

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF TARBORO, HELD AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023 IN  
THE COUNCIL ROOM, TOWN HALL, TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Mayo  
Councilman Woodard  
Councilman Taylor  
Councilman Burnette  
Councilman Brown  
Councilman Jenkins  
Councilmember Jordan  
Councilmember Bynum  
Councilman Braxton

MEMBERS ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

Troy Lewis, Town Manager  
Leslie Lunsford, Town Clerk  
Chad Hinton, Town Attorney

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR**

**2. INVOCATION**

Councilman Taylor.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA BY COUNCIL**

Agenda approved as presented.

Deborah Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by Alfred Braxton and Passed,  
Motion.

**5. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS**

Judith Moss, 1708 W Wilson Street - represented the senior citizens that recently participated in the State Senior Games. She recognized the seniors and gave a summary of winners. She also thanked the Recreation Department staff and Alan Miniard for their participation and help with transportation and other support.

Loretta Draughn, 2609 N Main Street - explained and answered questions regarding the United Health Care Program that provides qualified individuals with utility assistance.

**6. TOWN MANAGERS RECOMMENDATIONS**

## **Consent Items**

Consent Items approved as presented.

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Sabrina Bynum and Passed, Motion.

- (1) Approve minutes of the October 9, 2023 regular meeting.
- (2) Tax Collector's Report
- (3) 2023 Tax Levy Adjustment

## **Action Items**

### **(4) Resolution to Accept Buyout Properties**

Council adopted the resolution authorizing the Town Manager to accept individual properties under this program.

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Clarence Brown and Passed, Motion.

### **(5) Ordinance to Adopt Building Inspection and Fire Prevention Code Changes**

Council adopted the ordinance amending Chapter 4 and 7 of the Code of Ordinances to meet State Requirements.

Ordinance 23-13

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT CHANGES TO CODE OF ORDINANCE  
RELATED TO BULIDING INSPECTIONS AND FIRE PREVENTION

Leo Taylor made a motion, which was seconded by John Jenkins and Passed, Motion.

### **(6) Appointment for November - Downtown Grant Review Committee**

Council appointed Reva Flowers to serve on the Downtown Grant Review Committee. Leo Taylor made a motion, which was seconded by Sabrina Bynum and Passed, Motion.

### **(7) Appointment for November - Edgecombe County Tourism Development Authority**

Council appointed John Walker to serve on the Edgecombe County Tourism Development Authority by a 4 to 4 vote with the Mayor as the tie breaking vote.

Nominees in the first round of voting included Steve Brittain with 2 votes, John Walker with 3 votes, Leigh Ann Muse with 3 votes and Xavior Burroughs with 0 votes. Council then voted between John Walker and Leigh Ann Muse, both receiving 4 votes.

### **(8) Appointment for November - Tarboro-Edgecombe Public Arts Commission (TEPAC)**

Council appointed Rosena Ricks, Lydia Hyslop and Milton Farrar to the Tarboro-Edgecombe Public Arts Commission (TEPAC).

Vacant term for Beverly Sessoms will be appointed at the December meeting.

Clarence Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Othar Woodard and Passed, Motion.

**(9) Appointment for November - Edgecombe County Memorial Library Board of Trustees**

No action.

**7. OTHER REPORTS**

A. Town Manager

Troy Lewis introduced Bob Pike as the new President of Carolina Gateways Partnership following behind Mr. Norris Tolson.

B. Town Attorney

Chad Hinton congratulated Bob Pike on his new position.

C. Council Members

Councilman Woodard - none.

Councilman Taylor - stated that he attended the recent Veteran's Memorial service at Edgecombe Community College and that it was a touching ceremony.

Councilmember Jordan - thanked Loretta Draughn for attending the meeting to discuss United Health Care. She also stated that she was highly disappointed with the lack of progress at the splash pad and asked that the contractor attend the December Council meeting.

Councilman Jenkins - requested Council discuss/consider the portable speed hump information presented at the October Council meeting. Council agreed to discuss at the annual Council Retreat. Councilman Jenkins is in favor of using the portable devices in Tarboro.

Councilmember Bynum - wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Brown - requested Council review the current sewer adjustment policy in the case of a water leak. Council discussed and made no changes to the current policy.

Councilman Braxton - acknowledged this as his final meeting on the Town Council. He urged Council to take pride and work for all of the Town, not just a certain area of the Town. He wished Council and the Town well.

Councilman Burnette - none.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned.

Deborah Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by Leo Taylor and Passed, Motion.