

**TOWN OF WADESBORO
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
ANNUAL RETREAT MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**

Town Council members present: James David Lee, Bobby Usrey, Jeremy Burr, and John Ballard.

Absent: Town Attorney Jeff Carpenter and Councilman Fred Davis

Department Heads Present: Hugh James, Thedis Spencer and Marc Sessions

Mayor Bill Thacker opened the meeting and presided.

Mayor Thacker and Town Manager, Alex Sewell welcomed the Council members to the retreat.

Facilitator David Long gave an overview of the retreat and the format which would be followed.

Alex gave a “State of the Town Report” which gave an overview of key facts and trends affecting the Town of Wadesboro. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Long.

Mr. Long lead a brainstorming session with the Council to help identify the most important issues, needs and opportunities facing the Town of Wadesboro over the next 3-5 years. Council discussed and prioritized issues. Mr. Long’s report from the session is attached. (Attachment A).

Mayor Thacker, Chief Sessions and Captain Chewning left the meeting at 1:00 PM. Mayor Pro Tem James David Lee presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. John Marek, Anson Economic Development Partnership spoke to the Council about Ready 2020 which has been developed to raise money for funding of economic development. He also spoke to the Council on the impact of Monroe Bypass on Anson County and just how soon we will see change from this project as well as the 74 corridor project. Plans for future product development sites were also brought to the attention of the Council. (Attachment B) Mr. Marek also asked that the Town develop an incentive policy. He asked that the framework of the policy be similar to the incentive policy which Anson County recently adopted. Workforce development was also discussed with the Council.

Other items on the agenda were tabled until the next regular meeting in March.

Bobby Usrey made a motion to go into closed session for economic development and John Ballard seconded. Passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

Bobby Usrey made a motion and John Ballard seconded to go out of closed session. Passed with a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

John Ballard made a motion and Bobby Usrey seconded to adjourn the meeting. Passed with a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

Cynthia A. Pope
Secretary to the
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