

TOWN OF COATS  
Board of Commissioners  
November 13, 2014  
7:00 p.m.

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**I. ABSTRACT:**

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held Thursday, November 13, 2014 at Town Hall Board Room.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

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

Attorney Al Bain was present.

**III. CALL TO ORDER:**

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

Mayor Walter Weeks delivered the invocation as well as lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weeks then asked for a motion for approval of the agenda.

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

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

**IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes**
- B. Approval of Attorney Bill**

- C. Review of Financial Statements
- D. Transfer of Two Cemetery Plots

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

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

## **V. MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORTS/SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

### DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Town Manager informed the Board that the Coats Chamber of Commerce was hosting Christmas on the Square Tuesday, December 2 at 6:00 pm at the Coats Community Building. He reminded the Board of the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13 at 2:00 pm. Dunn has invited the Board of Commissioners to attend their Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 6 at 2:00 pm. He asked the Board to read over the new Town Newsletter at each of their seats. He then reminded the Board of the Land Use Plan Meeting that would be held on Monday, November 17.

Chief of Police Jeremy Hall read his statistics for the month. He informed the Board that the two felony arrest that were made and cleared was related to drugs.

Coats Parks and Recreation Director Mike Collins was present to speak. He informed the Board that soccer season has ended. They played a total of 64 games in 4 ½ weeks. Basketball begins in December and registration has begun. The Coats Recreation Department will continue to maintain the ball fields during the winter months. Duke Energy has replaced lights at the play ground to LED lights at no cost to the Town and will continue replacing lights throughout the winter months. There are also no more wooden pools for the lights in the park. Town Manager Kenny Cole informed the Board that Duke Energy will be replacing lights throughout the town, not just at the park.

Rebecca Dallamura from the Coats Library informed the Board that not much has changed in her stats. The Towns People are very excited about moving into Town Hall.

Public Works Director, Gary Denton was out on vacation.

## **VI. PUBLIC HEARING**

A. Consider Zoning Amendment to allow Solar Farms within the Town's Jurisdiction: Town Manager Kenny Cole introduced this proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinances addressing Solar Farms at the regular scheduled meeting in October. The Planning Board approved this at their October 2, 2014 meeting. A Solar Farm would be

considered an Essential Service (class III). Beth Trayhose came to speak to the Board about the Solar Farm she was interested in located in Coats and answer any questions from the public. No one being present to speak on the matter, Mayor Walter Weeks closed the public forum.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

Before getting started with this section of the meeting, Mayor Walter Weeks suggested moving Item C: Adoption of 2014 Healthy Living Assessment Plan to the end of the meeting since we would be moving location.

A. Consider Zoning Amendment Recommendation from the Planning Board: Town Manager Kenny Cole introduced this proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinances addressing Solar Farms at the regular scheduled meeting in October. The Planning Board approved this at their October 2, 2014 meeting. A Solar Farm would be considered an Essential Service (class III). Beth Trayhose came to speak to the Board about the Solar Farm she was interested in located in Coats and answer any questions from the public. Mayor Walter Weeks asked for a motion to approve the amendment recommendation.

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

**APPROVED, AYES (5) MAYOR PRO-TEM ROBINSON, COMMISSIONERS  
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NOES (0)**

B. Update on Current Property Owner of the Vacant Home Located on 109 North Orange Street: The Board requested the Town Attorney to research the current property owner of 109 Orange Street. This property is adjacent to St. Luke AME Zion Church. Attorney Al Bain informed the Board he has been in touch with the GIS Department about the estate and hopefully by the next meeting he would have more information. Commissioner Allen Mosby asked about the house behind the Spanish store and Town Manager Kenny Cole informed him that the property owner took care of the demolition himself.

C. Adoption of 2014 Healthy Living Assessment Plan: moved to the end of the meeting.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Annual Christmas Parade Street Closures: The Annual Christmas Parade will be held on December 13, 2014 at 2:00 pm. The street closures listed were the exact same as Farmer's Day. Mayor Weeks asked for a motion to approve the street closures for the parade.

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COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR**

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

B. Discussion of Proposed School Redistricting: The Town has had a request from several Coats citizens concerned about the proposed school redistricting. Town Manager Kenny Cole made a resolution for the Board's consideration against this. Mayor Walter Weeks explains he has been contacted by residents in the Town showing concerns about the redistricting. Dunn and Erwin have adopted a similar resolution. His biggest concern is bus safety and the length of time children spend on the buses. Redistricting will increase this length of time. Commissioner Allen Mosby agrees this is a bad idea because buses will have to come earlier and drop off later. More time on the bus leads to more time children can encounter bullying. Commissioner John Raynor believes it is the Town's responsibility to keep the children in this town safe. Mayor Walter Weeks asked for a motion to approve the proposed resolution.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY; SECOND BY:  
COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR**

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

## **X. PUBLIC FORUM**

Bob Hedrick from 259 E Jackson Street informed the Board he would be hosting the Souper Bowl 5k again this year. It would be held on January 31 at 2:00 pm. The race raises funds for His Daily Bread Soup Kitchen. He asked that the street closures be discussed at the next meeting. He also stated he agreed with the resolution the Board approved against school redistricting.

No one else being present, Mayor Walter Weeks closed the Public Forum.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS (CONT.)**

C. Adoption of 2014 Healthy Living Assessment Plan: Wes MacLeod from Holland Consulting Planners was present to deliver a 30 minute power point presentation on the Healthy Living Assessment Plan (see attached slides). The Health component of our Land Use Plan was funded through a grant obtained by the Town through a Community Transformation Grant. The committee appointed by the Board met on August 21 and October 16. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Linda Robinson thought highly of this plan and said in

five to ten years it would aid opportunities for people in the community to be outside and feel safe. The Mayor complimented the committee on the work done so far and looked forward to seeing future work. Town Manager Kenny Cole thanked Mr. MacLeod for funding this project. Mayor Walter Weeks asked for a motion to approve the recommended resolution to adopt the Healthy Living Assessment.

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COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR**

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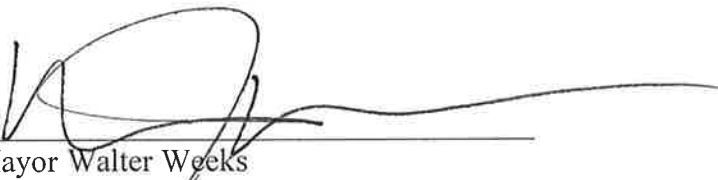
**XI. ADJOURN**

Mayor Walter Weeks asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm.

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

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Cortney Zwirn, Town Clerk

  
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Mayor Walter Weeks