

TOWN OF COATS
Board of Commissioners
August 8, 2019
OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. ABSTRACT:

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on August 8, 2019 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 and Commissioner Bob Hedrick were present.

Attorney Alton Bain was present.

Commissioner John Raynor and Commissioner J C Allen were 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 approve Agenda.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER BOB HEDRICK
APPROVED, AYES (3), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS HEDRICK AND MOSBY
NOES (0)**

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLVED, to approve Consent Agenda.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER BOB HEDRICK
APPROVED, AYES (3), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS HEDRICK AND MOSBY
NOES (0)**

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Office Space Alterations

Nick Holcomb Town Manager updated the Board in reference to the tabled item from July 11, 2019 meeting. Mr. Holcomb stated that the request from the Chamber to move to the conference room has been agreed upon with the Commissioners and the Chamber has painted the back two rooms for the Library to use as the conference room and a children's reading area.

RESOLVED, to approve move as the Town Manager has suggested.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY
APPROVED, AYES (3), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS HEDRICK AND MOSBY
NOES (0)**

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Town Hall Restoration

Nick Holcomb Town Manager informed the Board of the moisture within the outside wall upstairs. Mr. Holcomb stated that repairs needed will be for the removal and replace the sheetrock along the length of the upstairs wall and a light colored exterior stucco on the exterior is recommended to lower the temperature that would help to block outside moisture from entering in. Mr. Holcomb stated that the work would be starting on Friday.

Commissioner Allen Mosby stated that an asbestos inspection would be needed and required by the State prior to any construction.

B. PD Vehicle – Insurance & Purchase

Nick Holcomb Town Manager informed the Board that the Town has received an insurance payment for the replacement of the police vehicle in the amount of eighteen thousand (\$18,000). Mr. Holcomb stated that this is twelve thousand (\$12,000) existing value, six thousand (\$6,000) scrapped and the replacement reimbursement is unknown at this time. Mr. Holcomb stated that due to the unknown replacement cost a budget amendment will be requested at a later date. Mr. Holcomb asked for approval to accept the insurance check and to purchase a replacement vehicle and equipment for the vehicle that was wrecked on 6/25/19. Mr. Holcomb informed the Board that the funds are already in the budget for the purchase of one new vehicle.

RESOLVED, to accept insurance check and approve purchase of vehicle.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER BOB HEDRICK
APPROVED, AYES (3), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS HEDRICK AND MOSBY
NOES (0)**

C. Downtown Square Design & Features

Nick Holcomb Town Manager asked the Board to review the potential parking layout and discuss what features are most wanted to give the landscape designer a direction. Mr. Holcomb shared that a band stage, landscaping, play area, etc. are all ideas for the area. Mr. Holcomb informed the

Board that the proposed design will create a 25'X60' pedestrian area which will lose 4 parking spaces and an additional 9 spaces could be gained in the larger Town parking area. Mr. Holcomb stated that the Chamber has been working toward a band stage for several years, which this could be used with this new created space. (Reference #1)

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley stated that he agrees with the layout and suggested to call the stage area something other than a "Band Stage". Mr. Beasley also requested that the property be surveyed prior to making any changes.

Commissioner Allen Mosby stated that he liked the design and felt that we need to have the property surveyed to eliminate problems after the fact.

Nick Holcomb confirmed that approval will be requested once we have a final plan.

D. Cemetery Plots

Nick Holcomb Town Manager presented two Cemetery Plots for approval purchased by Allen Faircloth, lots 473C & 474C. (Reference #2)

RESOLVED, to approve purchased lots 473C & 474C.

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APPROVED, AYES (3), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS HEDRICK AND MOSBY
NOES (0)**

VII. MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mike Collins Recreation Director thanked the Board and the Town staff for the flowers and thoughts during the death of his Father. Mr. Collins shared with the Board the successful co-op softball league and the tournament. Soccer registration is in full force, woman's fall softball league in October. Mr. Collins informed the Board that the exercise equipment will be installed soon. Mr. Collins shared his appreciation to volunteer work given by the Sorrells with Quality Landscape.

Chief Jeremy Hall presented the stats for July 10 – August 8, 2019. Chief Hall stated to remind everyone to lock their vehicles due to the increase of incidents around Town. (Reference #3)

Rodney Pleasant Public Works Director presented his report for July 2019. (Reference #4)

Teresa Brown Library Director presented her July report and thanked the Board for working with the Chamber and for the ideas from Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley for a more secluded conference room, story time area and new break room. Mrs. Brown expressed her appreciation to Commissioner Hedrick and Shirley Allen for painting the back two rooms. Mrs. Brown stated that Hardee's has given good feedback on the new conference room and plans to utilize the story time area next Tuesday to do Tie Dye Story time. (Reference # 5)

Nick Holcomb Town Manager informed the Board on the following items;

1. Property on 95 E. Washington has been moved.
2. Two (2) homes on Lemon Street have been condemned and posted. (Owners of property have been inquiring about permits for demolition).
3. Payment received from 18 S. Ida Street – Forty Eight Hundred (\$4,800) down and two hundred (\$200) monthly for the lien on property. (Reference #6)
4. Fourteen (14) lots purchased on South 55 – Bennett Road, - Track Builder
5. Library space looking good and clean
6. Plan for online bill pay with a target date in January
7. Harnett County has started the reevaluation on property

Mayor Christ Coats shared that Coats Founder House will have an open house on August 24, 2019 - 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM:

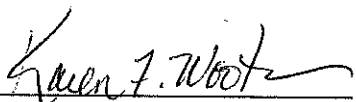
Mayor Coats opened Public Forum and hearing none Mayor Coats closed Public Forum.

IX. ADJOURN:


RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER BOB HEDRICK: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY
APPROVED, AYES (3), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS HEDRICK AND MOSBY
NOES (0)**

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Karen F. Wooten, Town Clerk



Chris Coats, Mayor