

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF TARBORO, HELD AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020 IN
THE COUNCIL ROOM, TOWN HALL, TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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.

Leo Taylor made a motion, which was seconded by Othar Woodard and , Motion.

5. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

The following individuals spoke about the Confederate monument on the Town Commons.

Mary Ann Cumpata, 1812 Lake Drive
Bill Wooten, 282 McNair Road
Pasty Miller, 304 E Park Avenue
Brandy Chappell, 1201 Saint Andrew Street
Dan Leggett, 301 Warren Street, Conetoe
Lewis Ridgeway, 1009 Saint Andrew Street
Elijah Sellers, 143 Walters Street, Princeville
Demetrius Hill, 805 Wooten Street
Phillip Lampron, 3005 Landsdowne Drive
Connell Boyd, 206 Hunterhill Road
Brice Knight, 1112 Edmondson Avenue

Loretta Hilliard, 1516 Saint Andrew Street
Alyssa Ruffing, 110 E. Park Avenue
Greg Higgs, 1105 Bradley Avenue
Steve Redhage, 909 Saint Andrew Street

6. TOWN MANAGERS RECOMMENDATIONS

Consent Items

Consent Items approved as presented.

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Othar Woodard and Passed, Motion.

- (1) Approve minutes of the July 13, 2020 regular meeting.
- (2) Tax Collector's Report

Action Items

(3) Confederate Monument Discussion

Councilman Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember member Bynum, that Council vote to carefully and respectfully move the Confederate statue located in the Tarboro Town Common into storage until a more suitable location is found.

Councilman Jenkins made a substitute motion, which was seconded by Councilman Mayo that Council postpone any action until a committee is formed, composed of four members and lead by the Town Attorney to further discuss the movement of the Confederate monument. The motion died based on a 2 to 6 vote. Councilmembers Jenkins and Mayo voted for the motion. Councilmembers Woodard, Jordan, Taylor, Bynum, Burnette and Brown voted against the motion.

Councilman Woodard's original motion to move the Confederate monument was passed by a 5 to 3 vote. Councilmembers Woodard, Jordan, Taylor, Bynum and Burnette voted for the motion. Councilmembers Jenkins, Mayo and Brown voted against the motion.

(4) ESFRLP-19 Contract for Rehabilitation

Council voted to award contracts to Evans Custom Builders and Strickland Construction and that those contracts be executed by the Town Manager. John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Deborah Jordan and Passed, Motion.

7. OTHER REPORTS

A. Town Manager

None.

B. Town Attorney

None.

C. Council Members

Councilman Woodard - stated that he always tried to do what was best and right for Tarboro and that he respected all opinions. He also stated that he thought the new housing development on Industrial Parkway was a good addition.

Councilman Taylor - stated that he was pleased with the outcome of the Confederate monument vote, he believes history will prove that the right decision was made at the right time by Town Councilmembers. He also encouraged citizens to vote.

Councilman Mayo - stated that he tried to reach out to citizens regarding their feelings and opinions on the Confederate monument. He acknowledged that tough decisions were made and that he is glad the discussion is over.

Councilmember Jordan - stated that she appreciates the votes to remove the Confederate monument. She also thanked the Police Department for addressing her concerns and the Electric Department for recently offering mutual aid following storm damage.

Councilman Jenkins - expressed appreciation to citizens and Councilmembers that spoke regarding the Confederate monument.

Councilmember Bynum - expressed appreciation to Council for working through a tough situation.

Councilman Burnette - none.

Councilman Brown - stated that he was proud of Council and highlighted positive things happening in Tarboro including the shell building and sidewalk repairs. He also thanked the Electric Department Tree Crew for being proactive before the recent storm which reduced power outages.

8. CLOSED SESSION

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

Councilman Taylor made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Jenkins and passed unanimously that Council enter into Open Session.

- (1) To discuss economic development matters as allowed by NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(4)

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

Deborah Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by Clarence Brown and , Motion.