



**TOWN OF WADESBORO
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY

January 8, 2018

5:00 P.M.

OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Bill Thacker called the meeting to order and presided at 5:00 PM.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Bill Thacker, Jeremy Burr, John Ballard, Bobby Usrey, Fred Davis and James David Lee. Town Attorney, Aaron Bates was also present.

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT:

Town Manager Alex Sewell, Police Chief Thedis Spencer, Public Utilities Director Hugh James and Fire Chief Marc Sessions

INVOCATION

Father Tim Hushion of Calvary Episcopal Church gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

John Ballard made a motion and James David Lee seconded to approve the agenda. The motion was passed with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jeremy Burr made a motion and Bobby Usrey seconded to approve the following consent agenda items. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

1. Approval of minutes from December 4, 2017 and December 20, 2017 Town Council meeting.
2. Approval of Interim Town Manager contract (Attachment A)
3. Approval of Carolina Thread Trail Greenway Request Letter (Attachment B)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robin Sanford of 114 Trexler Drive, Wadesboro, NC spoke to the Council about animal welfare.

Terry Helms of Morven Road, Wadesboro, NC spoke to the Council about municipal term limits for Town Council members, public works services and improvement in spending.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

The following employee service awards were given to Town of Wadesboro employees:

Alex Sewell – 5 years
Charlie Henry – 15 years
Wendell Walters – 15 years

PUBLIC HEARING

John Ballard made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to go into a public hearing to discuss the industrial tax grant for Project Hoist in the amount of \$92,340. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

John Marek, with Anson Economic Development Partnership spoke to the Council about the industrial tax grant incentive for Project Hoist.

An existing company in Wadesboro is planning to add an assembly line for a new type of product. The company is planning to begin the project in 2018. The project will create 20 new jobs. The company is asking a tax grant incentive from the Town of Wadesboro in the amount of \$92,340.

Bobby Usrey made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to go out of public hearing. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Bobby Usrey made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to approve Industrial Tax Grant for Project Hoist in the amount of \$92,340. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Council will make a decision about the 2018 Annual Retreat at the February 5, 2018 Council meeting.

The Council decided not to pay for additional sidewalks in DOT Project R-5787. (Attachment C) Mr. Sewell will communicate their decision to the DOT.

John Ballard made a motion and James David Lee seconded to request Town Manager, Alex Sewell to contact the County Building Inspector and ask that he inspect the 401 Orchard Street to determine condemnation. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Bobby Usrey made a motion and John Ballard seconded to provide overtime costs for Town employees for the Martin Luther King Day parade on January 13, 2018. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

TOWN STAFF REPORT

FIRE CHIEF MARC SESSIONS

Chief Sessions spoke to the Council about the epoxy flooring in the new fire department. (Attachment D)

John Ballard made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to approve bid for Cross Coatings \$4305.00 for the epoxy finish for the new fire department. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR HUGH JAMES

Mr. James updated the Council on the Interconnection project. He hopes the project will be complete within the next thirty days.

TOWN MANAGER ALEX SEWELL

Mr. Sewell gave the current finance report to the Council.

Bobby Usrey made a motion and James David Lee seconded to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$4,834.00. (Attachment E)

John Ballard made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to approve the two budget amendments for the Uptown Waterline Project. (Attachment F and Attachment G)

Mr. Sewell also made the Council aware of two budget transfers. (Attachment H and Attachment I)

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

CLOSED SESSION

Bobby Usrey made a motion and John Ballard seconded to go into closed session for the following. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Attorney Client Privilege, Economic Development, Real Estate, & Personnel – N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), (a)(6) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege, to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, to establish/instruct staff on position to be taken in real estate negotiation, and to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.

John Ballard made a motion and James David Lee seconded to go back into regular session. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeremy Burr made a motion and John Ballard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Cynthia A. Pope
Clerk to the Council
Town of Wadesboro