

TOWN OF COATS
Board of Commissioners
June 13, 2019
OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. ABSTRACT:

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on June 13, 2019 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall.

II. ROLL CALL:

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

Attorney Alton Bain was present.

Commissioner John Raynor and Commissioner J C Allen were absent.

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.

Nick Holcomb Town Manager asked to add Close Session to approve closed session minutes.

Adding Close Session as item VIII and moving adjourn to IX.

RESOLVED, to approve amended Agenda.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER BOB HEDRICK
APPROVED, AYES (3), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS HEDRICK AND MOSBY
NOES (0)**

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLVED, to approve Consent Agenda.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER BOB HEDRICK: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY
APPROVED, AYES (3), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS HEDRICK AND MOSBY
NOES (0)**

V. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. FY 19-20 Budget

Nick Holcomb Town Manager informed the Board concerning the corrected abstract showing the correct balanced budget being at \$1,821,506. Difference from first proposed budget is pertaining to the blasting for the water tower and a decision to stay with Utility Service due to the cost. The fourteen thousand (\$14,000) less will be paid over the next 5 years and will begin in the fall of 2020. Mr. Holcomb presented points that are included in the 2019-2020 proposed budget:

- a. No ad valorem tax increase proposed
- b. Cost of living salary increase
- c. No increase to water or garbage rates
- d. Vehicle for the Police Department
- e. Outdoor exercise equipment at Town Park
- f. Funds to solve water pressure issues along Abattoir Rd.
- g. Increasing condemnation and demolition program

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Option to Approve FY 19-20 Budget

Nick Holcomb Town Manager presented the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget. (**Reference #1**)

RESOLVED to approve proposed budget for FY 19-20.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER BOB HEDRICK: SECOND BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY

Commissioner Allen Mosby thanked the Town Manager Nick Holcomb and Town Clerk Karen Wooten for their hard work and all the department managers for their support in the 2019-2020 Budget.

**APPROVED, AYES (3), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS HEDRICK AND MOSBY
NOES (0)**

B. SRO MOU Amendment 1 & Renewal Letter

Nick Holcomb Town Manager presented an amendment for the SRO MOU for approval and approval for the renewal letter. Mr. Holcomb informed the Board that the County has requested that the MOU must be reapproved for the reimbursement agreement to continue. Listed below is what the County Legal Department has recommended for approval: (**Reference #2**)

- A. Each Municipality and Harnett County Schools need to approve the attached "SRO MOU Amendment #1", which will allow for the MOU to be renewed annually "upon the mutual written agreement of both parties prior to the expiration of the then-current term."
- B. Each Municipality and Harnett County Schools also needs to sign the attached "SRO MOU renewal Letter", which constitutes the "written agreement of both parties" noted in the Amendment.

RESOLVED, to approve SRO MOU Amendment #1 and Renewal Letter.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER BOB HEDRICK

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley asked if there had been any issues with the County's reimbursement of the expenses for the SRO.

Karen Wooten Town Clerk stated that all expenses have been paid with no problems.

**APPROVED, AYES (3), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS HEDRICK AND MOSBY
NOES (0)**

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Budget Amendment #5 (Capital Project Transfer)

Nick Holcomb Town Manager presented Budget Amendment #5 to appropriate revenues and expenses for the Downtown Project from back paid taxes and sell of the Library property.

Due to the illness of Commissioner Bob Hedrick the Board moved to have a short break.

RESOLVED, to take a short break.

**MOTION BY: MAYRO PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY
APPROVED, AYES (2), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY AND MOSBY
NOES (0)**

Mayor Coats ask to bring meeting into order at 7:22 p.m.

RESOLVED, to recess meeting for Monday June 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**MOTION BY: MAYRO PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY
APPROVED, AYES (2), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY AND MOSBY
NOES (0)**

Meeting recessed at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor Coats brought Board of Commissioners meeting back to order on June 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Allen Mosby, J C Allen and Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley were in attendance.

Commissioners Bob Hedrick and John Raynor were absent.

Continued VII.

A. Budget Amendment #5(Capital Project Transfer)

Nick Holcomb Town Manager asked approval for Budget Amendment #5 to transfer funds from miscellaneous income to the newly established downtown capital improvement project. (Reference #4)

RESOLVED, to approve Budget Amendment #5.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY APPROVED, AYES (3), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN AND MOSBY NOES (0)

B. Budget Amendment #6 (County Recreation Increase)

Nick Holcomb Town Manager asked approval for Budget Amendment #6 to show the increase from Harnett County's recreation contribution. Increase for the recreation was Eight Thousand One Hundred Dollars. (Reference #4)

RESOLVED, to approve Budget Amendment #6.

MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY APPROVED, AYES (3), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN AND MOSBY NOES (0)

C. Cemetery Plots

Nick Holcomb Town Manager presented two Cemetery Plots for approval requested by J.T. Mercado. (Reference #5)

RESOLVED, to approve both Cemetery Plots.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY APPROVED, AYES (3), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN AND MOSBY NOES (0)

D. Records Retention Schedule

Karen Wooten Town Clerk presented an updated 2019 Local Government Agencies General Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for local governments. Resolution # 2019-4 was presented to the Board for approval and the approval schedule presented. (Reference #6)

RESOLVED, to approve Retention Schedule recommended by the State.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY APPROVED, AYES (3), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN AND MOSBY NOES (0)

VIII. MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORT:

A. Department Head Update

Nick Holcomb Town Manager updated the Board of the following:

- a. Fire Department receiving a "3 Rating" which will be seen in insurance premiums for the residents
- b. Property being cleared on Jackson Street for new house
- c. Three (3) townhouses starting on Church Street
- d. Kitchen property owners has asked to make arrangements for payment on the \$11,800 demolition cost. Owner have proposed to pay \$4,800 before August 1, 2019 and \$200 per month for 3 years. Mr. Holcomb stated that he and Attorney Bain would draft the documents needed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley stated that the Town wasn't in the business to take property and felt that the Town should work with the owners.

- e. Domino's ribbon cutting on Friday June 14, 2019
- f. Ground breaking for highway 27 construction Friday June 21, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. – T & L Coats
- g. Election filing opens July 5th at noon

Jeremy Hall Chief presented his stats for May 9 – June 12, 2019. Chief Hall shared his training and information class with the Senior Center. **(Reference # 7)**

Rodney Pleasant Public Works Director presented his May report and informed the Board that the Public Works department was working fully out of the new public works building. **(Reference #8)**

Teresa Brown Library Director presented the May report and introduced part-time employee Elizabeth Caudill which will be covering the Friday hours. **(Reference #9)**

IX. PUBLIC FORUM:

Mayor Coats opened Public Forum stating the three (3) minute limit of comments.

Harold Dixon, Trustee of property at 95 E. Washington Street, Coats, NC. Mr. Dixon stated that he had issues with the property that the Board had approved to be demolished. Mr. Dixon asked the Board to allow him to fix the house up for himself and family to live in as much as the Board would require him to. Mr. Dixon commented that the house would be fixed up and be something that the Town would be proud of. Mr. Dixon shared that he had tried to get the house moved however due to the weather the moving company has been too busy. Mr. Dixon informed the Board that he was born in Coats and has served the Town of Coats.

Mayor Coats informed Mr. Dixon that his three minutes were up.

Mayor Coats hearing no one else closed Public Forum.

X. Closed Session:

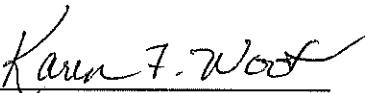
Mayor Coats stated that due to the recessed meeting the Town Attorney Alton Bain could not be present, there would be no Closed Session.

XI. ADJOURN:


RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY
APPROVED, AYES (3), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN AND MOSBY
NOES (0)**

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Karen F. Wooten, Town Clerk



Chris Coats, Mayor