

TOWN OF COATS
Board of Commissioners
December 11, 2014
7:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. ABSTRACT:

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held Thursday, December 11, 2014 at Town Hall Board Room.

II. ROLL CALL:

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

Commissioner Allen Mosby was not present.

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 (4) MAYOR PRO-TEM ROBINSON, COMMISSIONERS
ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND BEASLEY
NOES (0)**

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

- B. Approval of Attorney Bill**
- C. Review of Financial Statements**

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V. MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORTS/SPECIAL RECOGNITION

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Town Manager informed the Board that Coats Town Hall will be closed December 24-26. The next Land Use Plan will be held January 12th at 6:00 pm. The audit report would be presented at the next meeting on January 8th. The Library would be holding an open house on February 12th. Carpet was being installed in the new library Monday, December 15th, and the move will hopefully be set at the end of January. On January 27th, Harnett Local Government Association will have a meeting at 6:30pm at the Brass Lantern. Commissioner Beasley volunteered to go.

Rebecca Dallamura from the Coats Library informed the Board that the stats had not changed much from the last month. She informed the Board that the library would be changing its computer system on December 15th to the NC Cardinal Library System and passed out a flyer associated with the new system.

Mike Collins with Coats Park and Recreation explained to the Board that basketball season was in full effect. He had 14 teams, and would be having games Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays starting January. Mayor Walter Weeks asked if the town had enough resources to support such a large schedule. Mike explained for now the resources would do, but in the future Coats would have to expand to accommodate the growing number of children who are signing up for the recreational activities. Mike Collins recognized deputy clerk, Karen Wooten as a basketball coach for one of his teams. He then informed the Board that LED lights were being installed at the park, and they should be finished by the end of the next week.

Jeremy Hall, Coats Police Chief, read his monthly stats to the Board of Commissioners.

Gary Denton, Coats Public Works Director, followed up on the LED light situation. He informed the Board that all lights within the town would be eventually replaced with LED lights. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Linda Robinson thanked Gary for burying the pipe. She then asked for a status update on the old school property. Gary informed her that it was Carlie C's responsibility to clean up the debris.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Mayor Weeks asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss:
N.C.G.S. 143.318.11 (a) (1) – Approval of Closed Session Minutes
N.C.G.S. 143.318.11 (a) (6) – To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer, or employee.

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NOES (0)**

RESOLVED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:20 PM.

RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:30 PM.

MAYOR WEEKS INFORMED THE PUBLIC THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF THE TOWN CLERK EFFECTIVE 1/2/15.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appointment of Town Clerk – Oath of Office: Mayor Walter Weeks asked for a motion to approve Cortney Zwirn be appointed Town Clerk until 1/2/15, and Karen Wooten, Interim Town Clerk thereafter.

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**APPROVED, AYES (3) MAYOR PRO-TEM ROBINSON, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, AND RAYNOR
NOES (1) COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY**

- B. Appointments to Boards/Committees: The Town of Coats has the following vacancies:

Planning Board: 2 Vacancies
Cemetery Committee: 5 Vacancies
Recreation Committee: 5 Vacancies
Board of Adjustments: 3 Vacancies

Town Manager Kenny Cole explained he would advertise the vacancies in the newspaper December 16th and the 23rd, and then appointments would be made at the January

meeting. If the Board knew anyone who was interested, have them contact the Town Clerk.

C. Proclamation Honoring Brian Davis: There will be an event honoring Brian Davis at the Cape Fear Conference room on December 13, 2014, at 6:00 pm. Mr. Davis, originally from Coats, has an impressive list of career achievements. Mr. Davis has asked a Coats dignitary be present at the ceremony to present the proclamation. Mayor Walter Weeks asked for a motion to approve the proclamation.

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IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Christmas Parade: The Annual Christmas Parade will be held on December 13, 2014, at 2:00 pm. Lineup will begin at 1:00 pm.

B. Wrecker Service Policy: The Board approved a Rotation Wrecker Policy for our Police Department in August of 2014. The Board recommended review of the policy after three months. Chief Hall presented the Board with all of the applicants. He explained to the Board that so far the wrecker policy has been working for the Town of Coats. If a wrecker is needed, dispatch calls the wreckers in our rotation. If one is unavailable, the next person is called, and so on. If for any reason, the wreckers on the list are not available, it is then dispatched to Harnett County and the response time is within 30 minutes. Town Citizen Ronny Stewart from 1765 Brick Mill Road was present to express his concerns with the wrecker policy. He stated that back in 1990, the Town decided to let town owned businesses handle this situation. It provided faster response time and he would like to see this effective again today. The Board of Commissioners decided to stick with the wrecker policy that was currently working for the Town and its citizens.

X. PUBLIC FORUM

Jonathan Thompson, a current member of the wrecker policy, asked does the decision made earlier dealing with the wrecker policy affect him or his business. Mayor Walter Weeks explained nothing would be changed and the wrecker policy was still in order.

XI. ADJOURN

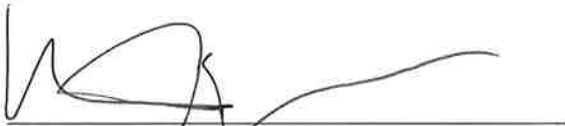
Mayor Walter Weeks asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm.

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Cortney Zwirn, Town Clerk



Mayor Walter Weeks