

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade met in regular session September 11, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Wade Town Hall.

Board Present

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

Visitors

Mr. John Jackson, Town Attorney
1 Wade Citizen

Mayor Aekins called the meeting to order and 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 Lanthorn to approve the Minutes of the August 14, 2012 regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

Board Members reviewed and discussed the Reports. A general discussion was held regarding gas expenses, the Town's internet provider and the cost of repairs to the Covington Lane wells following a lightning strike. Commissioner Edwards made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve the Reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Department

Board Members reviewed the Report and Commissioner Lanthorn made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nunnery 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 overall he felt the Town looked good. He stated that he hoped the grass cutting season would soon begin winding down and that the maintenance guys had done a good job maintaining everything during a very busy grass season. Commissioner Lanthorn also asked if it was possible to have the vacant

Tart lot at the corner of Lofton St. bush hogged on a regular basis to help with the overall appearance of the Town

Park – Commissioner Dixon questioned if the park had been sprayed. Mayor Aekins stated that Mr. Christian had taken care of the areas in the park that needed spraying.

Commissioner Edwards stated that the memorial trees were diseased and were also in need of spraying to correct the problem. He stated that the bark was coming off, there was a green fungus on them and that there appeared that there were bores in the trees.

Commissioner Dixon suggested contacting the Cooperative Extension Agency about the problem and how to correct it. Commissioner Lanthorn stated that Mandy Harris would be a good point of contact at the Extension Agency.

Streets – Commissioner Dixon reported that there was an area on the edge of Third St. that needed to be sprayed for bermuda grass. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett informed the Board that she had asked Mr. Christian to keep Olive St. blowed off following a rain to assist with the problem of ponding water and mosquitoes.

Staggered 4 Year Terms

Attorney John Jackson presented the Board with a packet of information regarding converting the terms for the Board to 4 years and also staggering them. He informed the Board that the government forms for this process were set out in G.S. 160A-101 for the Town Commissioner style of government. He requested that Board members read this information. Mr. Jackson stated that the Town was an at large organization with single member districts and non-partisan elections. He also informed the Board that G.S.160A-102 was also pertinent because it talked about how to implement the requested change.

Mr. Jackson explained that a resolution of intent would have to be prepared and considered at a regular meeting. He stated that this resolution would lay out the Town's plans for the election. He also explained that no later than 45 days after the resolution was passed a public hearing must be conducted on the proposal. Mr. Jackson informed the Board that all of the drafted information was subject to their review and tweaking as the Board deemed necessary. Mr. Jackson informed the Board that after the public hearing, but no later than 60 days after the ordinance would be presented for passage and after passage a summary must be done that is published in the paper.

Mr. Jackson stated that his planning for this change was based on the 2013 election with proposed terms of 4 years for the Mayor and 3 Commissioners with 2 Commissioners have 2 year terms for the first election involving the staggering. A general discussion was held regarding how to get the staggered terms initiated and how the number of Commissioners would affect this proposal. Mr. Jackson stated that it would also require a charter change to add an additional seat to the Board and then the calendar plan for the elections would have to be reworked. Board Members agreed that they wanted to work towards a plan with 4 year staggered terms. Mr. Jackson suggested putting a calendar plan together for 6 Commissioners and refining the resolution. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to table discussion of this issue until Attorney John Jackson could present the Board with additional information and a calendar sequence for a Board with 6 Commissioners. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Fall Litter Sweep Roadside Cleanup

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to participate in the 2012 Fall Litter Sweep from September 15th through September 29th. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Commissioner Dixon reported that he was still receiving calls about being a part of the 2012 Founder's Day celebration.

Commissioner Edwards reported that the issues and problems with the Eastover Sanitary District construction project had not been resolved. A general discussion was held regarding the problems. Commissioner Lanthorn questioned when the areas that needed repaving would be repaired. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett reported that she was told that the paving would be completed once the pressure testing of the lines was complete. Mrs. Burchett also reported that she was told that the hydrants for ESD would be painted silver so that they could be distinguished from the Town's existing hydrants.

Commissioner Edwards asked that the water spigot next to the new picnic shelter be checked because it was very loose in the ground and could possibly be cracked.

Town Clerk Cindy Burchett informed the Board that the Town's Christmas party was booked for December 7, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Brass Lantern Steak House.

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