

**TOWN OF WADESBORO
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 6, 2017 5:00 PM**

Council members present: Mayor Bill Thacker, Councilman Bobby Usrey, Mayor Pro Tem James David Lee, Councilman Jeremy Burr, Councilman John Ballard, Councilman Fred Davis. Town Attorney, Aaron Bates was present.

Department Heads present: Town Manager Alex Sewell, Public Utilities Director Hugh James, Fire Chief Marc Sessions, and Police Chief Thedis Spencer.

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

Town Manager Alex Sewell gave the invocation in Reverend Dumford's absence.

John Ballard made a motion and Bobby Usrey seconded to approve the agenda with the change to table item 6, Mr. Terry Helms – Yard Sale limitations. Approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Jeremy Burr made a motion and Fred Davis seconded to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Approval of minutes with following changes: change Attorney Jeff Carpenter to Attorney Aaron Bates and change Police Chief Thedis Spencer to Captain Brandon Chewning. Approval also on minutes from retreat, February 18, 2017.
- B. Road closure request for Partnership for Children Week of the Young Child Parade: Rutherford Street between E. Morgan Street and W. Wade and also W. Wade from Rutherford to Greene/109
- C. Approve Water Purchase contract with Anson County (Attachment A)

Citizen's comments: None

Mr. Morris Enos Knotts, Sr. was not present to discuss pool hall license application.

James David Lee made a motion and Fred Davis seconded to approve a single location for the voting in the 2017 Election. Approved by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Fred Davis made a motion to continue early voting the motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Sewell asked the Mayor to clarify that the consensus of the Council was to eliminate early voting. Mayor Thacker said consensus was to not have early voting.

John Ballard made a motion and Bobby Usrey seconded to approve bricking the entire new Fire Department building. Approved by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

It was decided to have a meeting 5:30 Thursday, March 9, 2017 to amend the Design Build Contract for the new Fire Dept. Building.

A citizen had requested street lighting on private property. The Council decided that they did not want to get in the habit of providing street lighting on private property.

After some discussion, it was decided that Mr. Sewell would get more information about de-annexation for the next regular meeting.

The Council decided People Fest would no longer be held and instead become a contributing partner to the Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. Fall Festival.

Police Chief Thedis Spencer discussed dog safety concerns with the Council. The Council asked that Chief Spencer and Mr. Sewell reach out to surrounding areas to see what ordinances they have.

Town Manager Alex Sewell discussed the performance evaluation process with Council. Process is set to start in June 2017. (Attachment B) Mr. Sewell presented the following to the Council:

- a. Finance report
- b. Limb truck financing. John Ballard made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to approve going with a loan with LGFCU. Then John Ballard withdrew his motion as did Jeremy Burr so as to have further discussion on the matter at a future date.
- c. Wadesboro Business Park
- d. Health Insurance rates with NCLM have been increased by 19.3% for the coming 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

Mayor and Council Comments: James David Lee commented that the lot at the corner of Hwy 74 and 52N really looks good with all the junk cars removed. Bobby Usrey said we need to contact the State about the tires still remaining on the lot. He also wanted to know if we could require a fence around the area in the curve on Hwy 74.

Fred Davis made a motion and James David Lee seconded to go into Closed Session for Economic Development per N.C. General Statutes etc Listen to tape real estate and attorney-client privilege Approved with vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Fred Davis made a motion and Bobby Usrey seconded to go back into regular session. Approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Bobby Usrey made a motion and James David Lee seconded to adjourn the meeting. Approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Cynthia A. Pope
Secretary to the Council
Town of Wadesboro