

TOWN OF COATS  
Board of Commissioners  
January 9, 2020  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**I. ABSTRACT:**

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on January 9, 2020 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Chris Coats, Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley, Commissioner Kelvin Gilbert, Commissioner Allen Mosby, Commissioner John Raynor and Commissioner Marc Powell were present.

Attorney Alton Bain was not in attendance.

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

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Parking Redesign – Final Design and Specifications**

Town Manager Nick Holcomb presented to the Board the design for parking area and picnic shelter/stage structure for discussion and approval to move forward. Mr. Holcomb informed the Board of slight changes from initial parking area due to adjacent landowner not signing access easement, however basic traffic circulation pattern remains. Mr. Holcomb stated that the process for bids will be over the next month and once a contractor has been selected in February, the work could begin as soon as weather cooperates. **(Reference #1)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley and Commissioner Allen Mosby agreed that the design plan for the parking area was satisfactory to them.

Mayor Coats was agreeable and glad to see the Flag poles at the front.

Town Manager Nick Holcomb shared that the brick wall may push the budget beyond what has been approved, which Commissioner Mosby mentioned that the wall could be a project for Triton High School or Boy Scouts.

Commissioner Gilbert questioned the areas that would be concrete, asphalt or gravel. Clarification was given on the concrete aligning where the asphalt meets.

Commissioner Raynor questioned the parking spaces which encroaches Mr. Currin property and stated that he thought the plan was good.

Town Manager Nick Holcomb expressed that Mr. Currin has no problems with the parking, being the parking is already on his property but doesn't want to give legal authorization.

**RESOLVED**, to approve to go with site plan design.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER MARC POWELL**

Commissioner Allen Mosby asked that Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley's motion to include leaving the design opened for any amendments to the plan. *(No amendment to the motion was made.)*

**APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, GILBERT, MOSBY AND RAYNOR  
NOES (0)**

Discussion among the Board concerning the building, stage/picnic shelter structure.

Town Manager Nick Holcomb informed the Board that the structure will be 12x24 with concrete floor. There will be a slight raised sloping on the front and the back.

Commissioner Gilbert suggested that the flooring could be made of wood which would be comparable.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley stated to stay away from wood.

**RESOLVED**, to approve structure plans and make decisions based on bids.

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

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Budget Amendment No. 2

Town Manager Nick Holcomb presented a budget amendment to cover the cost of the police vehicle that replaced the wrecked vehicle. Mr. Holcomb informed the Board that the replacement cost was \$28,140.21 and the insurance reimbursement totaled \$23,232.27. Mr. Holcomb requested the difference at \$4,907.94 from Unappropriated Surplus. Mr. Holcomb stated that the Amendment would balance the budget for miscellaneous account to show the effects of the monies received from the insurance company. (Reference #2)

**RESOLVED**, to approve Budget Amendment #2.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR**

Commissioner Gilbert questioned the cost of a vehicle.

**APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, GILBERT, MOSBY AND RAYNOR  
NOES (0)**

B. Purchase Police Vehicle

Chief Jeremy Hall informed the Board that at this time there has been no luck in finding a Dodge Charger on the State Contract price. Chief Hall stated that Dodge is not making police pack Chargers and that he is looking into other options. Chief Hall stated that he will continue to search to keep the fleet with Dodge Chargers.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley expressed his concerns to stay with Dodge Chargers.

Commissioner Allen Mosby questioned how the department stood with vehicles, which Chief Hall stated that the spare vehicle is the Durango.

Chief Hall stated that the fleet management for the department is being measured by run hours for the vehicles and not mileage which he stated makes more sense.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley stated that it didn't make more sense when vehicle are left running for half a day in the parking lot.

Commissioner Gilbert questioned how vehicles are used in the police department.

C. Souper Bowl 5K Street Closures

Bob Hedrick presented the plans and requested street closures for the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) 5K run. Mr. Hedrick informed the Board that last year the participation was over 200 runners/walkers and with the sponsors help they cleared Nineteen Thousand (\$19,000) dollars for the Soup Kitchen. Mr. Hedrick added that the event this year is Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. (Reference #3)

**RESOLVED**, to approve Street Closures as presented.

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

**APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, GILBERT, MOSBY AND RAYNOR  
NOES (0)**

**VII. MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORT:**

A. Department Head Updates

Chief Jeremy Hall presented his stats for December 12-January 8<sup>th</sup> 2020.

*Commissioner Allen Mosby questioned the cost of out of the pocket for radar certification.*

Chief Hall replied that there is no cost for the class other than it is a difficult class and recertification is every three (3) years. **(Reference #4)**

Public Works Director Rodney Pleasant presented his report for the month of December. **(Reference #5)**

Town Manager Nick Holcomb stated that Mr. Pleasant has been working on bids for the Abbatoir Road water pressure.

Library Assistant Elizabeth Caudill presented the Library report for the month of December. **(Reference #6)**

*Commissioner Kelvin Gilbert asked how the Library advertises their activities.*

Ms. Caudill stated, social media, Facebook and word of mouth.

Town Manager Nick Holcomb informed the Board that the evaluation forms for himself and Town Clerk were at their desk and ask that they be prepared for closed session during the February meeting to finalize those evaluations.

**VIII. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Mayor Coats opened Public Forum.

Chamber Director Pat Godwin thanked the Board for the assistance with the Christmas events, especially Public Works and the Police Department. Mrs. Godwin informed the Board of the following.

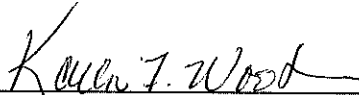
1. A meeting at the Community Building with First Bank. Colin Peregoy will be discussing what First Bank is doing for Coats and ways that First Bank can assist Coats.
2. Awards Banquet February 11<sup>th</sup> –Triton High School 6:30 p.m. –Deadline for tickets January 24, 2020
3. Plans of a Carnival in Coats

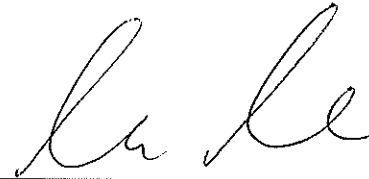
**IX. ADJOURN:**

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
Karen F. Wooten, Town Clerk

  
Chris Coats, Mayor