



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

Monday

April 9, 2018

5:00 P.M.

OPENING OF MEETING

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

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Bill Thacker, Mayor Pro Tem Fred Davis, James David Lee, Jeremy Burr and Bobby Usrey were present. Town Attorney Aaron Bates was present. John Ballard arrived at 6:05 PM at beginning of closed session.

INVOCATION

Rev. Tom Kakadelis of First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jeremy Burr made a motion and Fred Davis seconded to approve the agenda with the change to add under staff reports item 6 Industrial Grant Application. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bobby Usrey made a motion and James David Lee seconded to approve the following consent agenda items. The vote was approved with a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

Approval of minutes from March 5, 2019 and March 22, 2018 Council meetings.

Approve Uptown Wadesboro and Oliver's Restaurant street closure for part of E. Wade Street from May 1, 2018 until end of October. (Attachment A)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Harrington of 907 C Ingram Street, Wadesboro spoke to the Council about store opening on Salisbury Street and whether or not grant had been approved for work on Ingram Street.

PUBLIC HEARING

Fred Davis made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to go into pre budget public hearing for FY 2018-2019 Budget. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

No one spoke at the hearing.

Fred Davis made a motion and James David Lee seconded to go back out of public hearing. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Julian Swittenberg, Director Uptown Wadesboro showed the Council the new logo for Uptown Wadesboro, Inc.

Katie Scarborough presented plans for a new festival called Wadesboro Peach Festival to be held at end of July and asked the Council to help with costs. Mayor Thacker advised Ms. Scarborough that they would discuss during budget meetings.

Dates were approved for Council meetings on April 16, 2018; April 18, 2018 and April 23, 2018 at 4:00 PM for interviews for new Town Manager. Another Council meeting is set for April 30, 2018 at 5:00 PM. The Council members were asked to check the following dates and advise Interim Manager Ray Allen which two they would be able to meet for budget workshops. The dates are May 1, 2018; May 2, 2018; and May 3, 2018

TOWN STAFF REPORT

Fire Chief Marc Sessions reminded the Council about the Fire Station dedication and open house April 19, 2018 at 4:00 PM.

Public Services Director Hugh James advised the Council that we did not receive enough bids for street resurfacing and he is advertising a second time for bids which should be in by April 26, 2018.

Mr. James also reported to Council on the completion of demolition of house at 5 507 Astor Street.

The Wayfinding signs have been received and Mr. James said his employees would begin putting the signs up this week.

Interim Town Manager Ray Allen presented the finance report to the Council.

Bobby Usrey made a motion and Fred Davis seconded to approve Mr. Allen proceeding with the application for the Carolina Thread Trail grant. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 for and 0 against. Mr. Allen will apply for \$20,000 corridor grant and up to \$150,000 land use or right of way purchases. There is no matching by the town on these grants. However, when you get to the construction phase there are 20% to 25% matching by town.

Mr. Allen also discussed a program for rural communities with a 25% match for improvements to industrial parks. Wadesboro Industrial Park's off site water and sewer improvements is \$1,038,050. (Attachment B) If we were to get the grant we would have to pay matching funds around \$260,000. Fred Davis made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to approve Mr. Allen and LKC Engineering to apply for the grant for the Wadesboro Industrial Park off-site water and sewer improvements. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Mr. Allen discussed the USDA Water/Sewer grant loan requirement that we have bond counsel. Mr. Allen will be checking on a couple of firms and the Council will discuss at April 30, 2018 meeting.

The Council asked Mr. Allen to have someone from NCDOT to come to the April 30, 2018 meeting and discuss the proposed median on US74 between the intersections of Graham Street and Allen Pond Road.

The Council was also reminded of the Shred it event in conjunction with the State Employees Credit Union at the Fire Station parking lot on Monday, April 23, 2018 from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The event is open to the public.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS CLOSED SESSION

Bobby Usrey asked Chief Spencer to check on broken down car and trailer which are parked at the corner of Morgan Street and Rose Terrace.

Fred Davis made a motion and James David Lee seconded to go into closed session for the following. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

NC General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body to preserve the attorney-client privilege; and 143-318.11(a)(6) 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

Bobby Usrey made a motion and James David Lee seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Cynthia A. Pope
Secretary to the Council
Town of Wadesboro