

TOWN OF COATS
Board of Commissioners
October 8, 2020
OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. ABSTRACT:

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on October 8, 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.

RESOLVED, to approve Agenda

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

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Camera Storage Contract

Nick Holcomb Town Manager requested approval for an addendum for Camera Data Contract. Mr. Holcomb informed the Board that Axon Enterprise, Inc. is the company we have been using for the past five (5) years.

Interim Chief Storicks explained to the Board that the contract is for license and storage for six (6) units. Mr. Storicks added that the service suited the Police Department's needs. (Reference #1)

RESOLVED, to approve five-year (5) contract with Axon.

**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)**

B. PD HVAC Unit

Nick Holcomb Town Manager presented the Board two (2) quotes for proposals on HVAC units. Mr. Holcomb informed the Board that the unit that needs replacing is for the Police Department and which is an old unit and the coil needs replacing. Mr. Holcomb asked the Board to approve replacing the unit. (Reference #2)

RESOLVED, to approve lowest bid from J & M Heating and A/C, Inc. for a 4 ton Trane.

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

C. Set Public Hearing on Conditional Use

Nick Holcomb Town Manager requested the Board to set a Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit at 34 N. McKinley Street for November 12, 2020. Mr. Holcomb informed the Board that the Planning Board discussed the application and recommended to approve the Conditional Use with two conditions:

1. Primary bays used facing the existing parking lot and bays facing McKinley Street used as secondary bays with owners assisting with traffic ingress and egress.
2. Storage of new and used tires to be inside building or other enclosed area with the exception of daily display of tires on racks.

RESOLVED, to set Public Hearing for November 12, 2020 for Conditional Use.

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D. Storm Water & Drainage Update

Nick Holcomb Town Manager updated the Board on drainage issues:

1. Church Street – pipe installed for drainage to cross Church Street and drain excess water down W. Erwin Street.
2. McLean Street – Confirmed that the Retention pond designed to standards by engineer and approved by NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and that there is no evidence of drainage issue due to the retention pond. No Right-of-Ways between the ten (10) acre field and rear of properties.

Commissioner Gilbert thanked Public Works for the improvements on Church and suggested that the Board keep in mind of the problems on McLean Street and suggested that we may need to discuss with the ten (10) acre property owner.

VI. MANAGER'S UPDATE:

Nick Holcomb Town Manager updated the Board on the following items.

1. Halloween 6-8, encouraging social distancing.
2. Food Drive – Senior Center, October 9, 2020
3. Getting bids for November 8, 2020 meeting for demolition on 458 S. Railroad Street and two (2) properties on Dooley Street, which will need inspection for asbestos.
4. Water Tower completion Monday October 12, 2020. Larger plane logo estimated cost of Thirteen Thousand (\$13,000).

Discussion among the Board to leave tower with the Town of Coats lettering.

Ken Storicks Interim Chief presented his stats for September and confirmed with Commissioner Gilbert that he has followed up with Mrs. Toy and given her the report she has requested. **(Reference #3)**

Rodney Pleasant Public Works Director presented the September report and updated the Board of the opened position. **(Reference #4)**

Nick Holcomb Town Manager informed the Board that the activity in the Library is improving, woman's tournament going on at the park and that Mike Collins is getting prices on the improvements for the parking area (tennis courts). Mr. Holcomb updated the Board that the old building is down, the Scouts are working hard with their project and the sign relocated.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM:

Mayor Coats opened Public Forum and stated the guidelines, rules and procedure for Public Forum. **(Reference # 4)**

Pat Godwin Coats Chamber Director updated the Board on the following items:

1. Ribbon cutting for Marshall Arts and demonstration went well
2. Prayer visual at 55 & 27 went well
3. October 10, 2020 plate sale at Community Building
4. Christmas Tree lighting scheduled for November 29, 2020
5. Parade in the planning stage
6. Artificial trees are being worked on
7. New members joining Chamber.

Laura Holton, 383 S. Church Street, Coats, NC - Thanked Rodney for the work his department has done and questioned the repairs that Robert Barefoot has promised which have not been done.

Mayor Coats closed the Public Forum.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLVED, to move into Closed Session pursuant to 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel and 143-318.11 (a) (1) Approval of Minutes.

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NOES (0)**

Moved into Close Session at 7:49 p.m.

Returned to Open Session at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Coats asked for any further actions needed.

RESOLVED, to approve payment of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to Chief Hall under Town policy for discretionary lump sum payout and approve Chief Hall retaining upon request his service weapon, contingent upon returning all Town property and signing of acknowledgement of requirement to reimburse Town under certain circumstances.

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NOES (0)**

IX. ADJOURN:

RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Karen F. Wooten, Town Clerk



Chris Coats, Mayor