TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

*******

Monday, July 15, 2019

5:00 p.m.

The Town of Atlantic Beach Town Council meeting was held and recorded at Atlantic Beach Community Center, 1010 32nd Avenue South, Atlantic Beach, South Carolina, on the 15th day of July, 2019.
APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman
Councilman Lenearl Evans
Councilwoman Josephine Isom
Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore

ADMINISTRATION:
Benjamin Quattlebaum Jr., Town Manager

INDEX

Call to Order................................. 3
Executive Session ......................... 3
General Session......................... 5
Approval of Agenda.................... 5
Old Business................................. 6
Public hearing............................... 7
Certificate................................. 30
Call to Order:

MAYOR EVANS: This special Town Council meeting and public hearing is called together -- to order this Monday, July 15th, at 6:00 p.m. Roll call? 5 -- I’m sorry. 5:00 p.m. Roll Call?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Present.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Present.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Present.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Here. Council, I seek a motion for an Executive Session for legal and personnel and contractual matters.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There’s a motion and a second to go into Executive Session for legal, personnel and contractual matters. Any other questions, comments? Roll call?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion granted.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor and Council, the legal items to be discussed in Executive session are land acquisitions, demolition of vacant properties, the contractual matter is a contract with the LLC of Pope Flynn, out of Columbia, South Carolina. Attorney Charles Rhodes, from Pope Flynn, LLC will be conferenced in in the Executive Session on the acquisition of the property.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: What did you say that attorney’s name was?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Charles Rhodes.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: He’s going to be coming today?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: He’s going to be conferenced in.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Okay. All right.

Executive Session:

(Executive Session)

MAYOR EVANS: Council, I seek a motion to come out of Executive Session into the regular session.
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved.
COUNCILMAN EVANS: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a Second to come out of General -- Executive Session into the regular session. Any other questions or comments?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilman Lenearl Evans?
COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor Jake Evans?

General Session:

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion Granted. I want to take time to welcome the general public. Thank you for coming out. At this time we ask if anyone has any cell phones, or devices that might disturb the proceedings, would you silence those for us at this time, please? And I'll give you time to do that before we stand for a moment of silence.

(Moment of Silence.)

MAYOR EVANS: Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

(Pledge of Allegiance said in unison.)

Approval of the Agenda:
MAYOR EVANS: We're down to the Approval of the Agenda Council. Seek a motion to approve the agenda as it is outlined?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: I seek a motion to approve the agenda as it is outlined.

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Second.

MAYOR EVANS: There is a motion and a second for the approval of the agenda as it is outlined. Roll call?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion Granted.

Old Business:

MAYOR EVANS: Old business. Town Council meeting minutes, there are none. New business is the public hearing. Council, I seek a motion to open the floor for a public hearing. And this is for the purchase of the property at 3000 30th Avenue South and Highway 17 in Atlantic Beach. Council, seek a motion to open the
floor for that public hearing?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So --

COUNCILMAN EVANS: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Second.

Public Hearing:

MAYOR EVANS: There is a motion and a second to open the floor for the public hearing. And remind everyone this is a public hearing, and when you come to the podium state your name and address so we can actually pick it up on the recorder. And these questions will pertain to that subject and that subject only. Roll call?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion Granted. The floor is now open for the public hearing. You're welcome anybody in the audience to step to the podium, if you've got any questions that you want to ask. Or statements about the property, you're welcome to do so at this time.
MR. SKEETER: Good evening, Mayor and Council and all of the fellow citizens of the town of Atlantic Beach. I think this matter here, I just heard about it maybe a week ago. And I wonder why our officials did not come around to us individuals that town of Atlantic Beach and try to find a suitable place. Now I'm hearing that the designated place -- or what's going to be the designated place on the corner of 30th Avenue and Highway 17. Well, I read the article about where y'all are going to attempt to buy property to put this monument. And there's a lot of blank space there that I don't understand. Such as, what is going to go on the monument. Names or what? Now we have property here in Atlantic Beach that prestigious, that's not being utilized. So I don't think it would be wise at this time, to go out and spend -- it think it was $91,000 or whatever the case may be. When we have other property available and should be much more suitable. Such as down in the cul-de-sac in Atlantic Beach, at the end of 30th Avenue. We also have -- and I say the proper place for that to be, would be over here somewhere by the
community center for our visitors to see. To see some of the founders of Atlantic Beach. And I'm not fussing with y'all. Please understand. And I'm not angry, I'm just concerned. But I cannot understand why the government did not seek out some direction from the citizens of Atlantic Beach that have been here for years and years. And why would you buy more property when we have property that's not even being utilized. And it's maybe a gesture. But it's not a good gesture for us to do that at this time. And I'm open for questions and why I've come to that decision. And I still think, as a matter of respect, y'all should have sought out some of the ideas from some of the citizens of Atlantic Beach. Now that's just my feelings. That's my (inaudible). And again, I'm not angry with anybody. But I just think that that should have been researched more. Now, who's going to select what go on there. What -- Mayor, what's going on the sign any way?

MAYOR EVANS: I'm sorry?

MR. SKEETER: What goes on the sign?

MAYOR EVANS: What goes on the ---
COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: It's not a sign.

MR. SKEETER: Well, whatever it is. Whatever you want to call it.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: It's a monument. And please let me address this. And you said that you -- why didn't they get people -- why didn't the government get people that was from the town? Well I've been here ever since 1966 ---

MR. SKEETER: I in fact, didn't do this for an argumentative response.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Oh. I'm not arguing.


COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Very short. Very short. A monument. The monument that we are looking to put there, would hold names of all the people who has been through here. Including your family members. Mine as well. Everybody that's been through here that put an impact on this town. And I think that would be a suitable place. And no, it's not such a big deal to people that's not from here. But I'm from here. We're all from here that sits on this Council for the first time. This is one
time that we're willing to put money into Atlantic Beach without some of the managers that comes through here. They pocket some. It leaves out the town and no body has ever, ever protested anything like that that I've ever heard of. People come in here, they have all this stuff going on. And the town got monies but the monies is gone. But yet you don't have anything left in the town to see if they even was there. So therefore we're talking about putting a monument there. So we can put for -- all of the founders of the town and everybody that's had an impact in Atlantic Beach, they're names will go up on that wall.

MR. SKEETER: Well I ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: It's not a sign. It's a monument.

MR. SKEETER: I appreciate your explanation. But for me, that explanation is not suitable at this time. And Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And that's how it was whenever you all sat in this same office that we're sitting in right here. Y'all didn't, I mean -- and we're not fussing about it. We're not fussing about it. But I'd like to say this
right here, this is what this government sees fit for the town. And that we put it there then it was always going to be there. And for all you out there, it's not going to cost the towns tax payers a dime. If it had even looked like it was going to charge the towns people taxes or make the millage and stuff like that -- we would have never looked for it. This is -- it's self sufficient. It's going to take care of itself. It'll have a sign on it. That makes money up there. So, therefore it's going to take care of itself.

MR. SKEETER: Well, Councilwoman Gore, and again I respect that. You are a new comer to this government ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: But I've been here all my life.

MR. SKEETER: I didn't say that for an argument now let's be respectful ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And worked for the town.

MR. SKEETER: And some of the people that started Atlantic Beach on the ground floor. Now you're talking about here. That sit here now. I think it would be a good idea if we go all the way back to Mr. George Tyson, who founded this 94.6 ---
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Most definitely.

MR. SKEETER: Wait a minute now. I listened to you. This 94.6 acres of property here that we now call Atlantic Beach. Atlantic Beach just didn't happen by itself. Atlantic Beach happened during a hardcore of segregation. This was the destination for all people of color. And we should cherish that. And what I'm getting to, every inch and every foot of property in Atlantic Beach, it should be used so we can get the most benefit out of it. The most benefit. I appreciate it.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: We appreciate you too.

MR. SKEETER: Thank you.

MAYOR EVANS: Do we have anybody else?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Ms. Mallet, I discussed this with you ---

MAYOR EVANS: State your name.

MR. M: Joe Montgomery. My first question is, I was told it started at 70,000 and now I'm hearing 91,000, can you explain that?

MAYOR EVANS: Well, I don't want to get into details in explaining that. But we do have an attorney working with us on that. And whatever the market value is of the property it's -- we're
gonna be online. I mean, we're not gonna pay an outrageous price for a property that's not worth the price that we're paying. I can guarantee you that.

MR. M: Okay. You answered the next question. The next question was about the attorney. So you have an attorney working on ---

MAYOR EVANS: Yes.

MR. M: Check on the town and everything.

MAYOR EVANS: Oh, absolutely.

MR. M: The next thing, is this going to be a loan, or are you going to use the towns funds? Because Jackie said it doesn't cost the tax payers anything. There's always coming back to the tax payers.

MAYOR EVANS: Well that has -- that has yet to be decided. What she was saying there's not going to be -- we're going to make sure there's not going to be an increase in the millage.

MR. M: So you haven't decided if you're going to do a loan or --

MAYOR EVANS: Exactly. Or we buy it right out. Yes. That decision hasn't been made yet.

MR. M: Okay.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you, sir.
COUNCILWOMAN GORE: And I would like to say, I don't want to seem like I'm being obnoxious about this or nothing like that. Because I'm not. It's just the idea that I am from here and to me it means a lot to me to be able to own a piece of property in Atlantic Beach on the highway of 17. And no, it's not going to just sit there and put anything -- just anything on it. It's going to have very much memories to it. It's going to have everybody that we could ever think of that came through here that had a impact on this town. Their names is gonna be there. And that will never be able to be moved. It's gonna be -- it's gonna be in stone. It's not gonna be able to be moved. If we were to ever annex with the city of North Myrtle Beach, or even the county. Then it can never be moved. It's always going to be that part of Atlantic Beach there.

MAYOR EVANS: And then the idea too, we wanted it to be visible from passers by on Highway 17, whether than putting it on some of the other properties that we just acquired through housing authority as well. Anybody else wanted to come to the podium?
MS. ISOM: Hello.

MULTIPLE VOICES: Hi.

MS. ISOM: My name is Janet Isom. 501 29th Avenue, South, 29582. I've read everything and heard a lot but why -- what is the community centers for? The community center -- I didn't ask for you to respond, I'm just talking.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Right.

MS. ISOM: Just, you know, hold it. This community center isn't used as much as it should be used. So why can't we just use that for a museum or whatever you're trying to talk about. There's an office over there, never used. There's a room right here, never used. There's an office up front, never used. And then you have property over here where they used to have that slide and the -- the little thing that you put down. Disks or whatever you put down. There's property over there. Atlantic Beach property over there. Why -- why you gotta go to the Highway?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Well, I don't know what their opinion is, Mr. Isom (sic), but to me passing Atlantic Beach -- how many people are going to get to come down here to see anything. I mean
that's 17 out there.

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah. I think the idea is that we wanted it to be visible from Highway 17 ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yeah. That's the idea.

MAYOR EVANS: --- is what we were after.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: --- not sayin' that you're wrong.

MS. ISOM: Is that all it's about? Just the visibility?

MAYOR EVANS: No, I mean ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: (inaudible) ---

MS. ISOM: If you put a sign -- a nice sign up out here, it could be visible down here on this end.

MAYOR EVANS: Well, that was our idea. We were just wanting it to be visible on Highway 17 with passers by. Just everybody passing by, you had no choice but to see it whether you wanted to or not.

MS. ISOM: Okay.

MAYOR EVANS: We just didn't want it to be off of the Highway.

MS. ISOM: Okay. How much will it cost to build the building to put there? Ain't no body saying nothing about that.
MAYOR EVANS: Well it's -- I ---

MS. ISOM: You're just talking about the lot ---

MAYOR EVANS: We ---

MS. ISOM: I'm not -- don't respond. I'm just talking. Y'all don't have to say a word.

MAYOR EVANS: Okay. Thank you.

MS. ISOM: I'm just talking. Just, y'all be quiet.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: But you ask us to be quiet, Ms. Isom. You don't just sit here and tell us to be quiet. We understand what you're saying though.

MS. ISOM: Well, then why are you talking?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: We're still adults and stuff.

MS. ISOM: I know that ---

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: We're still adults ---

MS. ISOM: But don't be talking while I'm talking --

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: But we're still -- but we are still adults in here; okay?

MS. ISOM: But I'm not talking to you.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Please don't.

MS. ISOM: I'm talking to the Council people ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Thank you.

MS. ISOM: So you just sit and be quiet.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Okay. And you could be quiet
too, whenever you finish and whatever. You do

MS. ISOM: See ---

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Since you want to disrespect us
-- we are adults in here, Ms. Jenny.

MS. ISOM: --- you got a bad attitude already.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: I don't have the attitude. But
you don't come in here and handle me.

MS. ISOM: Will you please let me finish talking
about what I'm talking about?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Please do. Please do.

MS. ISOM: Thank you. Let me respond to what I'm
saying. And if you're going to use that lot
out there on 7 -- on 17 and 20 -- 30th Avenue,
you're still going to have to build a building.
Somebody will have to run it. Go be in there.
You gotta pay for lights. Water. Gotta put
bathroom and everything in it. And you've got
the stuff over here all you've got to do is
just take the money that you was talking about
buying that lot over there and putting it in
this community center. Or the lot that's
across the street here. And -- and that would
be good. And if you put up a sign and let
somebody know it's a museum over here, they'll
come and see it. You won't even have to -- you
don't even have to say a word. Word of mouth
tells a lot. More than, you know, people
talking. Word of mouth. That's all it takes.
Okay.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Thank you.

MAYOR EVANS: Anybody else?

MS. LANCE: Good afternoon, Council.

MULTIPLE VOICES: Good afternoon.

MS. LANCE: Gloria Lance. 710 29th Avenue, South.

I'm grateful to be here.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: We're glad you're here.

MS. LANCE: I'm thankful to God for all of us being
here.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Thank you.

MS. LANCE: You have a lot of your citizens, a lot of
your tax payers in here. My concern -- as I
stated before in a regular Council meeting --
is you want to purchase half of a lot for
$91,000. And, you know, given the citizens
some time to speak and I thank you so much for
that. For having this public hearing today.
So you can be open minded about what they want
to see. Or how they feel about purchasing the
half of a lot for $91,000. We just all got our reassessment. If you're tax payers, you got a reassessed notice. If you're property was valued more that $1,000 from last year, 2018. You got a notice from the county, saying that your taxes were going to go up, is that correct?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: That's correct.

MS. LANCE: So that means, we don't know what our taxes will be come October, when it's paid. We know that they did this in order to reassess everybody in the county. So my thought is -- okay, in your ordinance -- reading your ordinance you said -- in this ordinance now, it says that in section one on the fourth line -- fifth line. It says the town's ability to secure the purchase price through additional bonds. Bonds mean that you're bonding your tax payers. If something goes wrong, your tax payers are the ones that will have to pay for that lot. Or any thing else. That's bond. Now you indicated that you've already spoken to a real estate attorney. Did that come before the public? Did you vote on it? Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR EVANS: Did we vote on what?
MS. LANCE: To hire a real estate attorney. Did you vote on that?

MAYOR EVANS: Did we vote on hiring a real estate attorney?

MS. LANCE: Or did you just go out and talk to one?

MAYOR EVANS: We've just spoken to an attorney.

MS. LANCE: Okay. You've just spoken to.

MAYOR EVANS: Right.

MS. LANCE: So the attorney hasn't billed you in reference to ---

MAYOR EVANS: He hasn't billed us anything yet.

MS. LANCE: --- (inaudible) All right. So you will come before, you know, call a public meeting in order to hire whatever attorney that you're going to hire, is that correct? Okay. Is that right.

MAYOR EVANS: Yeah.

MS. LANCE: Okay. All right. So the public needs to be aware of these things. It seems that we aren't aware. We heard about this through the grapevine. One of us knows how Atlantic Beach operates, just like any other city. We hear about things through the grapevine. People get their information from everybody. So I know that you have the votes in order to put this
monument there. But we as tax payers, since we're going to be bonded by this. And the reassessment has already happened -- that means if Atlantic Beach ups it millage -- and you're saying that it won't. 84.5 is our millage. But on top of the millage you got the county general fund, they tax us on that. They got the school tax fund. We're taxed on that. They only way you're not taxed on the school is if you're 65 and over. So that means you don't have a child in school. So you have to consider all of this. I consider it. And I hope that you all consider it. We're not here to be argumentative. We're just stating the facts. We want you all to somehow get all of the information before you vote on something. Because once you say, we're gonna put that there -- then the cost of the monument. What is that going to entail? Have you gotten a cost on that?

MAYOR EVANS: We haven't done that yet. This is something that we have -- are in the early process of doing ourselves. At the last meeting I told you that this is not something we're trying to hide. We would be having a
public hearing like we're having today. We'll get input from everybody who lives here in Atlantic Beach, like we're doing today. And we were gonna make sure that we've done everything right, everything by the book. As far as the increase in taxes or millage rate. That's something that we're totally against ourselves. That's something that we're going to avoid. And it doesn't matter is a little different on opinion that what we are here. I mean that what we are here -- that's what we are for. And we expect that. We don't expect everybody in the town to be for everything that we do. Its never worked that way and it's probably never going to work that way. But we truly take your opinions and what you have to say. We take that serious. And we definitely guarantee you guys, that we're going to do everything by the book. And everything that we will do will be for the best interest for the citizens and the tax payers of this town. We all up here ourselves, are huge tax payers. So what we do, effects us as well. And we are aware of that. So I don't want anybody to think that there's something secretly or
something we're trying to shove down somebody's throat under a table because that's not what we're going for. That's not what we're doing here.

MS. LANCE: I think you understand -- since all of you there are tax payers -- how we feel as tax payers.

MAYOR EVANS: Exactly.

MS. LANCE: How we feel. Even if you have just one lot, you're still a tax payer in the town of Atlantic Beach.

MAYOR EVANS: Exactly.

MS. LANCE: And so there for, your voice is just as loud as anyone else who's sitting here in this audience. And that's my issue is that we already have property here. Don't burden us down with some more debt. That's the issue. That's the issue. You're going out and getting a loan from the bank -- which you've already looked at. Is that correct?

MAYOR EVANS: We have -- we haven't decided it yet.

MS. LANCE: I didn't ask that. You've already gone ahead and gotten information from a bank but you have not decided it.

MAYOR EVANS: Right.
MS. LANCE: But that's what you said in your last meeting.

MAYOR EVANS: Well yeah. We've got -- we've got options. I mean, that's not definitely -- it's not something we have to do. The options are still on the floor. We haven't done anything. We're wanting to hear you guys, that's what we're doing here.

MS. LANCE: All right. So, you know, since you have the option but you have gone out. You have not signed any papers yet before coming to the citizen. Everything's got to come to the citizen. Whether you might like it or you might not. But if you got the votes to do it, you carry on. But then on your other hand too, citizens have a right as well.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Most definitely. Most definitely.

MS. LANCE: We have a right.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: You do.

MS. LANCE: Because we put you all there.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: You're right.

MS. LANCE: When you all come around and ask for our votes, we tell you straight up. Yeah, I'll vote for you. You know, back away from it.
But yes, still you all are the fiduciary. Y'all are the ones that take care of our money. So, it has not been established in your budget that you guys approved at your last meeting of $91,000 has not been inputted in there. So now, that's a general obligation. Is that right, Mr. Mayor?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: It can always be amended though.

MS. LANCE: That's true.

MAYOR EVANS: Yes.

MS. LANCE: I'm not disagreeing with that, we know that. But you didn't put it in your budget.

MAYOR EVANS: Right.

MS. LANCE: That's my issue.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Right.

MAYOR EVANS: Gotcha.

MS. LANCE: It's that it wasn't in your budget, so, you know, come to us and we'll tell you. We won't stir you around. But always remember, any law suit that comes before this town, comes because of the actions of Council. Every law suit that comes before this town, come from the actions of Council. And this a petition. Mr. Mayor and Council.

MAYOR EVANS: Thank you.
MS. LANCE: Of citizens who are in disagreement. And that's just a partial. You have yours Ms. Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: The one that you gave me?

MAYOR EVANS: Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Thank you.

MS. LANCE: You're welcome. And also if you didn't see this in the paper in reference to the reassessment.

(Inaudible background noise.)

MS. LANCE: Anybody else who would like to sign this petition that we have before Council.

MR. MONTGOMERY: I want to request a (inaudible) ---

MAYOR EVANS: State your name, so we can pick it up again.

MR. MONTGOMERY: Joe Montgomery. You said you had options other that a loan through HUD. What are some of the options?

MAYOR EVANS: Well, see that ---

MR. M: Well for paying for the property goin' on.

MAYOR EVANS: See that's another thing that people over look. Previous administrations -- like I said in the last meeting -- this town is blessed. We inherited a town that's pretty much bankrupt with no money in the bank. Today
we're blessed after these few years, that we've got money in the bank. I mean, if push comes to shove and we had to acquire this property without a loan, we're blessed to be able to do that.

MR. M: That's one of the options that you're talking about.

MAYOR EVANS: Yes. That is -- that's one of the options. Okay. Thank you. Any other questions or comments? Council, seek a motion to adjourn.

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

MAYOR EVANS: Motion and a second to adjourn. Any other questions or comments? Roll call?

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilman Lenearl Evans?

COUNCILMAN EVANS: Yea.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilwoman Josephine Isom?

COUNCILWOMAN ISOM: Yea.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

MR. QUATTLEBAUM: Mayor Jake Evans?

MAYOR EVANS: Yea. Motion Granted. The meeting is adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

(The meeting was adjourned.)