

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade met in regular session May 8, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Wade Town Hall.

Board Present

Mayor Huell Aekins
Commissioner Noelle Kendrick
Commissioner Joseph Dixon
Commissioner John Nunnery
Commissioner Raymond Edwards
Commissioner Johnny Lanthorn

Visitors

Mr. John Jackson, Town Attorney
Mrs. Denise Sykes, JPB
Mr. Donovan McLaurin, JPB

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

Agenda Adoption

Commissioner Lanthorn made a motion to modify the agenda by deleting Item 2, presentation by John Parsons. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Lanthorn stated that this presentation should be added to the Board's June Agenda. Commissioner Nunnery made a motion seconded by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the agenda as modified. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lanthorn to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2012 regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve the Reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Department

Board Members discussed the issue of the amount of the uncollected March water bills. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett explained that the Water Report was prepared before the 10th of the month which was the cut-off date for past due accounts. She also explained that many of the past due bills listed on the report had since been collected. Commissioner Nunnery made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the April 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 informed the Board that all of the information had been submitted to the landscape architect so that he could begin work on developing a plan for landscaping both the Town Hall and Maintenance Facility. Board Members were informed that the flowers had been planted at the entrance of the park.

Park – Commissioner Dixon stated that were limbs both in the trees and on the ground that that needed to be taken care. Commissioner Edwards expressed a concern with the fact that the concrete for the new shelter seemed to hold a significant amount of water during heavy rains. He stated that he was not sure if Parks & Recreation could solve the problem or if they would even be willing to take a look at the problem. Commissioner Edwards asked if the issue of the leaning tree at the park had been resolved. Town Attorney John Jackson stated that he had not received a response from the letter that he mailed to the property owners regarding the removal of the tree. Commissioner Dixon stated that the grooves in the blacktop that Mr. Christian was attempting to seal needed to have additional sand added to them.

Streets – Commissioner Dixon stated that the streets needed to be sprayed immediately. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett stated that Mr. Christian had purchased the chemicals to do the spraying.

Proposed 2012-2013 Budget

Board Members reviewed the proposed budget figures. Board Members were informed that the figures included the 5% salary increase for Town Clerk Cindy Burchett as proposed at the April meeting. A general discussion was held regarding how the salary of maintenance employee Craig Christian was reflected in the Budget. The Board was informed that the proposed figures did not include an increase for Mr. Christian. Commissioner Lanthorn suggested that additional funds be allocated for an increase that could be considered once the Board completed an evaluation of Mr. Christian's overall performance. Following general discussion of the issue, Town Attorney John Jackson recommended that the Board consider the document as it was and then if necessary a budget amendment could be approved in order to allow for the possible increase. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to accept the proposed General Fund and Water Fund budget figures as the 2012-2013 fiscal year budgets. Commissioner Nunnery seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The budget public hearing will be held at the regular June meeting.

Founder's Day

Commissioner Dixon stated that all aspects of the event seemed to be coming together. He stated the he and Commissioner Lanthorn were working on the parade. A general discussion was held regarding the fact that the Eastover Water Project may interfere with the condition of the Hwy. 301 road shoulder. Commissioner Dixon reported that the flyers that would be mailed to all 28395 addresses had been ordered and also road signs for the car show had been ordered. A general discussion was held regarding the flyer that was going to be mailed. Commissioner Dixon stated that the next committee meeting would be approximately 2 weeks prior to the event. Commissioner Edwards questioned whether thank you letters were usually sent to those businesses and individuals who make donations to Founder's Day. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett explained that she had created

letterhead for the Founder's Day Committee and that she always mailed acknowledgements to all of the different types of contributors.

Announcements

Donovan McLaurin questioned what items were included in the Town's Work Program letter to the Planning Staff. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett stated that the letter included assistance with zoning & inspections in order to continue cleaning up the Town. Mr. McLaurin suggested that a detailed list of specific addresses be sent to Cecil Coombes in order to get inspections to take a look at problem areas.

Mrs. Denise Sykes informed the Board that there would be a two-lot subdivision review case on the Agenda for the June meeting.

Commissioner Lanthorn questioned if a response had been received from NCDOT regarding the issue of the 45 mile per hour speed limit along Main St. Mayor Aekins stated that there had been no response and that he would contact Mr. Lee Jernigan regarding the status of the issue. Commissioner Edwards expressed a concern because large holes were left behind when the signs were removed from the shoulder of Hwy. 301 once the paving project was complete.

Commissioner Nunnery again stated that the Town's equipment should be used to cut road shoulders and right-of-way areas when they were being moved from one location to another.

Town Clerk Cindy Burchett reminded Board Members of the Ethics Training that would take place in Spring Lake on May 16th from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

Fuel Purchases

Commissioner Dixon suggested that the Board consider getting a gas credit card for Town fuel purchases. He stated that this would help with security because a purchase could only be made when Town Clerk Cindy Burchett gave someone the card. He also explained that the receipts would be more specific as to what type of fuel was purchased, how much and the price per gallon and would allow purchases to be made at other locations. A general discussion was held regarding the current policy for fueling Town vehicles. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to suspend the rules and allow the agenda to be amended to include an item concerning credit cards for gas purchases. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to begin using a credit card for the purchase of fuel for the Town to assist in record keeping matters. Commissioner Kendrick seconded the motion and Commissioners Dixon, Edwards & Kendrick voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Lanthorn and Nunnery were opposed to the motion and the motion passed. There was a general discussion of the issue.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Huell Aekins, Mayor

Cindy C. Burchett, Town Clerk