

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF TARBORO, HELD AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 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.

5. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Gwenda Moore, 300 N Main Street - she is still trying to sell her property on Market Center Drive. She has requested that Town staff reach out to the NC DOT asking that the trees and underbrush be trimmed so the property is more noticeable from highway 64.

David Barnes, 305 W Howard Avenue - stated that he had been harassed and falsely accused by the Tarboro Police Department.

John Walker, 1303 N Main Street - informed Council that he had started an online newspaper, My Tarboro Today.

Patricia Norman, 601 Saint John Street - expressed concerns about the Town not being able to take the United Health Care cards for utility payments.

Larry Crossett, 601 Saint Patrick Street - asked that money be budgeted this year for the

beautification of Main Street. He wants Tarboro to be the prettiest town in North Carolina. He also wants more events downtown, more signage directing people to the downtown area and to fill the vacant buildings with more businesses. Mr. Crossett would also like for Main Street to be re-paved.

Charles Alford, 1709 US Hwy 258 S - requested a sewer adjustment on his account at the former B&G building. He asked that the Town consider changing the policy allowing commercial accounts to receive sewer adjustments due to water leaks.

Kesha Parker, 305 Georgia Avenue - would like to adopt the street that Town of Tarboro employee, Bermel Jenkins, was recently involved in an accident claiming his life. Ms. Parker would like to place a memorial on the street.

Greg Higgs, 811 E Saint John Street - asked that the Town help to get funds to restore property on Panola Street and Edmondson Avenue, including the Elks Club and the Mason Lodge.

6. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on the assessment for demolition cost of \$13,066.45 for the structure located at 208 Shirley Street.

The Mayor declared the public hearing open.

No one spoke in favor of or against the assessment for demolition for 208 Shirley Street.

The Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Council adopted the resolution confirming assessment for demolition of the house at 208 Shirley Street in the amount of \$13,066.45.

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

A public hearing will be held on the assessment for demolition cost of \$18,851.52 for the structure located at 614 Martin Luther King Jr Drive.

The Mayor declared the public hearing open.

No one spoke in favor of or against the assessment for demolition for 614 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

The Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Council adopted the resolution confirming assessment for demolition of the house at 614 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in the amount of \$18,851.52.

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

7. TOWN MANAGERS RECOMMENDATIONS

Consent Items

Consent Items approved as presented.

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Alfred Braxton and Passed, Motion.

- (1) Approve minutes of the April 10, 2023 regular meeting.
- (2) Tax Collector's Report
- (3) Budget Transfers
- (4) 2019 Tax Levy Adjustment
- (5) 2020 Tax Levy Adjustment
- (6) 2021 Tax Levy Adjustment
- (7) 2022 Tax Levy Adjustment

Action Items

(8) Budget Amendment - Cambridge Commons Phase II

Council approved the Cambridge Commons Phase II budget amendment.

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

(9) Budget Amendment - Economic Development Incentive

Council approved the Economic Development Incentive budget amendment.

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

(10) Budget Amendment - ILSC Digital Message Board

Council approved the ILSC Digital Message Board budget amendment.

Deborah Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by Sabrina Bynum and Passed, Motion.

(11) Budget Amendment - NC Department of Commerce Grants

Council approved the NC Department of Commerce Grants budget amendment.

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

8. OTHER REPORTS

A. Town Manager

- (1) Budget Workshop Dates

Council will hold the budget work session on Monday May 15, 2023 and Wednesday, May 17, 2023 (if needed) at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers.

B. Town Attorney

The Town Attorney has recorded the deed for the land previously owned by Montana Tractor.

C. Council Members

Councilman Woodard - none.

Councilman Taylor - thanked staff for supporting the recent Day of Prayer and the Key Accounts event.

Councilman Burnette - none.

Councilman Brown - none.

Councilman Jenkins - stated that the trees on Main Street looked great and he thanked the Public Works department for the upkeep of the trees.

Councilmember Jordan - asked that staff follow-up on the United Health Care payments.

Councilmember Bynum - none.

Councilman Braxton - thanked Jason Nichols and the Public Works department for working to keep the Town looking good.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Braxton made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Woodard, and passed unanimously that Council enter into Closed Session per NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(4).

Councilman Braxton made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Woodard, and passed unanimously that Council resume Open Session.

(1) Closed Session as per NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(4)

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

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