

TOWN OF COATS
Board of Commissioners
Thursday, April 10, 2025

The Town of Coats Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall.

Members Present:

Commissioner Kelvin Gilbert
Commissioner Shirley Allen
Commissioner Monique Warren-Clegg
Commissioner Jerry Beasley

Staff Present:

Barbara Hollerand, Town Manager
Connie Lassiter, Finance Director/Town Clerk
Ken Storicks, Police Chief
Wesley Blount, Public Works Director

Members Absent:

Mayor Chris Coats
Mayor Pro Tem Marc Powell

Others Present:

Alton Bain, Town Attorney

Commissioner Kelvin Gilbert was selected by consensus of the present Board of Commissioners to lead the meeting in the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Commissioner Kelvin Gilbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Gilbert delivered the invocation and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gilbert called for a motion to approve agenda.

RESOLVED, to approve the agenda.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Shirley Allen

SECOND BY: Commissioner Monique Warren Clegg

APPROVED: Unanimously Approved

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2025 (Work Session) & March 13, 2025 (Regular Meeting)
2. Approval of Attorney Bill – Services Rendered March 1-31, 2025
3. Approval of Street Closure on McLean St. at both ends of Gale Spears Dr. for Annual Jamboree on May 10, 2025
4. Approval of Budget Amendment for Planning & Zoning Contracted Services for \$11,000 to fund the overage of Land Use Plan Update (1st Installment) and estimated additional cost of plan reviews and construction oversight

Commissioner Gilbert called for a motion to approve consent agenda.

RESOLVED, to approve Consent Agenda.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Shirley Allen

SECOND BY: Commissioner Monique Clegg-Warren

APPROVED: Unanimously Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lynn Plessinger, 202 Remington Dr, Coats NC, announced that the Farmer's Market would be setup in the driveway of Dumpster King due to the potential construction at Farmer's Corner this year. Ms. Plessinger noted that the market would be agriculture products only and would start on May 31st and go through September. She commented that she would be asking to use town signage to promote the event.

Angela Ayers, 1132 NC 55, Coats NC, spoke as the Chamber of Commerce President and reminded everyone of the Easter in the Park event being held Saturday. Ms. Ayers thanked the Town for the money to fund the bounce houses and for the use of the park.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Approval of Purchase for Police Body Cameras

Town Manager Barbara Hollerand presented the quote from Axon for Body Cameras that was requested by the Board at the last Budget Workshop meeting when they expressed the desire to purchase the cameras with money that was budgeted for a police car that was not needed this year. Cost of the initial purchase of eight (8) body cameras and software for the first year would be \$8,329.86 with an annual software and license payment of \$3,977.09 each year for the next four years.

Commissioner Shirley Allen asked Police Chief Ken Storicks tried to get quotes from any other vendor. Chief Storicks explained that Axon was the previous company that had been used and that Harnett County DA's office uses for transfer of evidence as far as digital media.

Commissioner Jerry Beasley voiced his concern of the lack of car cameras and inquired about the cost of those. Chief Storicks said he would have to research, but he estimated that one car camera would cost at least as much as all 8 of the body cameras together.

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of body cameras.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Jerry Beasley

SECOND BY: Commissioner Shirley Allen

APPROVED: Unanimously Approved

MANAGER UPDATE

Town Manager Barbara Hollerand stated that she had been working on familiarizing herself with what has happened in the past with the downtown project and starting to reactivate that project with the hopes of incorporating McKinley Point in the process.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Jerry Beasley asked Town Manager Barbara Hollerand if she had contacted Senator Knott about supplying body cameras. Ms. Hollerand replied that she had reached out to his office but had not received a reply.

Commissioner Shirley Allen asked Town Manager Barbara Hollerand when she would begin working on the Downtown project. Ms. Hollerand responded that she had a meeting scheduled for next week.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Kelvin Gilbert called for a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(6)

RESOLVED, to go into closed session.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Jerry Beasley

SECOND BY: Commissioner Shirley Allen

APPROVED: Unanimously Approved

Board of Commissioners entered closed session at 7:25 p.m.

Board of Commissioners reconvened in open session at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kelvin Gilbert called for a motion to adjourn.

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Jerry Gilbert

SECOND BY: Commissioner Shirley Allen

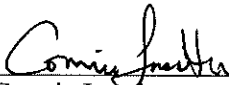
APPROVED: Unanimously Approved

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

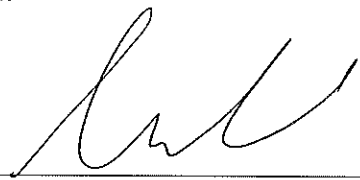
The attached documents of reference are incorporated herewith and are hereby made a part of these minutes.

Minutes prepared by Finance Director/Town Clerk Connie Lassiter.

ATTEST:



Connie Lassiter
Finance Director/Town Clerk



Chris Coats
Mayor