

TOWN OF COATS
Board of Commissioners
November 10, 2021
OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. ABSTRACT:

A rescheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on November 10, 2021 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall.

II. ROLL CALL:

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

Town Attorney Alton Bain was present.

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 JOHN RAYNOR: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER MARC POWELL
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, MOSBY, RAYNOR
AND GILBERT
NOES (0)**

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLVED, to approve Consent Agenda.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KELVIN GILBERT
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, MOSBY, RAYNOR
AND GILBERT
NOES (0)**

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Finance Director/Town Clerk

Nick Holcomb Town Manager stated that advertising and interviews are completed and Connie Lassiter has accepted the Board's offer. She will begin employment on December 6, 2021 and sworn in as Town Clerk at the March meeting.

RESOLVED, to approve hiring Connie Lassiter as Town Clerk/Finance Officer.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER MARC POWELL
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, MOSBY, RAYNOR
AND GILBERT
NOES (0)**

B. Library- Eliminate Late Fines

Teresa Brown Library Director informed the Board of the decision from Harnett County Board of Commissioners approval to eliminate late fines on October 18, 2021. Mrs. Brown stated that it would be beneficial for the Town to follow the County's actions and their recommendations. Mrs. Brown informed the Board that the Library would continue to charge penalties for lost and damaged items. Mrs. Brown presented to the Board revenue charts that show the volume of fees and letter from the County Library of their recommendations. **(Reference #1)**

RESOLVED, to approve to follow Harnett County's recommendation to eliminate late fines.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, MOSBY, RAYNOR
AND GILBERT
NOES (0)**

C. Police Vehicle Purchase

Nick Holcomb Town Manager requested the Board to authorize purchase of a 2022 white Dodge Durango Pursuit. Mr. Holcomb stated that this purchase is due to the 2016 Dodge Charger being totaled in an accident on October 20, 2021. Mr. Holcomb requested the following purchases totaling \$45,010. **(Reference #2)**

2022 white Dodge Durango Pursuit	\$34,086
Replacement Equipment	\$ 9,905
Highway Use Tax	\$1,019

RESOLVED, to approve purchase of a 2022 White Dodge Durango Pursuit.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASELY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER MARC POWELL
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, MOSBY, RAYNOR
AND GILBERT
NOES (0)**

Mayor Coats asked Chief Storicks if any of the equipment was useable, which Chief Storicks replied that as per Batteries of NC none of the equipment is useable.

D. Budget Amendment #1

Nick Holcomb Town Manager informed the Board that with the reimbursement from the North Carolina League of Municipality for Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Seven Dollars (\$24,747) a budget amendment of Twenty One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000) is needed. (Reference #3)

RESOLVED, to approve Budget Amendment #1.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KELVIN GILBERT
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, MOSBY, RAYNOR
AND GILBERT
NOES (0)**

E. Christmas Parade Street Closure

Nick Holcomb Town Manager confirmed that the Christmas Parade is scheduled is for Monday December 13, 2021 at 7 p.m. Mr. Holcomb requested street closure for parade and Christmas on Main. Main Street closure 4 to 9 p.m. and streets closure for parade from 6 p.m. until parade is over. (Reference #4)

Tricia Bristow Chamber Director updated the Board on the Christmas activities with 60 to 75 parade entries, Main Street shopping and Santa. Mrs. Bristow informed the Board that a change is needed on the date for the parade due to the conflicts with surrounding parades. Coats Christmas parade will be on the second Monday in December.

RESOLVED, to approve street closure for the Christmas Parade and Christmas on Main.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, MOSBY, RAYNOR
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NOES (0)**

VI. MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORT

Nick Holcomb Town Manager updated the Board on the following:

1. Pursuing two avenues pertaining to the property at 312 Railroad Street, Guardianship through the court and Condemned structure.
2. Planning Board appointment applications, two ETJ's and one in Town positions vacancies.
3. Harnett County tax evaluations, meeting with the Town to discuss effects on the Town and the process to appeal the evaluation.
4. Department of Transportation – paving highway 55

Karen Wooten Town Clerk/Finance Officer informed the Board of moving funds from North Carolina Capital Management Trust into First Citizens Bank Depository Account.

Tricia Bristow Chamber Director invited the Board to the Veteran's Breakfast, Thursday November 11, 2021.

Chief Ken Storicks presented his stats for the month of October. Chief Storicks updated the Board on Officer Capshaw (who attended) concerning the wreck. Chief Storicks confirmed that he is waiting on Battery NC for equipment to come in to have the new Durango ready to be on the road. (Reference #5)

Teresa Brown Library Director presented her report for the month of October. Mrs. Brown introduced her new assistance Shannon George to the Board. (Reference #6)

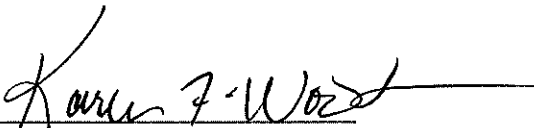
Mayor Coats opened Public Forum and hearing no one closed Public Forum.

IX. ADJOURN:

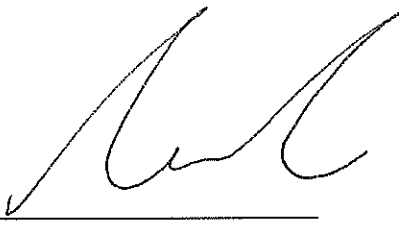
RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KELVIN GILBERT
APPROVED, AYES (5), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS POWELL, MOSBY, RAYNOR
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Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Karen F. Wooten, Town Clerk



Chris Coats, Mayor