

TOWN OF COATS  
Board of Commissioners  
December 12, 2019  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**I. ABSTRACT:**

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on December 12, 2019 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

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

Attorney Alton Bain was present.

Town Manager Nick Holcomb was 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.

**RESOLVED**, to approve Agenda.

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

**IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

**RESOLVED**, to approve Consent Agenda.

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

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Coats recognized Commissioner J C Allen and Commissioner Bob Hedrick for their years of service on the Board and commitment to the Town. Mayor Coats presented to Commissioners Allen and Hedrick a gift from the Town.

Commissioners Allen and Hedrick stepped down from the Board

**VI. Organization Meeting:**

A. Oath of Office

Judge Caron Stewart administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Chris Coats, Commissioner Marc Powell and Commissioner Kelvin Gilbert. (Reference #1)

Commissioners Gilbert and Powell took their place on the Board.

B. Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Chris Coats asked for nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem.

Commissioner Allen Mosby nominated Commissioner Jerry Beasley and Mr. Beasley accepted the nomination. (Reference #2)

**RESOLVED**, to approve Jerry Beasley as Mayor Pro-Tempore.

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

**VII. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:**

A. Planning Board

Mayor Coats presented the applications for the Planning Board. (Reference #3) Listed were:

1. Shirley Allen
2. Marshall Jones
3. Jack Johnson
4. Tony Daniels (applied for Parks Committee as first choice and Planning Board as second choice)

**RESOLVED**, to appoint Shirley Allen, Marshall Jones and Jack Johnson to Planning Board for a three year term.

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

B. Board of Adjustment

Mayor Coats presented the five Planning Board members that are eligible to serve on the Board of Adjustment and asked the Board to select three members. Listed were:

1. Hazel Stephenson
2. Ed Lauder – ETJ
3. Shirley Allen
4. Marshall Jones
5. Jack Johnson

**RESOLVED**, to appoint Shirley Allen, Marshall Jones and Hazel Stephenson to Board of Adjustment for a three year term.

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

C. Parks & Recreation

Mayor Coats presented the applications for Parks and Recreation Committee. (**Reference #4**) Listed were:

1. Theresa Brown
2. Tony Daniels
3. Amy Johnson
4. Louis Pope, Jr.
5. Nicholas Sherman

Maria Lecesse application was for Parks and Recreation and also choice for Cemetery. Application moved to Cemetery Committee. Drew Bryant is listed as the Harnett County representative when needed.

**RESOLVED**, to appoint Theresa Brown, Tony Daniels, Amy Johnson, Louis Pope, Jr, Drew Bryant and Nicholas Sherman to serve a one year term for Parks and Recreation committee.

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

Mayor Coats asked for nominations to serve on the Parks and Recreation Committee from the Board. Commissioner Allen Mosby and Commissioner Kelvin Gilbert agreed to volunteer, which at that time Commissioner Allen Mosby withdrew his name.

**RESOLVED**, to appoint Commissioner Gilbert to serve on the Recreation Committee.

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

D. Cemetery

Mayor Coats presented the applications for Cemetery Committee. (**Reference #5**) Listed were:

1. Michelle Godwin
2. Margaret House
3. Sondra Smith
4. Maria Lecesse (moved from Parks and Recreation)
5. Jean Powell
6. Connie Sorrell

7. Andrea Watkins

**RESOLVED**, to appoint all seven listed to serve.

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

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Set Public Hearing for Demolition Ordinance – 260 E. Lemon

Mayor Coats informed the Board of the structure located at 260 E. Lemon Street which Nick Holcomb Town Manager has summarized to be a hazard and danger to life, health and other property. The owners were required to remedy the defective conditions by demolishing the residential structure by December 13, 2019. Mr. Holcomb requested to set Public Hearing for January 9, 2020.

**RESOLVED**, to set Public Hearing for January 9, 2020

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

B. Set Public Hearing for Zoning Text Amendment

Mayor Coats informed the Board of a Zoning Text Amendment needed which Nick Holcomb Town Manager has summarized to address Bars, Taverns, Micro-brewery, large Breweries, Cideries, and Wineries. All which now require definitions and a place within Coats Zoning districts.

**RESOLVED**, to set Public Hearing for February 13, 2020

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KELVIN GILBERT  
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS GILBERT, POWELL, MOSBY AND  
RAYNOR  
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**IX. MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mayor Coats reported Manager's Update for Town Manager Nick Holcomb

1. Board of Adjustment approved a variance request for 10 ft. off the corner site setback for property at 83 South Orange Street.
2. Zoning permits issued: 325 E. Stewart St., 373 S Mason St., 39 E Washington St. and 110 W Parrish St.
3. Kick-off meeting for newly elected and existing Commissioners on January 9, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.
4. Additional Library hours 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. - eliminating the one hour overlap.

Elizabeth Caudill presented the Library report for November 14 – December 11, 2019 (Reference #6)

Rodney Pleasant Public Works Director presented the Public Works report for the month of November. (Reference #7)

Mayor Coats stated that Taft Stevens received the Tom Suiter Extra Effort Award from WRAL.

Mayor Coats informed the Board of the Town Hall Christmas party on December 19, 2:00 -4:00 p.m.

**X. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Mayor Coats opened Public Forum.

Ms. Donna Denning, 189 E. Jay Street, expressed concerns with property at Jay and McLean Street and stated that there is no water nor trash pickup at the house. Ms. Denning stated that there are dogs running loose around her area which Harnett County Animal control had suggested that the Police Department help with catching the dogs. Ms. Denning shared that she had spoken to Nick Holcomb Town Manager and he has addressed the property but no actions have been taken. (Reference #8)

Mayor Coats closed Public Forum.

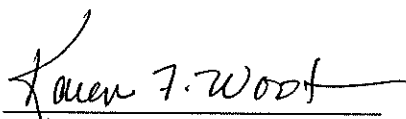
**XI. ADJOURN:**

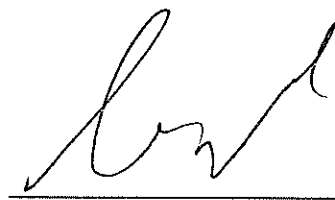
**RESOLVED**, to approve to adjourn meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor Chris Coats invited everyone to join the Board for a reception.

  
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Karen F. Wooten, Town Clerk

  
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Chris Coats, Mayor