

TOWN OF COATS  
Board of Commissioners  
September 10, 2015  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**I. ABSTRACT:**

A regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on September 10, 2015 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Walter Weeks, Mayor Pro-tem Dr. Linda Robinson, Commissioner J C Allen, Commissioner John Raynor, Commissioner Jerry Beasley and Commissioner Allen Mosby were in attendance.

Attorney Alton Bain was present.

Planning Board members that were present were Carolyn Spears, Debbie Greider, Magdalene Pleasant, Donna Pope and Ed Lauder.

**III. CALL TO ORDER:**

A quorum being present, Mayor Weeks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Weeks asked those in attendance to stand in a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11. Mayor Weeks led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RESOLVED**, to accept Agenda.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER RAYNOR**

**APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY, MOSBY AND RAYNOR  
NOES (0)**

**IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

**RESOLVED**, to accept Consent Agenda.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER RAYNOR**

**APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY, MOSBY AND RAYNOR  
NOES (0)**

**V. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. Town of Coats Land Use Plan**

Gale Spears, 120 Gail Spears Drive asked for consideration from the Board with the crime issues around her subdivision.

Robert Hayter, LKC Engineering, PLLC informed the Board and Ms. Spears that the Land Use Plan included an Appendix for Coats Crime Data.

Mayor Weeks closed the Public Hearing.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Presentation of the Town of Coats Land Use Plan**

Robert Hayter with LKC Engineering, PLLC presented the 2015 Land Use Plan to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Hayter informed the Board that this project took nine months and now replaces the Town's outdated Land Use Plan. Mr. Hayter stated to the Board referencing the Draft Planning Goals and Objectives need to be sound and complete along with Future Land Use Map. **(Reference #1)**

Mayor Weeks thanked Mr. Hayter for his leadership and guidance through this process.

**RESOLVED**, to accept August 10, 2015 Land Use Plan

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER RAYNOR**

Mayor Weeks requested that the Land Use Plan committee to continue to work on the graphic portion and report back to the Board at the October meeting.

**APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON, COMMISSIONERS  
ALLEN, BEASLEY, MOSBY AND RAYNOR  
NOES (0)**

**B. Discussion of the Proposed Town Purchasing Policy**

Town Manager Kenny Cole informed the Board that the draft copy of the Town's Purchasing Policy was to give guidance to the staff on the proper procedures for purchasing. Guidance includes local purchasing and guidelines for obtaining supplies, material, equipment, apparatus and services. Guidelines included for competitive bidding and contracting services. **(Reference #2)**

Mayor Weeks requested that the policy include a statement concerning State Laws changes in the General Statute which would hold precedence over the Town Ordinances.

**RESOLVED**, to accept Town's Purchasing Policy with amendment statement.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER  
RAYNOR**

**APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON, COMMISSIONERS  
ALLEN, BEASLEY, MOSBY AND RAYNOR  
NOES (0)**

**C. Budget Amendment to the General Fund for the Economic Development Study**

Town Manager Kenny Cole stated that at the August 13, 2015 Board meeting the Board approved paying a portion of the expense for the Economic Development Proposal from Development Finance Initiative at the School of Government and Harnett County. Mr. Cole requested that the Board approve a Budget Amendment to the General Fund in the amount of \$4,334.00. **(Reference #3)**

**RESOLVED**, to approve Budget Amendment for EDC proposal.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER  
RAYNOR**

**APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON, COMMISSIONERS  
ALLEN, BEASLEY, MOSBY AND RAYNOR  
NOES (0)**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**



A. Spiritual Unity Event

Mr. Stone with Coats Baptist Church spoke to the Board concerning the annual Spiritual Unity Event and the possibility of moving the function to Main Street. Mr. Stone shared with the Board that moving this to Main Street would hopefully bring in a larger amount of participation from other Churches around the area.

The Board asked Mr. Stone to address this for approval once he had a firm date and what areas on Main Street that they were considering. The Board was in agreement for the function and the location to be on Main Street and only asked that once a date was determined that they speak with all Main Street businesses to inform them of event.

**RESOLVED**, to approve Main Street space for Spiritual Unity Event.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER RAYNOR**

**APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY, MOSBY AND RAYNOR  
NOES (0)**

Commissioner Beasley suggested using the streets behind the Town Hall.

B. Lawn Mower bid for Recreation Department

Town Manager Kenny Cole requested the Board to accept the low bid of \$6,963.11 from Revels Turf & Tractor for a replacement mower for the Recreation Department.  
**(Reference #4)**

**RESOLVED**, to accept bid from Revels Turf & Tractor.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER RAYNOR**

**APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY, MOSBY AND RAYNOR  
NOES (0)**

C. Street Closures for Farmer's Day

Pat Godwin with Coats Chamber and Chief Jeremy Hall requested approval for street closures for Farmers Day event on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2015.

**RESOLVED**, to approve street closures as presented.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER RAYNOR**

**APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY, MOSBY AND RAYNOR  
NOES (0)**

Town Manager Kenny Cole requested that the Board let him know who will be riding in the Farmer's Day parade.

D. Purchase of a Vehicle for the Police Department

Town Manager Kenny Cole asked the Board for approval of a 2015 Dodge Charger from Ilderton Dodge in the amount of \$23,799.00. Mr. Cole confirmed that this purchase was included in the 2015/2016 budget.

**RESOLVED**, to approve purchase of 2015 Dodge Charger in the amount of \$23,799.00.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER RAYNOR**

**APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY, MOSBY AND RAYNOR  
NOES (0)**

E. Budget Amendment to the Water Fund

Town Manager Kenny Cole requested approval for a Budget Amendment to the Water Fund due to a water main leak located at the intersection of Hwy 27 and 55 in August. Mr. Cole stated that an additional \$17,602 would need to be transferred to Service Maintenance in the Water Fund. **(Reference #4)**

**RESOLVED**, to approve Budget Amendment as presented.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER RAYNOR**

**APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY, MOSBY AND RAYNOR**

## **NOES (0)**

### **VIII. MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORT**

Town Manager Kenny Cole update the Board on upcoming events:

Senior Center Fall plate sale, September 18, 2015

Coats Elementary Field Trip to Town Hall, Oct 8, 2015

Girl Scouts Flag event, Campbell September 11, 2015

Chief Jeremy Hall shared his stats for August 13 – September 10, 2015. **(Reference # 5)**

Chief Hall informed the Board they he would be attending a 9/11 Ceremony at the Sheriff's office on Friday.

Mayor Pro-tem Dr. Linda Robinson shared concerns about properties around Town that are in violations of the Town's ordinance concerning overgrown lawns.

Mayor Weeks stated that all properties that aren't in compliance with the Towns ordinances should be tagged.

Commissioner Allen Mosby shared that coming out of the Hess Station on 27 that there is overgrown bushes blocking the view to enter on the street.

### **IX. PUBLIC FORUM**

Gale Spears, 120 Gail Spears Drive shared her concerns about the Town giving a permit for zoning in her neighborhood and no one in her subdivision being notified. Ms. Spears asked that the Town not violate the subdivision's covenants.

Town Manager Kenny Cole stated that the Town has no legal rights to enforce covenants.

Mayor Weeks asked that the Planning Board address the zoning of single/mutli-family housing. Mayor Weeks suggested that the Towns zoning permit include wording attesting covenants for property.

Town Attorney stated that the Town can't deny a zoning permit based on a subdivision's covenants.

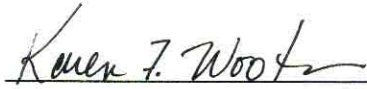
**X. ADJOURN:**

**RESOLVED**, to adjourn meeting.

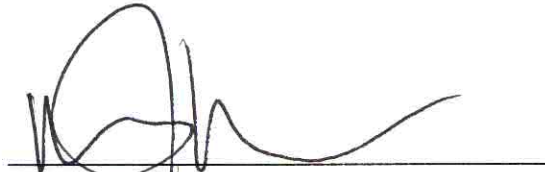
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NOES(0)**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20



Karen F. Wooten, Town Clerk



Walter Weeks, Mayor