



Mayodan Town Council
 Regular Meeting
 April 11, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
 James A. Collins Municipal Building

Mayor and Council Present:	Mayor Jeff Bullins Darrell Allred James “Bud” Cardwell Glenn Chatman David Holland Andrew “Buddy” Martin
Staff Present:	Town Attorney Phil Berger Town Manager Michael Brandt Town Clerk Melessa K. Hopper
Others Present:	Dallas Britt, Madison Messenger

The Mayodan Town Council met at 7:02 p.m., April 11, 2016, in the council room of the James A. Collins Municipal Building, and with a quorum present Mayor Bullins called the meeting to order.

Public Comment Period and Citizen Concerns	<i>No one wished to speak.</i>
Approval of Minutes	<i>Regular Meeting (3-14-2016) Closed Session (3-14-2016)</i> <i>Motion by Councilman Allred, seconded by Councilman Chatman, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 regular meeting and the closed session minutes of March 14, 2016 as presented.</i> <i>Ayes: Allred, Chatman, Cardwell, Holland, and Martin</i> <i>Nays: None.</i> <i>Motion carried unanimously.</i>
Old Business:	
<u>1st Avenue Loop Access Easement</u>	<i>Town attorney Phil Berger presented a draft easement for staff to have signed by each property owner of 1st Avenue Loop for the purposes of town utility services and the contract town solid waste collection services. No action required.</i>
<u>Appointments to Boards and Committees</u>	<i>Motion by Councilman Cardwell, seconded by Councilman Holland, to appoint John “Sammy” Martin as an in-town member of the Planning and Zoning Board/Board of Adjustment.</i> <i>Ayes: Allred, Chatman, Cardwell, Holland, and Martin</i> <i>Nays: None.</i> <i>Motion carried unanimously.</i>
New Business:	
<u>Consideration of Resolution of Support for Preservation of the Madison Rosenwald School</u>	<i>Mayor Bullins presented a resolution of support for the Madison Rosenwald School preservation project. Ann Willis and Jay Stem presented information regarding the historical background of the school and the plans for renovations and preservation. (A copy of the resolution is attached and hereby by reference made a part of these minutes.)</i>

	<p>Motion by Councilman Holland, seconded by Councilman Cardwell, to approve the resolution of support for the Madison Rosenwald School preservation project.</p> <p>Ayes: Allred, Chatman, Cardwell, Holland, and Martin</p> <p>Nays: None.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p><u>McMichael High School S.A.D.D. Request for Donation</u></p>	<p>Nicholas Vaughn from the McMichael High School Students Against Destructive Decisions spoke to Council about the organization and requested Council give consideration of a \$500 contribution as a sponsor to the club's Post-Prom Breakfast. The breakfast feeds between 250 and 275 prom students, giving them a safe alternative at the conclusion of prom. Council took no action at this time.</p>
<p><u>Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance Approving the Demolition and Removal of Building Located at 433 S. 2nd Ave</u></p>	<p>Mayor Bullins and Town Attorney Phil Berger presented an ordinance for consideration for the demolition and removal of a structure at 433 S. 2nd Avenue. All members of ownership have executed a power of attorney giving permission for the demolition. (The ordinance is attached and hereby by reference made a part of these minutes.)</p> <p>Motion by Councilman Allred, seconded by Councilman Chatman, to approve the ordinance for demolition and removal of a structure from property located at 433 S. 2nd Avenue.</p> <p>Ayes: Allred, Chatman, Cardwell, Holland, and Martin</p> <p>Nays: None.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p><u>Consideration of Enhanced Animal Control Services for Fiscal Year 2016-17</u></p>	<p>Town Manager Michael Brandt and Police Chief Charles Caruso gave information regarding the animal control issues and needs to be considered for funding in the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget. Councilman Allred stated he would like to see estimates for a part-time animal control employee.</p>
<p><u>Consideration of Approval for the Purchase of a Replacement Phone System for Town Hall and Police Department (\$5,675.00)</u></p>	<p>Town Manager Michael Brandt gave information to Council regarding the aging phone system in Town Hall and Police Department. Phone system replacement quotes were obtained and he recommends the replacement services and equipment be fulfilled by Southeaster Data Communications, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$6,510 in the current year budget with funding to come from Fund Balance. Councilman Chatman inquired about tying the phone line into the phone at the fire department building.</p> <p>Motion by Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilman Cardwell, to approve the phone system replacement in the 2015/2016 fiscal year budget at a cost not to exceed \$7,500 with funds to come from the general fund balance.</p> <p>Ayes: Allred, Chatman, Cardwell, Holland, and Martin</p> <p>Nays: None.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p><u>Consideration of approval of Funding Request by the Downtown Mayodan Merchants Association in Support of a New Downtown Fall Festival (\$1,500)</u></p>	<p>Mayor Bullins discussed the Mayodan Preservation League's decision not to hold the Mayodan Homecoming in September. Members of the Downtown Mayodan Merchants Association are requesting funding in support of a new downtown fall festival. The Town has typically funded \$1,500 to the homecoming festival annually, however, the DMMA requested funding prior to July 1st to begin securing advertising, and various costs. There are no plans to fund an additional \$1,500 in the 2016-2017 fiscal budget.</p>

	<p>Motion by Councilman Chatman, seconded by Councilman Allred, to approve the expenditure of \$1,500 to the Downtown Mayodan Merchants Association for a fall festival from the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget from general fund balance. Ayes: Allred, Chatman, Cardwell, Holland, and Martin Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p><u>Consideration of Request by Downtown Mayodan Merchants Association for Support of the Mayodan Arts Center in Downtown Mayodan (\$2,700)</u></p>	<p>Mayor Bullins called upon Town Manager Michael Brandt and Melanie Barnes, member of the Downtown Mayodan Merchants Association to give information regarding financial assistance in the support and creation of a Mayodan Arts Center in downtown by providing funds in the amount of \$2,700 startup costs from the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget fund balance. Ms. Barnes stated the members were looking into a couple of options in downtown to possibly lease a building with the appropriate space for the center. Decisions regarding the location and timeframe have not been made. The information also indicates a desire to request an additional \$3,000 to be in the upcoming 2016-2017 budget. Motion by Councilman Holland, seconded by Councilman Martin, to approve the funding of the initial startup costs of the Mayodan Arts Center in the amount of \$2,700 from the 2015-2016 budget from general fund balance. Ayes: Allred, Chatman, Cardwell, Holland, and Martin Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p><u>Update on the Mayodan Commercial District National Register H.D. Application</u></p>	<p>Town Manager Michael Brandt gave information regarding the status of the Mayodan Downtown Historic District nomination to the National Register. The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources State Historic Preservation Office has recommended and nominated the Mayodan Downtown District property to the National Register.</p>
<p><u>Finance Officer Budget Amendments</u></p>	<p>Town Manager presented Budget Amendment Numbers 2-5 to the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget for informational purposes. (Copies of the budget amendments are attached and hereby by reference made a part of these minutes.)</p>
<p>Manager Comments/Reports</p>	<p>Financial Reports were presented to Council. Bulk Solid Waste Collection and “Clean-Up” Week discussions. A grant application for bullet proof vests has been submitted.</p>
<p>Closed Sessions:</p>	<p>Pursuant to N.C. G.S. 143-318.11(a)3 – Attorney/Client Privilege Motion by Councilman Chatman, seconded by Councilman Martin, to enter closed session pursuant to N.C. G.S. 143-318.11(a)3, attorney/client privilege. Ayes: Allred, Chatman, Cardwell, Holland, and Martin Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Closed entered closed session at 8:44 p.m.</p> <p>Motion by Councilman Allred, seconded by Councilman Cardwell, to return to open session. Ayes: Allred, Chatman, Cardwell, Holland, and Martin Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Council returned to open session at 9:26 p.m.</p> <p>There was no action taken by Council resulting from the closed session.</p>

Council/Mayor Comments/Announcements	<i>Councilman Chatman stated he had received several complaints about the M-M Recreation Center sports programs being cancelled and not holding up. Discussions by Council centered on the study being done, which will include staff training for the Commission members and staff. The Towns are working toward hiring a consultant for a management study.</i>
Reminders	<i>Downtown Mayodan Merchants Meeting, Wednesday, April 27 8:00 am, Town Hall</i>
	<i>Mayo River Recreational Trail Open House, Thursday, April 28, 6:00 pm, M-M Recreation Center</i>
	<i>Manager Radio Show, Monday, April 25, 11:00 am</i>
Adjournment	<i>Motion by Councilman Holland, seconded by Councilman Cardwell, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Allred, Chatman, Cardwell, Holland, and Martin Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.</i>

(COPIES OF DOCUMENTS TO FOLLOW)

Resolution of Support for the Madison Rosenwald School Preservation Project

WHEREAS, in 1924 the local African American community raised \$1,000.00 to be used for a new school; and; WHEREAS, Mr. John Martin provided a five-acre plot of land in Madison on Decatur Street for the new Madison school; and, WHEREAS, a grant of \$12,500.00 was received from the Rosenwald Foundation, a foundation which assisted with the construction of over 5,000 schools and auxiliary buildings in fifteen southern states including 813 buildings in North Carolina with ten of the schools being constructed in Rockingham county; and, WHEREAS, of the Rockingham County Rosenwald schools, only the Madison school building remains standing; and, WHEREAS, the Madison school was among the first African American Schools accredited as a high school in NC in 1938; and, WHEREAS, after providing a quality educational experience for many years to the children of African American families throughout western Rockingham county, including the Town of Mayodan, the school ceased operations in 1950; and, WHEREAS, in 1979 a group of graduates led by Charles and Helen Dalton organized the Madison Colored School & Charles Drew Alumni Association Inc.; and, WHEREAS, the Alumni Association purchased the building in 1983; and, WHEREAS, a graduate of the school, Nat Scales contributed \$58,000.00 toward the building's renovation in 1988 and the building was subsequently renamed the Virginia Dare Scales Community Center; and, WHEREAS, the repurposed building served the community until it fell into disrepair in the early 2000's; and, WHEREAS, the Alumni Association, under the leadership of Arthur Martin, has started an effort to restore the school building to preserve its history and legacy and to again serve the Rockingham County community; and, WHEREAS, the Alumni Association, with funding from the North Carolina Rural Center Small Town Economic Prosperity (STEP) Program and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, has begun efforts toward stabilization and preservation of the building; and, WHEREAS, the services of architectural firm West & Stem located in Bethania, NC have been retained to prepare plans for the building's restoration and reuse; and, WHEREAS, West & Stem has solicited input from the community and developed the requisite plans; and, WHEREAS, proposed programming for the renovated building includes STEM education for youth and enrichment educational offerings for adults along with activities in a proposed concert and event center planned at the facility; and, WHEREAS, the Alumni Association has begun to raise funds to begin the building's stabilization and interior renovation at a cost of more than \$150,000.00; and, WHEREAS, the Alumni Association has submitted a grant application for \$20,000.00 to the Marion Steadman Covington Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Mayodan supports the efforts of the Madison Colored School & Charles Drew Alumni Association Inc. in their endeavor to preserve the Madison Colored/Charles Drew School building; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Mayodan will provide a letter of support to the Marion Steadman Covington Foundation for the Alumni Association's \$20,000.00 grant application.

This the 11th day of April, 2016

Attest:

S/_____

Melessa K. Hopper, Town Clerk

S/_____

Jeffrey G. Bullins, Mayor

April 11, 2016

ORDINANCE TO DEMOLISH 433 SOUTH 2ND AVENUE, MAYODAN, NORTH CAROLINA

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

WHEREAS, the Code Inspector for the Town of Mayodan examined the structure at 433 South 2nd Avenue and determined that the structure was not fit for human habitation and that the structure was dangerous and needed to be demolished; and

WHEREAS, the Code Inspector contacted the property owners of 433 South 2nd Avenue and received from said property owners written authorization and permission for the structure on said property to be demolished; and

WHEREAS, the structure located on 433 South 2nd Avenue is dilapidated and unfit for human habitation, constitutes a public health, safety, and fire hazard, should be demolished pursuant to the provisions of the Ordinances of the Town of Mayodan, and is not in a condition to be repaired or improved at a cost of less than fifty (50) percent of its current value; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of GS § 160A-443(6) and the Town of Mayodan Code of Ordinances, the cost of demolition should be assessed as a lien on the subject real property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the Town of Mayodan Code of Ordinances and the General Statutes of North Carolina the Town Manager of the Town of Mayodan is hereby ordered to cause the structure located at 433 South 2nd Avenue, Mayodan, North Carolina, Rockingham County tax parcel #118046 to be demolished and removed. Once demolition and removal are complete, the costs of such demolition and removal shall be assessed against the property as provided by law.

This the 11th day of April, 2016.

ATTESTED BY:

Melessa K. Hopper, CMC, Town Clerk

Jeffrey G. Bullins, Mayor, Town of Mayodan

