

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade met in regular session September 13, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Wade Town Hall.

**Board Present**

Mayor Huell Aekins  
Commissioner Ann Long  
Commissioner Joseph Dixon  
Commissioner John Nunnery  
Commissioner Raymond Edwards  
Commissioner Johnny Lanthorn

**Visitors**

Mr. John Jackson, Town Attorney  
Mr. Donovan McLaurin, JPB  
1 Wade Citizen

Mayor Aekins called the meeting to order and Commissioner Dixon opened with prayer.

**Agenda Adoption**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lanthorn to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the Minutes of the August 9, 2011 public hearing & regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Reports**

Board Members reviewed the Reports and Commissioner Long made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lanthorn to approve the Reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Water Department**

A general discussion was held regarding the unaccounted for water loss. Commissioner Lanthorn made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the August Water Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Business Items**

**Speakers from the Floor**

Mayor Aekins informed the Board that no one had signed up to address the Board under the Speakers from the Floor agenda item.

**Committee Reports**

**Beautification** – Commissioner Lanthorn reported that work had begun on the extension of the irrigation system at the park. He stated that there would be room for future expansion.

**Park** – Mayor Aekins informed the Board that Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks & Recreation had agreed to replace all of the benches at the park. Mayor Aekins reported that the benches would be rubber coated just like those already at the park and that regular

cleaning with soap and clorox and pressure washing would be necessary to keep them from getting damaged again. Commissioner Edwards reported that the grass needed cutting, that there was a tree down near the swing, and that there was also a lot of trash that needed picking up. Commissioner Edwards stated that a check of the park should be the first primary duty of Mr. Christian each morning. Mayor Aekins informed the Board that Mr. Jeff Strickland had given the Town an estimate of \$25 per tree for spraying the trees at the park. He explained that Mr. Strickland suggested spraying all the trees not just those that were diseased. He also stated that Mr. Strickland would furnish the chemical and that the trees would need to be sprayed yearly. Board Members agreed that this appeared to be a very expensive option. Commissioner Edwards also reported that there were 3 sweet gum trees dying and that there was a spruce tree growing in the fence that needed to be removed. Commissioner Dixon reported that there were memorial trees that needed replacing. Board Members also discussed replacing the river birch trees that were dying with crepe myrtles.

**Streets** – Commissioner Dixon reported that he had not yet been contacted by Diamond Paving requesting a meeting. It was agreed that there was perhaps a miscommunication and that contact should again be made with Diamond Paving.

### **Fall Litter Sweep Roadside Cleanup**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lanthorn to participate in the 2011 Fall Litter Sweep from September 17<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>. Board Members discussed the fact that the Wade Community Watch had scheduled a cleanup day for Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Christmas Party**

Board Members discussed the issue and agreed to see what dates were available for the Brass Lantern Steakhouse. Commissioner Edwards suggested the Western Sizzlin if there was not an appropriate date available at the Brass Lantern. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett agreed to work on making the arrangements.

### **Closed Session**

Commissioner Lanthorn made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11A(6) to discussion personnel issues. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Announcements**

The Board reconvened the regular session and adjourned the closed session upon proper motion and second from Commissioners Long and Dixon. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon stated that he was working on getting a car show for Founder's Day as a way of drawing more people to the event. He also stated that he would like to see the corn hole tournament continue because of the popularity of the sport. Commissioner Lanthorn expressed concern with issues arising with Curtis Faircloth regarding parade expenses. Commissioner Dixon stated that funds were collected and expended without Mr. Faircloth having authorization to act on behalf of the Founder's Day Committee. Attorney John Jackson requested that he be given the facts and a sequence of events regarding the matter so that he could give an opinion on the situation. Mr. Jackson stated that Mr. Faircloth should be informed that the Town was working on preparing an official letter regarding the matter.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Long made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Huell Aekins, Mayor

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Cindy C. Burchett, Town Clerk