

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade met in regular session August 14, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Wade Town Hall.

Board Present

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

Visitors

Mr. John Jackson, Town Attorney
Mrs. Denise Sykes, JPB
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 July 10, 2012 regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

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

Water Department

Board Members reviewed and discussed the July Water Report. Commissioner Nunnery made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the 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 he still had not received any information from the landscape architect regarding plans for the Town Hall and Maintenance Facility. He also stated that he had discussed with Mr. Christian the idea of planting shrubbery around the panel boxes at the park in order to keep mowers from causing damage to them. Mayor Aekins informed Mr. Lanthorn that Mr. Christian had

already put landscaping blocks around the boxes. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett stated the buildings had been pressure washed as mentioned at the Board's July meeting.

Park – Commissioner Edwards expressed a concern regarding the fact that the area near the wells in back of the park had not been cut. He also stated that the area behind the backstop at the baseball field needed to be sprayed and that there were limbs down in this same area as well as behind the playground. Commissioner Edwards remarked that overall the park look good.

Streets – Commissioner Dixon stated that the streets were holding up pretty well and that there did not appear to be any areas that were sinking or caving in that were in need of repair.

Ordinance No. 02-12 – An Ordinance Regarding Setting Speed Limits Within the Town of Wade

Board Members reviewed Ordinance No. 02-12 establishing speed limits for State maintained and Town maintained streets within the Town. Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commisiosner Lanthorn to approve the Ordinance Regarding Setting Speed Limits within the Town of Wade. The motion passed unanimously.

Staggered 4 Years Terms for Board Members

Attorney John Jackson informed the Board that he had researched a change in terms for Commissioner Ann Long in the past. He explained that to change the terms the Town's charter would have to be changed; however it could be done through ordinance so that the issue would not have to go to legislature. Mr. Jackson stated that he would locate this information including the necessary statues. There was a general discussion concerning the fact that two year terms passed quickly which meant that the required financial obligations for elections as well as the ethics training was duplicated in a short time span. It was also discussed that a change in the terms would prevent the entire Board from turning over all at once. Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to table discussion of this issue until additional information was received from Mr. Jackson. Mr. Jackson agreed to prepare a report for the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Commissioner Dixon stated he was already making calls and receiving calls about the 2013 Founder's Day and that he was also getting suggestions for the event. He also informed the Board that he would work with Town Clerk Cindy Burchett to prepare a final report regarding the finances for the event. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett reported that she had mailed all the thank you letters with the exception of just a few. Commissioner Kendrick reported that the 82nd Band and Chorus would not book any dates until after January but that she was going to continue to work on getting them scheduled. Commissioner Lanthorn stated that he had been asked if the Town could also have judges for the tractors that were at Founder's Day. Commissioner Dixon stated that it was difficult to find judges for such an event; however this was something that the committee could work towards. Commissioner Dixon informed the board that Mr. Bullard had told him about an organization that would work towards getting sponsors for Founder's Day for a nominal fee. Attorney John Jackson advised the Board to be cautious about working with such an organization. Commissioner Dixon stated that he would get additional information about the organization and how the overall process worked.

Commissioner Kendrick requested to be notified if time sensitive material was placed in the agenda packet so that she could respond appropriately.

Mayor Aekins reported to the Board that the Town had received a letter from the Eastover Sanitary District regarding an emergency connection. Mayor Aekins stated that the District did not request a response to the letter and that at present the Town was not in need of such a connection. Board Members held a general discussion regarding the issue. Commissioner Edwards expressed a concern with the fact that the yards of the people of Wade had not been put back properly. He stated that he had talked to someone who promised to help but the work had not yet been done. Commissioner Edwards stated that in many areas where there were once ditches there now was not one which was causing many areas to wash out. Attorney John Jackson informed the Board that the City of Dunn was contracting with the contractor to have the line installed; however Connie Spell with the Eastover Sanitary District could also be contacted regarding such matters.

Mayor Aekins informed the Board that Mr. Christian was dealing with a medical issue that may require the Town to get some assistance for him for a few hours during the week.

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