

TOWN OF COATS

Board of Commissioners
August 12, 2021

OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. ABSTRACT

A regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on August 12, 2021 in the Board of Commissioners' meeting room at Coats Town Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Attorney Al Bain was present.

Town Clerk Karen Wooten was absent

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 accept agenda.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR, SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KELVIN GILBERT

APPROVED: AYES (5): MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS MOSBY, GILBERT, RAYNOR, AND POWELL.

NOES (0):

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLVED, to approve Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley asked if this included the amended minutes where "and have Public Hearing next month" was removed (**Reference #1**).

Mayor Coats replied yes.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR, SECOND BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY

APPROVED: AYES (5): MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS MOSBY, GILBERT, RAYNOR, AND POWELL.

NOES (0):

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Permitting Mausoleums Plots

Town Manager Nick Holcomb informed the Board that this was tabled from last month due more questions concerning size of the slab and mausoleum. Mr. Holcomb informed the Board that the dimensions are 9'x 4' and 38" in height (**Reference #2**).

Mr. Robert Pleasant presented to the Board of Commissioners with a letter of request for construction of mausoleums at Coats City Cemetery (Reference #3).

Commissioner Gilbert asked if this ordinance was already in our by-laws.

Mr. Holcomb stated yes, ordinance is not being changed. He stated the Town is asking the Board to deem this desirable. Mr. Holcomb stated if mausoleum gets damaged, then the owner has thirty (30) days to get this fixed. If not, then the Town will make the repairs.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley asked Mr. Cecil Edgerton, builder, to come forward and asked Mr. Edgerton if there would be any problem with odor or leakage.

Mr. Edgerton stated this should not be a problem. He stated the coffin would go into a container to prevent leakage and odor and the mausoleum is vented at the top.

Commissioner Mosby asked if these plots would be level to the ground.

Mr. Edgerton replied yes.

RESOLVED, to approve mausoleum plots in cemetery in Section A, Lot 13, Wade Campbell Family.

MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR

APPROVED: AYES (3): MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS GILBERT AND RAYNOR

NOES (2): COMMISSIONERS MOSBY AND POWELL

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Contract to Update Unified Development Ordinance

Town Manager Nick Holcomb presented to the Board a renewal contract for Code Enforcement (Reference #4).

Mr. Holcomb stated that the second contract is for a new Unified Development Ordinance to help with updating Zoning and Subdivision regulations. Mr. Holcomb stated this will help with making existing ordinances easier for staff and developers to comprehend, lay groundwork to attract better quality development projects, and ensure proper development is taking place (Reference #5).

Mr. Holcomb informed the Board the cost is seventeen thousand (\$1700.00) but the Town can spread this over two (2) years.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley asked if the Board already spent seventy-five hundred (\$7500.00) for Phase 1.

Mr. Holcomb stated yes, this was taken out of last year's budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley asked would eighty-nine hundred (\$8900.00) be taken out of this year's budget and the other eighty-nine hundred (\$8900.00) out of next year's budget.

Mr. Holcomb replied yes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley stated the Board needs to give Mr. Holcomb all the help he can get due to the growth coming into Coats.

Commissioner Marc Powell stated this would help step up the quality of homes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Beasley stated that since the Town has received a grant to update Main Street, the Town needs to go ahead and incorporate all this together.

Commissioner Gilbert asked would the Board work together with N-Focus on projects.

Mr. Holcomb replied yes. N-Focus will come to the Board with options and get the Board's opinions.

RESOLVED, to approve Contract to Update Unified Development Ordinance and renew contract for Code Enforcement.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER MARC POWELL, SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR

**APPROVED: AYES (5): MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS MOSBY, GILBERT, RAYNOR AND POWELL.
NOES (0):**

VII. **MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORT**
A. **Department Head Updates**

Town Manager Nick Holcomb updated the Board on the following:

1. Johnson Street Repaving Project-DOT has approved. Should receive bids in September.
2. Oyster and Shrimp Roast in September. Chamber would like to use parking lot beside Library.

Mike Collins Park & Rec Manager updated the Board on the following:

1. Commented on the concerts hosted by the Chamber.
2. Soccer sign-ups have begun.
3. Coed softball championship game is tonight.
4. Mens softball league will begin this month.
5. Kickball possibly in the fall.
6. Happy that the police are coming to the park to engage with the public.

Commission Gilbert asked how the numbers are looking for soccer.

Mr. Collins said that there are 10-12 players for 6u and 8u. He stated would like to get more so the teams can stay in house.

Jeannette Elkins, Library Assistant presented Library report for the month of July. (Reference #6)

VIII. Public Form

Mayor Coats opened Public Forum.

Hearing none, Mayor Coats closed Public Forum.

IX. ADJOURN


RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR, SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER MARC POWELL


APPROVED: AYES (5): MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS MOSBY, GILBERT, RAYNOR AND POWELL.

NOES (0):

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Leanna White, Deputy Clerk



Chris Coats, Mayor