

TOWN OF COATS
Board of Commissioners
September 9, 2021
OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. ABSTRACT:

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on September 9, 2021 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 John Raynor and Commissioner Marc Powell were present.

Commissioner Allen Mosby was absent.

Town 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.

Nick Holcomb Town Manager asked to amend Agenda adding under New Business- D. Street Closure for Farmers Day.

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

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Grant Project Ordinance

Nick Holcomb Town Manager informed the Board that the Town has received the first tranche of the Federal American Rescue Plan funds for Three Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy One Dollars and Eighty One cent (\$398,371.81). Mr. Holcomb reiterated the funds are for radio-read meter replacement and water infrastructure. **(Reference #1)**

RESOLVED, to approve Grant Project Ordinance.

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

B. Flood Insurance Program

Nick Holcomb Town Manager presented the Board with a Resolution of Intent in National Flood Insurance Program. Mr. Holcomb stated that this Flood Insurance Program was presented in February of 2017, however due to errors and inconsistencies NC Department of Public Safety Floodplain Management staff have recommended approving a new Resolution. Mr. Holcomb shared that the following are benefits:

1. Homeowners to purchase flood insurance
2. Town to more easily pass FEMA requirements for reimbursement
3. Town to manage flood specific prone areas through zoning, if desired.
4. Consultant to have this as a tool in updating our Zoning Ordinances. **(Reference #2)**

RESOLVED, to approve Resolution of Intent to Participate in National Flood Insurance Program.

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

C. Downtown Streetscape Master Plan

Nick Holcomb Town Manager requested the Board to approve the Downtown Streetscape Master Plan with WithersRavenel. Mr. Holcomb stated that the USDA Grant will reimburse the Town for the entire cost of the Forty Six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000) for the contract. **(Reference #3)**

Alton Bain Town Attorney expressed concerns with items in the contract.

1. Waiver Limitation
2. Notification of Breach

3. Arbitration - no appeal

Attorney Alton Bain stated that it is his duty to point out and to inform the Board of issues and concerns. Knowing that this contract is not dealing with actual pipe in ground and little that could go wrong. Mr. Bain stated that however, there is not a problem with a contract until there is a problem.

Discussion among the Board for Town Manager to address the concerns with WithersRavenel but to give Nick Holcomb the power to go forward if needed. Commissioners in agreement to approve contract.

RESOLVED, to approve Downtown Streetscape Master Plan contract with WithersRavenel.

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

D. Street Closure for Farmers Day

Nick Holcomb Town Manager presented the proposed list of streets to close during Farmers Day. Closure Friday October 9, 2021_at 3 p.m. until Saturday October 10, 2021 at 7 p.m. (**Reference #4**)

RESOLVED, to approve Street Closure for Farmers Day.

**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)**

Nick Holcomb stated that there are limited activities for Farmers Day with no Kid Zone, school groups and campground.

VI. MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORT:

Nick Holcomb Town Manager

B. Johnson St. Paving Update – No bids received, will continue calling and working to get bids on project.

C. Finance Director/Town Clerk Update – Mr. Holcomb asked the Board if they wanted to take lead on looking for a replacement or give him the authority to advertise and recommend the top applicants to the Board for interviews and hiring. Mr. Holcomb's schedule listed as:

Sept 13- Oct 11 – advertising and screening applications

Oct 18 – set up interviews for Oct 28

Bring in the top two (2) after interviews and spend time with the Town Manager and Karen Wooten

Starting date in December

Commissioner Powell ask if this would be a three (3) month overlap.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley commented that Karen wears several hats and training someone for three (3) months will be needed and he felt that the plan presented from by the Town Manager was a good plan.

RESOLVED, to approve all applications sent to Nick Holcomb and for he and Karen to review and present to the Board for interviews.

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

Chief Ken Storicks presented stats for the month of August. Chief Storicks informed the Board of the department's involvement with Town of Angier's SRO National Night Out. Chief Storicks mentioned that this could be something the Town would like to do next year. **(Reference #5)**

Commissioner Gilbert asked if the SRO National Night Out was an interaction with the community, which Chief Storicks added yes with things like stickers and food trucks. Commissioner Gilbert also inquired about the vacant police officer position, which Chief Storicks replied that he was interested in a BLET student who graduates in December.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley asked for update on police car, which Chief Storicks replied that he is waiting for quotes at this time.

Rodney Pleasant Public Works Director presented report for the month of August. **(Reference #6)**

Commissioner Gilbert suggested the use of a chipper to help with some of the yard waste. Mr. Pleasant informed Commissioner Gilbert that the Town has a chipper and that they could use it more.

Teresa Brown Library Director presented the Library report for the month of August. **(Reference #7)**

VII. PUBLIC FORUM:

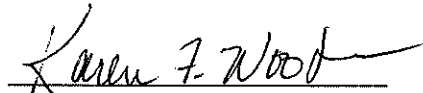
Mayor Coats opened Public Forum and hearing none closed Public Forum.

VIII. ADJOURN:

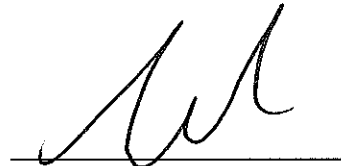
RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Karen F. Wooten, Town Clerk



Chris Coats, Mayor