

TOWN OF COATS  
Board of Commissioners  
November 12, 2020  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**I. ABSTRACT:**

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on November 12, 2020 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall. The Board exercised social distancing, with five Board members, 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 and Commissioner Marc Powell were present.

Commissioner Allen Mosby was absent.

Town 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.

Mayor Coats asked to amend and delete Item IV.C – Street Closure for Christmas Parade from Agenda.

**RESOLVED**, to approve Agenda as amended.

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

**IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

**RESOLVED**, to approve Consent Agenda.

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

**V. EVIDENTIARY HEARING:**

A. Conditional Use – 34 N. McKinley Street

Karen Wooten Town Clerk administered Oath to Nick Holcomb Town Manager.

**RESOLVED**, to approve Ordinance Authorizing Demolition with a thirty-day (30) extension.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve low bid demolition contractor to Register's Land Development.

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

C. Budget Amendment Options

Nick Holcomb Town Manager presented the Board a list of potential items to address during the Board meeting in December. Mr. Holcomb reiterated the understanding to revisit the budget in December, which would allow us to have a better projection on revenue due to the overall health on the economy. Mr. Holcomb stated that the overall sales tax revenues have produced greater than ten percent (10%) for July and August. Mr. Holcomb stated he felt this is due to local spending and online sales. Mr. Holcomb expressed that salary increases for the employees should be the top of the list. Mr. Holcomb asked the Board to come prepared for budget amendments in December and to express their desires of which items to complete. (Reference #3)

**VI. MANAGER'S UPDATE:**

A. Financial Update

Karen Wooten Town Clerk updated the Board on the monies moved from NCCMT to First Citizen Bank. Due to interest rates so low Ms. Wooten stated that moving Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) into the operating account would reduce the service charge in return of low interest rate. Ms. Wooten stated that if our funds cannot earn interest then letting our funds reduce expenditures was a good decision.

Nick Holcomb Town Manager updated the Board on the following:

1. Trail cleared out at the Park – work to be done to move water from the stream
2. Mural completed, Ribbon cutting Wednesday November 18, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.
3. Planning Board approval of two (2) minor subdivisions with gravel street
4. Announcement of Police Chief – Ken Storicks, another night planned for official recognition

Chief Storicks thanked the Board and Mr. Holcomb for having faith in him as Chief. Chief Storicks read his monthly report. (Reference #4)

*Commissioner Powell questioned if there were problems due to the rain today.*

Nick Holcomb Town Manager stated problems on 27 and concerns expressed from residents at Trace Turner Lane, which are not Town's streets. Mr. Holcomb expressed need to look at cleaning out ditches and coverts.

**VII. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Mayor Coats opened Public Forum. (Reference #5)

Frances Harvey, 19 Gale Spears Drive, Coats, NC expressed her concerns about cars speeding on McLean Street.

*Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley asked Ms. Harvey to speak with Chief Storicks after the Board meeting.*

Leverne Sanders, 108 North McLean Street, Coats, NC expressed his concerns with the amount of water running off from across the field and asked what could be done. Mr. Sanders stated that this was not a problem prior to the storage buildings and the water is ponding as wide as the Boardroom.

Mr. Holcomb Town Manager stated that the engineers and the State approved the retention Pond. Mr. Holcomb thought that some ditches along the field, however this is not Town property.

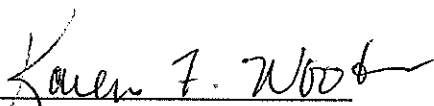
Mayor Coats closed Public Forum.

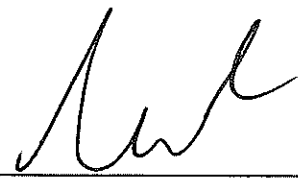
**VIII. ADJOURN:**

RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

  
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Karen F. Wooten, Town Clerk

  
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Chris Coats, Mayor