

**TOWN OF FOUR OAKS
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 8TH, 2021
AGENDA**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approval of Minutes
 - a) Town Council Meeting – January 11th, 2021
- 4) Public Hearings – None
- 5) Public Comments
- 6) New Business
 - a) Ordinance Discussion – Mayor Parker
 - b) Approve I-95/I-40 Crossroads of America Economic Development Alliance, Inc. Memorandum of Understanding
 - c) Appoint I-95/I-40 Crossroads of America Economic Development Alliance, Inc. Town of Four Oaks Board of Director Member Representatives
 - d) Resolution for Holt Lake Aquatic Weed Control – Commissioner Medlin
 - e) FODDA Updates – Reid Williams
- 7) Mayor’s Comments
- 8) Department Reports
 - a) Police – Hatch
 - b) Parks & Rec & Outreach – Hines
 - c) Water and Sewer – Medlin
 - d) Sanitation & Streets - Surles
 - e) Finance – Hardy

Adjournment

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FEBRUARY 8th, 2021
MINUTES**

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Vic Medlin called the February 8th, 2021 regular scheduled Town Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Those present included Commissioners Andy Hardy, John Hatch, Mike Hines, and Carles Surles. Also present were Police Chief Stephen Anderson; Public Works Director Barry Stanley; Town Clerk Martha Garris recording minutes; Town of Four Oaks Development Coordinator Reid Williams; and Mike Dart from FO Benson New in Review. Not present and excused Mayor Linwood Parker.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Hatch gave the opening Invocation with Reid Williams leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Town Council Meeting – January 11th, 2020

Commissioner Surles made a motion to approve the Town Council regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hardy, voting unanimous.

Public Hearings - None

Public Comment

Joan Pritchett, Chamber of Commerce, gave the following update for the Chamber: (1) it's time for Chamber membership and sponsorship enrollment and renewals; (2) Acorn Festival will be September 11, 2021; (3) Car and Motorcycle Swap Meet will be October 9, 2021; (4) Christmas parade will be December 4, 2021; (5) Oyster Roast is TBA later; and (6) the Chamber will be joining with the Town and Fire Department to host Movies in the Park in the Spring, for Halloween, & for the Christmas Tree Lighting with the dates to TBA later.

New Business

Ordinance Discussions

Board discussed some possible ordinance updates to be looked into by the Planning Board: (1) subdivision ordinance concerning sidewalk language similar to curb & gutters; (2) litter ordinance to increase fines; (3) yard sale ordinance for residents to carry all items indoors overnight; (4) infrastructure reimbursement ordinance for pump station tie-ins; (5) R-10 setbacks; & (7) recreation fee language. Clerk Garris was to pass this information to Pauline Ketchum, Planning & Zoning Administrator.

Approve I-95/I-40 Crossroads of America Economic Development Alliance, Inc.

Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”)

Commissioner Hardy explained the Alliance was created between the Town of Four Oaks, Town of Benson, and City of Dunn to promote growth and industry to improve income for the region.

There has been a group from the 3 towns working together on the MOU & By-Laws. The MOU discussing the Alliance between the 3 towns, assigning board members to the Alliance, contributions to the Alliance by the Towns, facilities for the Alliance, and revenue sharing for the Alliance. Commissioner Hardy presented the draft MOU and explained there were a few changes that the attorney was working on. If there are any significant changes the MOU will be brought back before the Board for discussion. The MOU also has to be approved by Benson and Dunn's councils.

Commissioner Hines inquired if the Alliance dissolved, how could the Town get out of the Alliance and if the Town's Attorney has reviewed the MOU document. Commissioner Hardy commented language was being added in the revision that assets will be distributed equally if the Alliance dissolved and the Attorney has reviewed the document. Commissioner Hatch inquired on how the Alliance will be funded. Commissioner Hardy explained for the 1st year each town will contribute \$50,000 and the Alliance will reach out to the State & Federal Elected Officials for additional funding assistance and tax revenue will be split between the Alliance and Towns per the MOU.

Motion to approve the I-95/I-40 Crossroads of America Economic Development Alliance, Inc. MOU and give Mayor Parker authority to execute the revised MOU with minor changes was made by Commissioner Hardy, seconded by Commissioner Hines, voting unanimous. Any significant changes will be brought back to the Board.

Appoint I-95/I-40 Crossroads of America Economic Development Alliance, Inc. Town of Four Oaks Board of Director Member Representatives

Mayor Pro Tem Medlin read the resolution to appoint the Town of Four Oaks board members to the I-95/I-40 Crossroads of America Economic Development Alliance, Inc. Board of Directors. The Four Oaks appointees were: Andy Hardy, Harold Keen, and Joanna Sasko. Motion to approve the resolution as presented was made by Commissioner Hatch, seconded by Commissioner Surles, voting unanimous.

Resolution for Holt Lake Aquatic Weed Control

Mayor Pro Tem Medlin discussed the resolution. Holt Lake has an aquatic hydrilla weed growing in it which could get in the Neuse River. The NC Division of Water Resources will assist the Holt Lake Association with removing and control the aquatic hydrilla thru a 50/50 grant as part of a habitat restoration project on Holt Lake in Johnston County NC. The Grant will have to run thru the Town, a municipality, as a pass-thru to the Holt Lake Association. Mayor Pro Tem Medlin read the resolution. Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Hardy, seconded by Commissioner Hines, voting unanimous.

FODDA Updates – Reid Williams, Town of Four Oaks Development Coordinator

Reid Williams reported that a group of the Downtown Committee members had recently visited Dunn to see and discuss its revitalization process. Everyone provided good feedback from the visit. Mayor Pro Tem Medlin thanked Reid for his work.

Mayor's Comments - None

Department Reports

Police – Hatch

Commissioner Hatch turned it over to the Police Chief. Chief Anderson read the monthly police report (attached).

Parks & Rec and Outreach – Hines

Commissioner Hines reported: (1) he will be meeting with the Civitan to discuss working together on the Spring sports and getting them started back; (2) all football equipment had been returned; & (3) Holt Park is all complete and looks good.

Water and Sewer – Medlin

Commissioner Medlin read the water and sewer report (attached). Water had revenue of \$28,428 and the sewer had revenue of \$37,388.

Sanitation & Streets

Commissioner Surles reported sanitation and streets are good and for streets Still need some rocks at the pond near Forest Hills.

Finance – Hardy

Commissioner Hardy read the financial report (attached) with total funds of \$1,697,980 and made a motion to approve the January payables listed in the attached report, seconded by Commissioner Surles, voting unanimous. Commissioner Hardy reported the Town had closed on the land purchase for the pump station on highway 96.

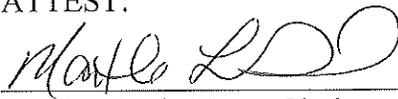
Adjournment

With no further business brought before the Town Council, motion to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. was made by Commissioner Hardy, seconded by Commissioner Hines, voting unanimous.



Vic Medlin, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Martha Garris, Town Clerk