

TOWN OF COATS
Board of Commissioners
September 10, 2020
OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. ABSTRACT:

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on September 10, 2020 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall. The Board exercised social distancing, with five 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 Allen Mosby and Commissioner Marc Powell were present.

Commissioner John Raynor was absent.

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.

Town Manager Nick Holcomb asked to add Item V-D, Cemetery Plots under New Business.

RESOLVED, to approve Agenda with added item V-D, Cemetery Plots.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER MARC POWELL: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY
APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, MOSBY, AND GILBERT
NOES (0)**

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLVED, to approve Consent Agenda.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KELVIN GILBERT: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER MARC POWELL
APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, MOSBY, AND GILBERT
NOES (0)**

V. PRESENTATION:

A. Auditor's Update on FY 19-20

Lee Grissom with Preston Douglas & Associates presented the Town's Financial Statement for the fiscal year of 2019-2020. Mr. Grissom presented graphs along with the audit reports, which show the Town in good condition. Mr. Grissom stated that the audit was clean and unmodified, with that being the best opinion given. Mr. Grissom added that this is the opinion for the fourth year that Preston Douglas & Associates has been auditing the Town. Mr. Grissom stated the position of reserves has increased to a twelve-month reserve and commented on the low debt status of the Town. (Reference #1)

VI. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Coats opened Public Hearing.

A. North Orange – Reduce Speed Limit

Nick Holcomb Town Manager stated the Town is petitioning NC Department of Transportation to reduce speed limit on North Orange Street from the intersection of Hwy 27 to the intersection of Irbin Drive from 45 mph to 35 mph. NC Department of Transportation requires an official Ordinance change, which requires a public hearing. (Reference #2)

Hearing no one Mayor Coats closed Public Hearing Item A.

B. 699 S Lincoln Rezoning

Nick Holcomb Town Manager reiterated the reason for the rezoning request due to the result of the land transferring from ETJ to in Town limits. This area is zoned Residential Agriculture which is not zone for Town limits. Mr. Holcomb stated that the Planning Board has recommended rezoning to R-20 due to the size of the lots, which are over one acre each and meet all the criteria of an R-20 size lot. (Reference #3)

Hearing no one Mayor Coats closed Public Hearing Item B.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. North Orange – Reduce Speed Limit

Nick Holcomb Town Manager requested to approve Ordinance to reduce the speed limit on North Orange Street from the intersection of Hwy 27 to the intersection of Irbin Drive from 45 mph to 35 mph.

RESOLVED, to approve Ordinance to reduce the speed limit on Hwy 27 to Irbin Drive from 45 mph to 35 mph.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY
APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, MOSBY, AND GILBERT
NOES (0)**

B. 699 S. Lincoln Rezoning

Nick Holcomb Town Manager requested to approve rezoning of property at 699 S. Lincoln Street to R-20.

RESOLVED, to approve rezoning property that annexed into the Town Limits, which is in compliance of the Future Land Use Plan.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER MARC POWELL
APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, MOSBY, AND GILBERT
NOES (0)**

C. Addendum to Water Tank Maintenance Contract

Nick Holcomb Town Manager requested the Board to approval the addendum to the Water Tank maintenance contract with Utility Service Co., Inc. The addendum is to include the Containment and Logo for the additional One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) over the next five (5) years for the N. Carrie Street tank. Mr. Holcomb informed the Board that payment has been made to Duke Power Company to relocate the power lines prior to the Containment. **(Reference #4)**

RESOLVED, to approve Addendum to Utility Service Co., Inc. contract.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KELVIN GILBERT
APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, MOSBY, AND GILBERT
NOES (0)**

D. Cemetery Plot

Nick Holcomb presented plot C-397 purchased by Donna Jean Penny for Board approval. **(REFERENCE #5)**

RESOLVED, to approve plot C-397 purchased by Donna Jean Penny.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY
APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, MOSBY, AND GILBERT
NOES (0)**

VIII. MANAGER'S UPDATE:

A. Saturday (9/12) Capital Planning Workshop

Nick Holcomb Town Manager informed the Board that the workshop would be at the Park shelter at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Holcomb stated that the plan is to walk around the park and discuss ideas to improve our recreation area and to discuss completion of the downtown parking area. Mr. Holcomb asked the Board to review the handouts used during the workshop. **(Reference #6)**

B. Tuesday (9/15) 458 S Railroad Street Order to Demolish

Nick Holcomb Town Manager reminded the Board of the scheduled hearing for the property located at 458 S. Railroad Street at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Holcomb expressed the importance of having a quorum due to Commissioner Mosby being out of Town.

Mr. Holcomb Town Manager shared the monies received from Harnett County through the Cares Act, which total One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$119,000).

Mr. Holcomb Town Manager updated the Board on results from Code Enforcement and presented a report of the properties and the status of each. **(Reference # 7)**

Ken Storicks Interim Chief presented the stats for August and updated the Board that the Durango to be delivered by the end of the month. **(Reference #8)**

Rodney Pleasant Public Works Director presented the report for August and updated the Board concerning the Emergency Respond Plan for State. **(Reference #9)**

Nick Holcomb Town Manager updated the Board with repairs completed at the park and that Mike Collins Recreation Director is addressing the request to have T-Ball in the fall.

IX. PUBLIC FORUM:

Mayor Coats opened Public Forum. **(Reference #10)**

Pat Godwin Chamber Director updated the Board on the following:

- a. September 19, 2020 - 10:30 a.m. Grand Marshall Sam Shelton demonstration behind Coats Museum
- b. September 26, 2020 - 2:00 p.m. Crossroad Prayer Visual
- c. October 10, 2020 – 11:00 a.m. Barbecue Plate Sale at Community Building
- d. November 29, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. Christmas Tree Lighting
- e. December 10, 2020 - Christmas Parade - Possibly a stationary parade
- f. Beautification Committee working on Christmas decorations for the Town

Joyce J. Toy, 252 E. Lemon Street – Questioned why information concerning her son’s car being broken into has not been followed through with and concerns with the grass being cut.

Interim Chief Storicks stated he would follow up with her on Friday.

Laura Hoton, 383 S. Church Street – Inquired about the progress concerning the flooding on her property due to the Town Homes built next to her property. She expressed the major flooding and water issues on her property.

Nick Holcomb Town Manager stated he is working with Robert Barefoot owner of the Town Houses and will call him on Friday to get an update.

Commissioner Gilbert thanked everyone for their involvement with the Town meeting and asked them to give an update at next months’ meeting.

Levern Sanders, 108 N. McLean Street – ask that the Town do something concerning the water flowing from the storage units toward the homes in that area.

Stephanie Elliott, 126 N. McLean Street – expressed concerns with the flooding in her front and back yards, which she feels is coming from the field. Stated that the smell from the standing water smells like a hog lagoon. Asked where we go from here to try to solve a problem and not create another problem.

Commissioner Mosby asked the residents to ask citizens not to cut and put items in the ditches.

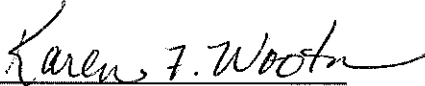
Mayor Coats closed Public Forum.

X. ADJOURN:


RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER MARC POWELL
APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, MOSBY AND GILBERT
NOES (0)**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Karen F. Wooten, Town Clerk



Chris Coats, Mayor