed for Church Street. (Reference #11)

Teresa Brown Library Director presented her report to the Board. (Reference #12)

Commissioner Allen Mosby inquired about how Coats Chambers offices were working out, which Nick Holcomb Town Manager stated that all repairs are complete and that the arrangement is working well.

IX. PUBLIC FORUM:

Mayor Coats opened Public Forum

Shirley Allen Coats Chamber President updated the Board on the Christmas parade, live nativity and several food vendors all making a successful night for Christmas on Main. Mrs. Allen expressed the Chamber's appreciation for all the help and assistance from the Town, Police Department and Public Works.

X. CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLVED, to go in Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-31/.11. (a) (6) – To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee.

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

Moved into Closed Session at 8:26 pm.

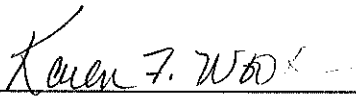
Return to Open Session at 8:41

XI. 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
AND RAYNOR
NOES (0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.



Karen F. Wooten, Town Clerk



Chris Coats, Mayor