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The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade met in regular session January 14, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at the Wade Town Hall.

Board Present

Mayor Johnny Lanthorn
Commissioner Jennifer Weaver
Commissioner Kevin Herring
Commissioner Beth Ritchie
Commissioner Huell Aekins

Board Absent

Commissioner Johnny Sawyer

Visitors

Mr. Thomas Neville, Town Attorney
2 Wade Citizens

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Agenda Adoption

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

Minutes

Commissioner Herring made a motion seconded by Commissioner Ritchie to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2024 regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

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

Water Department

Board Members reviewed the December Water Report. Commissioner Aekins made a motion seconded by Commissioner Ritchie to approve the Report as presented. 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 reported that Parks & Recreation had installed a water line from the meter to the multi-purpose field and the irrigation system would be installed a later date by another contractor. He also stated that Parks & Recreation had been cutting down trees and grinding stumps near the well house and that there were still more trees to remove.

Streets – Mayor Lanthorn stated that Ace Asphalt still had not started on the previously approved work for the needed street repairs.

Ethics Training

Mayor Lanthorn explained that the Board was required to do the ethics training through the NC League of Municipalities. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett stated that in the past Cumberland County had offered the class to all the officials in the County, but this was not an option this time and so the Town must make its own arrangements. Mayor Lanthorn explained that the Board had a few options to meet this requirement either attend a session at Fayetteville Technical Community College or purchase an on-demand course that could be viewed at the Town Hall at the Board's convenience. Board Members discussed the issue and agreed to do the on-demand course. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett will register for the course and then a date could be set for the Board to meet to watch the video.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Board Members reviewed the IRS information and Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the 2025 IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate of .70-cent per mile. Commissioner Aekins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Founder's Day 2025

Mayor Lanthorn stated that he had a conflict with the scheduled January 16th Founder's Day Committee meeting. Commissioner Ritchie stated that she also had a conflict. Board Members discussed the issue and agreed to reschedule the meeting for January 23rd at 7:00 P.M. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett stated that she was working with Mr. Howard Piland to get the vendor applications on the Town's website and that there were paper applications and flyers available. Mayor Lanthorn stated that the gentleman who organized the 2024 car show was on board for 2025.

Announcements

Commissioner Herring stated that he was contacted by Pastor Gill Wise about the Town sponsoring a table at the Martin Luther King breakfast that would be held at the Crown. He explained that Mayor Lanthorn had given the approval for the sponsorship and that the table would seat 8. Commissioner Herring informed the Board that the funds raised went for scholarships & projects through the Fayetteville Cumberland Ministerial Council. Board Members held a general discussion about who would attend the event.

Mayor Lanthorn informed the Board that the Town had received a memo from the Mid-Carolina Regional Council stating that NC had passed legislation that was not going to allow the Town to amend its Zoning Ordinance as was previously approved. Board Members held a general discussion concerning the issue.

Mayor Lanthorn asked Board Members to review the information from Mid-Carolina Regional Council and Inspector Tony Porter regarding the clean-up of different areas in Town. The Board discussed some of the individual cases as well as other areas that needed to be considered for cleanup.


Commissioner Herring informed the Board that on Sunday there was a group of people trying to break into cars during church service at Wesley Chapel. He explained that the people got away and went to the McKeithan St. Ext. area near the railroad. He stated that the churches in the area needed to be aware of what was going on.

Town Clerk Cindy Burchett informed the Board that she was working to get information together to present to the Board about the acceptance of on-line payments.

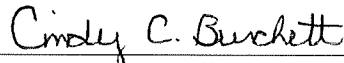
Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.



Johnny Lanthorn, Mayor



Cindy C. Burchett, Town Clerk