

APPROVED AND RELEASED AT THE JULY 14, 2020 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
MOREHEAD CITY TOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, May 12, 2020

Councilmember Ballou moved to enter into CLOSED SESSION in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 202 South 8th Street, Morehead City, N.C., during the Regular Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, as per 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with city attorney. Councilmember Warrender seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Gerald A. Jones, Jr.; Councilmembers George Ballou, David Horton, Keri McCann, William Taylor, and Diane Warrender

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ryan Eggleston, and City Clerk Cathy Campbell

PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: City Attorneys Derek Taylor

SURPLUS PROPERTY BID – 706 ARENDELL STREET (CITY HALL)

City Manager Ryan Eggleston reported that AJK Acquisitions, LLC stated that they would not pay more than \$375,000 for the property located at 706 Arendell Street. Council discussed the pros and cons of accepting the suggested amount noting the following benefits of selling the property:

- The Town would be assured of the type of business to be operated at this location.
- It would prevent another building in the downtown area from standing vacant.
- Remediation costs are not certain; it could cost considerably more than quoted.
- The proposed use could help stimulate the downtown economy.
- Limited parking at this location will limit potential buyers.

The proposed amount would be an “as is” price. No discount would be offered based on findings following the due diligence period. AJK Acquisitions would have the option to pay the bid amount or decline purchase.

Mr. Eggleston was asked to investigate their willingness to bid again with a baseline of \$400,000 for upset bid.

City Attorney Derek Taylor advised that before initiating the next upset bid process, Council must reject all prior bids in a public meeting.

At this time, City Clerk Cathy Campbell were excused from the meeting. Mr. Eggleston provided the minute summary for the remainder of the meeting.

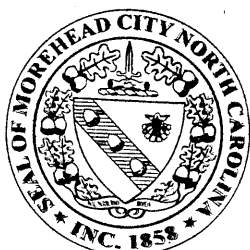
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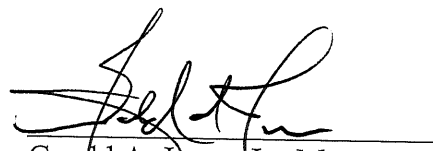
Council conducted the manager’s annual performance evaluation with Mr. Eggleston. A copy of his evaluation will be placed in his personnel file as is standard practice.

Councilmember Warrender moved to return to OPEN SESSION. Councilmember Taylor seconded and the motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Attest:


Cathy Campbell, City Clerk




Gerald A. Jones, Jr., Mayor