

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade met in regular session October 9, 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**

1 Wade Citizen

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

**Agenda Adoption**

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

**Minutes**

Commissioner Nunnery made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Minutes of the September 11, 2012 regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Reports**

The Board reviewed and discussed the reports. Board Members asked questions about certain items on the reports and expressed a concern with the amount being expended for fuel. It was agreed that the fuel expenditures should decrease once the active grass cutting season was over. Commissioner Nunnery made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Water Department**

Board Members held a general discussion concerning the amount of uncollected bills and the procedures used in both collections and the interruption of service for non-payment. Commissioner Edwards expressed a concern with people making only partial payments each month. A discussion was held regarding the fact that there was not a written policy in place for the acceptance of partial payments. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett stated that she had been accepting partial payments since the addition of the monthly sewer charges caused the balances to be much higher. She explained that she had come to recognize those customers who could be trusted with making partial payments or who called to make payment arrangements. She also stated that she worked to keep the outstanding balance under the \$150 deposit amount for renters. It was suggested that if the service of a resident without a deposit was terminated for non-payment then a deposit should be required before service could be restored. Commissioner Lanthorn agreed to do some research regarding the payment process. It was agreed that Board Members should all

brainstorm and give thought to this matter to determine how the situation should best be handled and to determine if a policy was necessary. Commissioner Edwards made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lanthorn to approve the September 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 stated that it was time again to change the plants around the Town Hall sign. Commissioner Nunnery stated that he felt that the plants should be a type of perennial that would be around all year instead of changing the plants with each season. A discussion was held regarding the type of plants that could be used to accomplish this goal. The Board discussed using dwarf nandinas with a mix of other plants such as knockout roses. Commissioner Lanthorn stated that he was still trying to get assistance from a landscape architect.

**Park** – Commissioner Dixon stated that he was sure that there were limbs down due to the amount of wind that had been blowing. Commissioner Edwards reported that there were still trees growing up in the fence area near Bobby Bethea and that there were trees that were blown down behind the baseball field. He also questioned why the water spigot at the shelters had not been repaired. Mayor Aekins stated that he would question Mr. Christian about this matter because he understood that the repairs had been made.

Commissioner Edwards also stated that there was a cap missing on the new electrical service that was installed prior to Founder's Day. Commissioner Lanthorn stated that he would take care of this correcting this. Mayor Aekins stated that he had scheduled a meeting with someone from the Agri Extension Office regarding the trees at the park and how best to correct the problem. Commissioner Edwards stated that there was problem with the tennis nets. He explained that the white covering over the cable had been damaged and now the net was sagging. Commissioner Lanthorn suggested calling Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks & Recreation to see if they could assist the Town with getting new nets. Mayor Aekins stated that he would call Director Michael Gibson and ask for assistance. Commissioner Edwards also stated that the yellow bench near the playground looked bad. Mayor Aekins agreed to ask Mr. Gibson about getting assistance with the bench as well.

**Streets** – Commissioner Dixon reported that the status of the streets remained the same. Commissioner Lanthorn reported that the crew handling the Eastover Sanitary District project appeared to do a good job on the paving repairs. A concern was expressed that the piles of asphalt that were stacked up due to the project had still not been removed. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett reported that Mr. Christina was using the blower to keep the ponding water blown off of Olive St. after each rain. A general discussion was held regarding the possibility of a future repair to Olive St. and also the amount of Powell Bill Funds that the Town had on hand. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett informed the Board that the Town could not have more than a total of the past 10 years allocations on hand at any one time.

#### **Announcements**

Commissioner Nunnery informed the Board that it had been suggested that the Town should do a Christmas Tree Lighting in the park. Commissioner Dixon stated that this matter had also been mentioned to him as a way to get the community active and involved. A general discussion was held regarding purchasing an artificial tree or merely planting a tree at the park that could be used each year. Commissioner Dixon suggested getting assistance from area churches with some of the festivities accompanying the tree lighting. Commissioner Nunnery agreed to be in charge of working with this project and Commissioner Dixon also offered his assistance. They agreed to report back to the Board.

Mayor Aekins informed the Board that he felt that this should be the last week of work for the seasonal worker. Mayor Aekins and Board Members agreed that Mr. Christian could continue to use the help when needed just not on a daily basis. There was a general discussion concerning the Christmas wreaths and the fact Mr. Christian was working on getting them ready. Board Members were informed that they would be put up the week before Thanksgiving on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Edwards suggested keeping the seasonal help for an additional week and letting him work strictly on getting the wreaths ready. Board Members agreed that this was a good idea.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nunnery 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