

TOWN OF COATS
Board of Commissioners
August 13, 2020
OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. ABSTRACT:

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on August 13, 2020 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall. The Board exercised social distancing, with six Board members, Town Attorney Alton Bain, Town Manager Nick Holcomb and Town Clerk Karen Wooten.

II. ROLL CALL:

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

RESOLVED, to approve Agenda.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLVED, to approve Consent Agenda.

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

V. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Coats opened Public Hearing

A. Voluntary Contiguous Annexation & Zoning

Nick Holcomb Town Manager presented a requested from Don Adams, property owner, for annexation of acres of land along S. Lincoln Street. The acres include three contiguous lots totaling 4.85. A portion of this tract is contiguous to Town Limit so this qualifies as a Voluntary Contiguous Annexation with the signed petition request. Mr. Holcomb informed the Board that a rezoning from the Planning Board recommended rezoning this area to an R-20 from the existing RA zone. Mr. Holcomb stated that the rezoning would need to be on the September Board meeting. **(Reference #1)**

Mayor Coats closed Public Forum.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Voluntary Contiguous Annexation & Zoning

Nick Holcomb Town Manager clarified that the rezoning of the 4.85 acres will be on the September Board Agenda upon approval from the Board for scheduled date and only approval needed for the Annexation and the Ordinance to extend the Corporate Limits of the Town of Coats. **(Reference #2)**

RESOLVED, to accept Annexation request due to the Contiguous Annexation met by the property owner and the signing of the petition.

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

RESOLVED, to approve Public Hearing for Re-Zoning of property own by Don Adams along S. Lincoln Street on September 10, 2020.

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

B. Reimbursement Agreement Coronavirus Relief Funds

Nick Holcomb Town Manager informed the Board of the agreement with Harnett County to allow for Reimbursement Relief. Mr. Holcomb stated that Harnett County's' been awarded over \$5 million from Federal Cares Act due to the Coronavirus. It has been mandated that the County share 25% with the municipalities and with the Town's population our allotment will be \$119,201. Mr. Holcomb stated that the salaries of the law enforcement officers qualify for reimbursement, which would cover expense from March through August. Mr. Holcomb requested the Board to approve the Agreement to receive this allotment. **(Reference #3)**

Commissioner Gilbert questioned how these funds would be used.

Nick Holcomb stated that the funds could cover salaries in the Police Department; however, it is the decision of the Board.

RESOLVED, to approve Agreement with Harnett County for reimbursement of the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

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

C. Chamber Lease Extension

Nick Holcomb Town Manager updated the Board pertaining to the lease agreement with Coats Chamber, which has been two years. Mr. Holcomb stated that the Chamber is pleased with the office space and agrees to extend the contact for two more years. **(Reference #4)**

RESOLVED, to approve contract for two years with Coats Chamber.

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

D. Cemetery Plots

Nick Holcomb Town Manager presented Cemetery Plot C-359 purchased by Terry Norris. **(Reference #5)**

RESOLVED, to approve Cemetery Plot C-359 purchased by Terry Norris.

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

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Set Public Hearing for Abattoir Speed Limit

Nick Holcomb Town Manager informed the Board that this request had approval two years ago to reduce the speed limit for a portion of Abattoir Road between Hwy 27 and Irbin Drive. DOT is requiring changes to amend as an ordinance to reverse the prior ordinance change, which the Town will need to hold a Public Hearing and Ordinance change. Mr. Holcomb asked if the Board would want a study from the Police Department on any problems prior to holding a Public Hearing.

Commissioner Gilbert questioned how to make the speed limit change.

Commissioner Marc Powell stated that two residents had spoken to him concerning the speed limit.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley stated to let the Chief monitor the road and assist the Town Manager to make a decision to change if needed.

Commissioner Mosby stated that Jagers had already study the speed limit and felt that a Public Hearing was needed.

RESOLVED, to set Public Hearing for Abattoir Speed Limit on September 10, 2020 as requested by DOT.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR
APPROVED, AYES (4), COMMISSIONERS POWELL, MOSBY, GILBERT AND RAYNOR
NOES (1) MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY**

VIII. MANAGER'S UPDATE:

Nick Holcomb Town Manager referenced list of properties given to each Commissioner pertaining to actions taken from N-Focus. Mr. Holcomb stated that an updated list would be presented to the Board each month. **(Reference #6)**

1. Parks and Recreation – Saturday, September 12 @ 9:00. Ask to meet at the Park and will finish up at Town Hall
2. Plans for subdivision on Ebenezer C Road
3. Old Napa building sold to someone interested in a Bar and Bottle Shop
4. Coats Automotive moving and building for sale
5. Allen Faircloth stating plans are moving forward for the opening of Donna's Kitchen

Mike Collins Recreation Director updated the Board with improvements at the Park. Mr. Collins informed the Board that the Recreation Committee met at the park and walked around to discuss needs at the park. Mr. Collins stated that all Fall sports have been postponed with hopes to have them in the early spring. Mr. Collins informed the Board that recreation has been active with adult softball, which is easier to control than children's activities. Now there are three leagues set up, women's, co-eds and men's, 28 teams. Mr. Collins stated that the adult activities is bringing revenue into the Town.

Commissioner Mosby stated how impressed he was for the Trails project done by the Eagle Scouts.

Interim Chief Ken Storicks presented the stats for July and updated the Board that the police vehicle has been ordered and waiting on a delivery date. **(Reference #7)**

Teresa Brown Library Director presented her report for the month of July and all the measures taken to insure social distancing and safety for all the patrons. **(Reference #8)**

IX. PUBLIC FORUM:

Mayor Coats opened Public Forum. **(Reference #9)**

Joyce Toy, 252 E. Lemon Street, Coats, NC, expressed her appreciation to Nick Holcomb for his attention to having ditches cleaned out, trash picked up and lawns mowed.

Dr. Harold Dixon, Coats, NC expressed his concerns about not having enough time to repair the property on 458 S. Railroad Street due to waiting on the structural engineer.

Mayor Coats stated that Dr. Dixon has time up to September 15, 2020.

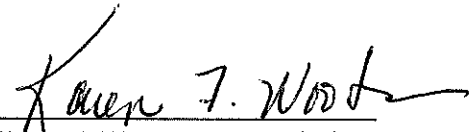
Mayor Coats closed Public Forum.

X. ADJOURN:

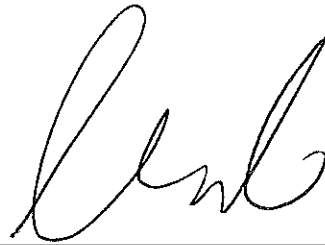
RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Karen F. Wooten, Town Clerk



Chris Coats, Mayor