

09/18/24

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade met in regular session September 10, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. at the Wade Town Hall.

Board Present

Mayor Johnny Lanthorn
Commissioner Johnny Sawyer
Commissioner Huell Aekins
Commissioner Beth Ritchie
Commissioner Kevin Herring

Board Absent

Commissioner Jennifer Weaver

Visitors

8 Citizens

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

Agenda Adoption

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

Minutes

Commissioner Sawyer made a motion seconded by Commissioner Aekins to approve the Minutes of the August 13, 2024 regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

Board Members reviewed & discussed the reports. Commissioner Sawyer made a motion seconded by Commissioner Aekins to approve the Reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Department

Board Members reviewed the August Water Report and Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the Report as presented. Commissioner Aekins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Business Items

Speakers from the Floor

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

Committee Reports

Beautification – No report was presented.

Park – Mayor Lanthorn stated that Parks & Recreation had been working at the Park. He explained that they sprayed the Park for fire ants, had cut the grass and were also working on the utility field. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett reported that it was time to replace the memorial trees at the Park. Mayor Lanthorn stated that Parks & Recreation

recommended trident maples as a hardy tree for this project. Board Members discussed the issue and Commissioner Ritchie agreed to get quotes for the maple trees.

Streets –Mayor Lanthorn stated that the streets were in good shape. He also stated that the sand and other debris needed to be blown off.

Mid- Carolina Regional Council Agreement

Mayor Lanthorn informed the Board that he had met with Samantha Wullenwaber from Mid-Carolina regarding some of the issues that the Town was facing with the County. He stated that even after turning over full authority to the County for Code Enforcement getting assistance to clean up areas of Town had failed. Mayor Lanthorn explained that Mid-Carolina had staff to take care of some of the issues that the Town was having such as Code Enforcement. He stated that the Town would not have to enter into a binding agreement but would only pay an hourly amount for work that was completed. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett explained that the Towns of Eastover & Stedman had already turned their Code Enforcement over to Mid-Carolina and were pleased with the service. She also explained that the agreement covered other items like zoning administration, planning services, clerical services, and administrative services and so there were other areas where the Town could use Mid-Carolina. Board Members discussed the issue and agreed that working with Mid-Carolina would benefit the Town. Commissioner Aekins made a motion seconded by Commissioner Herring to approve the agreement between the Mid-Carolina Regional Council and the Town of Wade for the provision of Technical Service Assistance. The motion passed unanimously.

Water System Ordinance

Town Clerk Cindy Burchett informed the Board that the proposed amendments to the ordinance were recommended by Mid-Carolina Regional Council due to all the concerns that the Town had about future development. She stated that the items in red were the proposed changes to the ordinance that was originally adopted in 1986. Board Members discussed the issue and Commissioner Sawyer made a motion to approve the amendments to the Town of Wade Water System Ordinance. Commissioner Aekins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ace Asphalt Estimate

Board Members reviewed the estimate and expressed concern that there was only one estimate. Mayor Lanthorn explained that it was difficult to get estimates because contractors were not interested in small jobs. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett explained that these repairs would be paid for using Powell Bill Funds and would not have an affect the General Fund. Following discussion of the issue, Commissioner Herring made a motion to table the discussion of street repairs until additional estimates could be acquired. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Clayton (Sam) House Community Center Operating and Rental Policy

Mayor Lanthorn questioned why some portions of the Policy were highlighted. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett explained that sections of the document were highlighted to add emphasis to areas where there had been previous concerns. Mayor Lanthorn stated that definitive answers were not necessary at this meeting and so the Board could take more time to review the document, and then important items could be addressed.

Commissioner Aekins asked if many of the renter's were out of town individuals. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett stated some were out of Town, however most groups used someone in town to rent the facility. Commissioner Sawyer questioned what kind of damages had occurred. Mayor Lanthorn stated that there had not been significant damage, but the problem was that the building was not sufficiently clean. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett explained that she did not do back-to-back rentals because of this issue. Board Members agreed to continue to review the Operating and Rental Policy.

Announcements

Commissioner Ritchie presented the Board with a report from Fayetteville/Cumberland Co. Economic Development outlining projects for the month of July.

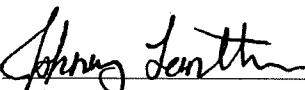
Commissioner Aekins stated that he had been approached about Snelling Dr. He stated that some residents that were attendance were also concerned about the road. He stated that there had been discussion about getting the road paved in the past which never happened. He suggested that if the property owners would allow for an easement, then perhaps the Town could get a grant to take care of the road and connect it to Clara St. The issue of drainage was also discussed. Commissioner Aekins stated that he would like for the Mayor and other Board Members to look at the area. There was discussion that a 40-ft right-of-way would be possible. The owner of the property addressed the Board stating that this issue had not been brought to her attention and that a right-of-way would have to be purchased. Commissioner Aekins apologized for his remarks and stated that he would reach back out to the person that approached him to further address the issue.

Mayor Lanthorn brought to the Board's attention two notices of rezoning for two tracts of land adjacent to Wade-Stedman Rd. He explained that the Planning Board Meeting would be held on October 17th at 6:00 P.M. at the Old Courthouse. Mayor Lanthorn stated that they were requesting high density development for the 70 acres. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett stated that 5-acres were in the Town and 65-acres were not and so the County Commissioners would have the final say on that acreage. Board Members held a general discussion concerning the matter and agreed to attend the Planning Board Meeting to express their concern. Mayor Lanthorn also encouraged those in attendance to be present at the Planning Board meeting as well.

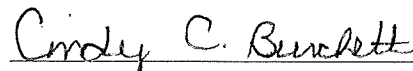
Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.



Johnny Lanthorn, Mayor



Cindy C. Burchett, Town Clerk