



Town of Beaufort, NC

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Town of Beaufort Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting 6:00 PM Monday, May 10, 2021 - Virtual Minutes

Call to Order

Mayor Newton called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Allen Coleman called roll and declared a quorum present for the meeting.

PRESENT:

Mayor Everette Newton

Commissioner Sharon Harker

Commissioner Ann Carter

Commissioner Marianna Hollinshed

Commissioner John Hagle

Commissioner Harker made motion to excuse Commissioner McDonald's absence.

Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Approval

Commissioner Hagle made motion to approve agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment

Special Presentations

Mayor Newton read a Resolution Honoring and Remembering the Life of Joyce Fulford Former Mayor of the Town of Beaufort N.C.

Manager Report

Town Manager John Day gave an update on the Budget being done. Turner Street project is almost done. Update on the town hall railing, should be here by the 20th at the latest. Light at Cedar and Turner is back up and running. Commissioner Carter asked if Town hall will be open once the railing is finished. Day stated Town Hall is currently open.

Items of Consent

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to approve the items of Consent.

Approved Unanimously

1. Minutes
2. Sewer Allocation Request 201 Rudolph Dr., Beaufort NC (Deerfield Shores Subdivision)
3. Carteret County Arts & Crafts Event Request to Close Off Two Parking Spaces
4. FY 2021 Budget Amendment No. 9
5. Capital Reserve Fund Budget Amendment No. 9 and Capital Project Fund Street & Pedestrian Improvement Budget Amendment No. 2

Items for Discussion and Consideration

1. Fourth of July Parade Event Application Request

Events Coordinator Rachel Johnson presented a request from the Beaufort Development Association to host the Fourth of July parade on Sunday July 4, changing the time to 4 pm with the route to remain the traditional route. Commissioner Harker asked if the Town had the staff needed to facilitate the event. 6-7 Town Employees in addition to Police and Fire staff are needed to work parades. Johnson confirmed staff had been asked to volunteer to work on the holiday.

Commissioner Hollinshed moved approval as presented.
Motion passed unanimously.

2. Big Rock Event Request to Close Off Parking Spaces for a Food Truck
Event Coordinator Rachel Johnson presented a request to close parking spaces 161-165 for a food truck on June 17 stating the applicant is willing to pay the \$18 a day rate for paid

parking spaces. The food truck is only for Big Rock participants and serves as a COVID safe way for the event to feed participants.

Commissioner Hollinshed moved for approval as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Navigable Water Ordinance Amendment 1

Town Manager John Day presented the ordinance amendment stating the Town needed to address this issue to give the Police Chief discretion to ban vessels from overnight stays for a period after receiving one citation for violation of the Navigable Waters Ordinance.

Commissioner Harker clarified that this is just for those people breaking the rules and asked if 24 months is a reasonable amount of time.

Town Attorney Arey Grady confirmed that 24 months is a reasonable period and clarified this only applies to those that have previously been cited.

Commissioner Hagle stated it's a good place to start and can be changed if necessary.

Commissioner Hagle moved for approval as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Appointment to the Volunteer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - The Town Clerk Allen Coleman recommended the Board consider appointing an applicant to the vacant Parks and Recreation Advisory Board position which is a partial term expiring September 24, 2024.

Commissioner Carter made a motion to open nominations.

Motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Harker nominated Sheresa Elliot.

No other nominations were made.

Commissioner Hagle moved that nominations be closed.

The nomination of Sheresa Elliot to the Parks & Recreation Board was approved unanimously.

5. Beaufort Harbor and Waterways Master Plan Advisory Committee

Town Clerk Allen Coleman recommended the Board discuss and review the draft charge/composition document for the Beaufort Harbor and Waterways Master Plan Advisory Committee and provide direction to staff.

Commissioner Hagle made a motion for approval to move ahead with as planned.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Legislative Alerts

Town Clerk Allen Coleman introduced a resolution in opposition to Senate Bill 349/House Bill 401 Zoning Reform and opposition to House Bill 496 Property Owners' Rights – Tree Ordinance - two different things, we've got a resolution in opposition of Senate Bill 349 And House Bill 401 is labeled increased housing opportunities. Also House Bill 496 providing that counties and cities shall not adopt ordinances regulating the removal of trees for private property without the expression of authorization of the General Assembly.

Commissioner Carter expressed concern about these bills, as they can destroy a neighborhood by increasing the number of residents and not improving affordable housing. Commissioner Hagle said he doesn't support these bills. Commissioner Harker said she supports these resolutions wholeheartedly.

Commissioner Hollinshed made a motion to approve the resolution that was presented to oppose these bills.
Motion approved unanimously

7. FY 2022 Budget Presentation

Town Manager John Day advised of all the accomplishments that the town has completed in FY2021. Day advised the Board of the need for a full-time Human Resources officer. He thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for the support and resources they provide. He also thanked the town employees for the important services they provide to residents and to the town every day. There were no questions from the commissioners.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Carter: Please if you have not been vaccinated, please do so.

Commissioner Hagle: Thanks to all the applicants for the parks and rec board. Very pleased with progress of construction being done.

Commissioner Harker: Thanks to town staff for putting together a comprehensive budget. The accomplishments that this board has made from the years past, it's put our town into a much better position, not just financially but through infrastructure and other needs that we have.

Commissioner Hollinshed: I want to thank my fellow Commissioners for the support on the General Assembly initiative. Be prepared for hurricane season.

Adjourn

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to adjourn.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Everette Newton

Deputy Town Clerk Rachel Johnson

Minutes compiled by Jennifer Rossi and Rachel Johnson