

01/17/23

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade met in regular session January 10, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at the Wade Town Hall.

Board Present

Mayor Joseph Dixon
Commissioner Kevin Herring
Commissioner Johnny Lanthorn
Commissioner Johnny Sawyer
Commissioner George Strater

Board Absent

Commissioner Jennifer Weaver

Visitors

Mr. Thomas Neville, Town Attorney

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

Agenda Adoption

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

Minutes

Commissioner Lanthorn made a motion seconded by Commissioner Herring to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2022 regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

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

Water Department

Board Members reviewed the December Water Report and were pleased with the percentage of unaccounted for water loss. Commissioner Sawyer made a motion seconded by Commissioner Herring to approve the Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Business Items

Speakers from the Floor

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

Sales Tax Distribution Interlocal Agreement

Board Members reviewed an Agreement for the continued distribution of sales tax using the per capita method and not making a change to the ad valorem method.

Commissioner Lanthorn stated that all the Mayors in Cumberland County had agreed to accept the per capita method and therefore supported this agreement. Mayor Dixon explained the importance of the agreement and how Cumberland County would benefit if

the distribution was changed while at the same time cutting services and support to the Towns. There was a general discussion concerning the amount that the Town of Wade would lose if the distribution was changed. Commissioner Sawyer questioned who made the final determination of the method used. Mayor Dixon explained that the County Commissioners were responsible for making the decision regarding how the tax should be distributed. Commissioner Lanthorn made a motion seconded by Commissioner Herring to approve the Interlocal Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Beautification – Mayor Dixon reported that because of the weather there were no beautification projects. Commissioner Strater questioned the regulations for burning leaves in the Town. Commissioner Lanthorn stated that as long as there was not a ban on burning then citizens could burn leaves as much as they wanted. He also stated that it was important for citizens to monitor their burning. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett also stated that the burning was only for small limbs & leaves and not large diameter debris.

Park – Mayor Dixon reported that the Park was in good shape. He explained that the maintenance employees would soon begin working on cleaning up all the leaves so that Parks & Recreation could come and vacuum them up.

Streets – Mayor Dixon reported that the streets were in good shape. Commissioner Lanthorn stated that there were no street lights on Wade-Stedman Rd. from the curve to the city limits. He explained that the area was very dark when trying to navigate the new installed round-abouts and he suggested putting up additional street lights. There was a general discussion concerning the issue and possible lighting that may be installed by NCDOT. Commissioner Lanthorn made a motion to look into the installation of additional street lights from the last existing light to the city limits along Wade Stedman Rd. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Commissioner Lanthorn made a motion to approve the 2023 IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate of 68.5 cent per mile. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Dixon stated that based on the discussion at the December meeting it was time to start the preparation for Founder's Day. He stated that many vendors & entertainment groups book early and it was important to make contact with them. There was a general discussion of the issue and it was agreed that the Founder's Day Committee would meet Jauary 24th at 7:00 PM.

Commissioner Lanthorn presented the Board with a proposal from JAL Electrical Service for the installation of generators at the Park well, Covington Ln. well & Town Hall. He explained that it had been a challenge to even get a proposal. He reminded the Board that the funding for this project would come from the ARP funds that the Town received from the Federal Government. Commissioner Lanthorn informed the Board that the generators were diesel with a 72-hour tank and that one was three-phase and two were single-phase. A general discussion was held regarding the proposal and how the generators would work with the sysem controlling the water tank. Commissioner Sawyer made a motion to accept the proposal from JAL Electrical Service in the amount of \$159,273.78 for the installation of three generators. Commissioner Strater seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sawyer made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lanthorn to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Joseph Dixon
Joseph Dixon, Mayor

Cindy C. Burchett
Cindy C. Burchett, Town Clerk