



**REGULAR
MEETING *MINUTES*
MAYODAN TOWN COUNCIL
January 10, 2022
6:00 p.m.
101 N. 10th Ave**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Chad Wall
Darrell Allred
Melanie Barnes
Doug Cardwell
Letitia Goard
Dwight Lake (Remotely)

STAFF PRESENT:

Town Attorney Eugene Russell
Town Manager Melessa Hopper
Town Clerk Sarah Hopper

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mike Moore, Mike Moore Media

The Mayodan Town Council met at 6:00pm on January 10, 2022, at 101 N. 10th Avenue, and with a quorum present Mayor Wall called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chris Moralses of 403 S 2nd Ave spoke to council that his last 3 water bills had been for the same amount of usage 4200 gallons. He didn't understand how he could've used that much water. Mr. Moralses also complained about a late fee being charged on his account and didn't understand why he was being charged that when it was mailed 3 days before it was due. The Town received his payment on 11/12/21 water bills were due on 11/10/21. Mr. Moralse also complained about black stuff coming out of his facets and didn't understand why this was happening. He has hired a plumber to come to his house and that they haven't found any leaks.

Joey Hall of 422 N 2nd Ave addressed council regarding a plumbing issue that caused his water usage to be 44,000 gallons of water. Mr. Hall is deaf and wrote asking for the towns help with his high-water bill. He stated that he was unaware of a leak due to a disability. Council will table this until they can review water policy at next meeting February 14, 2022.

Motion by Councilmember Goard, seconded by Councilmember Barnes to review water policy before next meeting on February 14, 2022.

Ayes: Councilmembers Allred, Barnes, Cardwell, Goard and Lake

Nays: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT

Mayor Chad Wall called upon Trevor Gardner of Rouse, Rouse, Rouse and Gardner, to give the 2020-2021 audit presentation to Council. Mr. Gardner went over expenditures and revenues and gave the Town a clean audit report.

**The 2020-2021 Audit Report is hereby by reference made a part of these minutes and is on file in the Town Clerk's office for public viewing. **

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Allred, to approve minutes for agenda and regular meeting minutes of December 9 and 13, 2021, as presented.

Ayes: Councilmembers Allred, Barnes, Cardwell, Goard and Lake.

Nays: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Consideration of Agreement for Professional Services- Piedmont Environmental

During the last fiscal year budget and continuing with the current fiscal year budget, monies were appropriated for park improvements to include the preparations for a camping area at Farris Park. Park Superintendent Cesar Chavez has been working with various agencies to establish the septic and water needs for a camping area. Mr. Chavez met with Piedmont Environmental Associates, and they have given a proposal and agreement for soil testing, maps and CAD renderings, and a proposal for the layout. Council considered the approval of a contract with Piedmont Environmental for the first phase of this project.

Motion by Councilmember Allred, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, to approve the proposal/agreement for professional services from Piedmont Environmental Associates to design a layout for a large septic system at Farris Park.

Ayes: Councilmembers Allred, Barnes, Cardwell, Goard and Lake.

Nays: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration of Special Use Permit-John Peache for Tattoo Shop

John Peche, property owner of 407 N 2nd Ave, has applied for a special use permit to have a tattoo shop. Town Manager, Melessa Hopper stated that the planning and zoning board voted unanimously to recommend approval of Mr. Peche's zoning request.

Motion by Councilmember Goard, seconded by Councilmember Barnes to approve a special use permit for a tattoo shop at 407 N 2nd Avenue.

Ayes: Councilmembers Allred, Barnes, Cardwell, Goard and Lake

Nays: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consideration of Budget Amendment Numbers 2 and 3

Expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the COVID-related pay for eligible employees requires Council approve a budget amendment to move the funds from the ARP line item to the individual department salary line items. Budget Amendment #2 moves the funds from ARP to General Fund salary line items. Budget Amendment #3 moves ARP funds to Water/Sewer line items.

Motion by Councilmember Cardwell, seconded by Councilmember Goard to approve budget amendments numbers 2 and 3.

Ayes: Councilmembers Allred, Barnes, Cardwell, Goard and Lake

Nays: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

Town Council Budget Amendment #2

Cost of Covid Back Pay Benefit - NC Pro Expenditure – \$27,930.75

EXPENDITURE:

Admin:	10-420-5750	\$1,240.00
Finance:	10-440-5750	\$2,480.00
Police:	10-510-5750	\$19,250.75
Streets:	10-560-5750	\$2,480.00
Farris Park:	10-620-5750	\$2,480.00

REVENUE:

NC Pro Allocation:	10-346-0000	\$27,930.75
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Town Council Budget Amendment #3

Cost of Covid Back Pay Benefit - NC Pro Expenditure – \$15,956.50

EXPENDITURE:

Water Plant:	30-812-5750	\$6,036.50
Water:	30-814-5750	\$4,960.00
Sewer:	30-822-5750	\$4,960.00

REVENUE:

NC Pro Allocation:	10-346-0000	\$15,956.50
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C. Consideration of Christmas Light Purchase

Councilmember Barnes requested Public Works Director Joey Hudy give council information he gathered from MOSCA Design for the potential replacement of a portion of the Christmas Lights in downtown Mayodan. The Moravian Star was damaged beyond repair during display this past holiday. Mr. Hudy reported a 33% discount would be offered by MOSCA. A proposal to replace 24 pole lights (wreaths) with a metal frame tree design, 4 strands of garland, and Moravian Star would be approximately \$15,000.00.

Motion by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Allred to approve budget amendment numbers 4 out of Fund Balance up to \$16,000.00.

Ayes: Councilmembers Allred, Barnes, Cardwell, Gourd and Lake

Nays: None.

Town Council Budget Amendment #4

<u>EXPENDITURE:</u>	Streets Christmas Lights:	10-560-1505	\$16,000
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<u>REVENUE:</u>	GF Fund Balance	10-101-2000	\$16,000
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MANAGER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Financial Statements

Town Manager Lessa Hopper gave the financial report for the month of December 2021.

B. Fire Hydrant Update

Councilmember Dwight Lake has asked for an update on the fire hydrants.

Public Director Joey Hudy gave an update on hydrants.

C. Surplus Property Sale Update to Council

Town manager Melessa Hopper gave an update on police surplus property sold on GovDeals.com. The vehicle sold for \$3,200.00.

COUNCIL COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Chad Wall asked Councilmember Dwight Lake to attend the Piedmont Regional Council Meeting in his place until March appointments of boards and committees.

Mayor Wall also stated that Steven's Construction would be starting on the bathrooms at Elliott Duncan Park this week.

Town Manager Melessa Hopper spoke to Council about the possible replacement of a generator at the water intake site. Carolina CAT has been working to repair the generator. It is unsure at this time if it can be repaired.

Town Manager Hopper gave an update on Washington Mills site hazardous material soil testing. The EPA is now involved due to test results. Additional testing will be required.

Madison Mayodan Recreation Director Lee Mitchell gave an update on the ice-skating rink. Mr. Mitchell stated that turn out wasn't as they planned therefore profit wasn't what they had expected.

Councilmember Lake asked Council to consider making his appointment to the Piedmont Triad Regional Council now rather than wait to March so that he can be considered an appointment on the executive board.

Motion by Councilmember Goard, seconded by Councilmember Barnes to appoint Councilmember Lake as the town's representative to the Piedmont Triad Regional Council for a one-year term.

Ayes: Councilmembers Allred, Barnes, Cardwell, Goard and Lake

Nays: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION:

A. Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11(a) 6- Personnel Matters

Motion by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Goard, to enter closed session at 7:38 p.m.

Ayes: Councilmembers Allred, Barnes, Cardwell, Goard and Lake

Nays: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Goard, to return to open session at 9:01 p.m.

Ayes: Councilmembers Allred, Barnes, Cardwell, Goard and Lake

Nays: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Goard, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, to adjourn meeting 9:02 p.m.

Ayes: Councilmembers Allred, Barnes, Cardwell, Goard and Lake

Nays: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Sarah Hopper, Town Clerk

Chad Wall, Mayor