

**TOWN OF WADESBORO
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 2017 5:00 PM**

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

Department Heads Present: Public Works Director Hugh James, Police Chief Thedis Spencer and Fire Chief Marc Sessions.

Mayor Bill Thacker called the meeting to order and presided.

Pastor/Evangelist Sherry Berry gave the invocation.

Jeremy Burr made a motion and Fred Davis seconded to approve the agenda. Approved by a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

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

- A. Approval of minutes from May 1, 2017 Council Meeting
- B. Approval of 457B Plan Resolution and authorize Town Clerk to complete all paperwork. (Attachment A)
- C. Approval of Town Attorney, Aaron Bates contract renewal. (Attachment B)
- D. Approve Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. to shoot fireworks Friday, June 30, 2017 provided all appropriate safety precautions are taken and they comply with public safety official directions.
- E. Approve Uptown Wadesboro and Oliver's restaurant street closure for part of East Wade Street contingent of staff verifying Oliver's insurance policy coverage and other risk management concerns.
- F. Approve personnel policy update on FMLA. (Attachment C)
- G. Approve street closure of East Wade Street between Washington and Lee Avenue/Brent Street on June 30, 2017 from 4 PM to 11 PM for Uptown Wadesboro's Independence Day celebration
- H. Approve Food Trucks for one day \$2 permit on June 30, 2017 for Uptown Wadesboro's Independence Day celebration.

Consent agenda items approved with a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

Terry Helms of Morven Road in Wadesboro spoke to the Council about yard sale permits.

Citizens Comments: None

Mayor Thacker made the Council aware of letter to DOT asking them to revoke the permission given to a business at 302 Caswell to park on the right-a-way. (Attachment D)

Bobby Usrey made a motion to approve giving garbage collection customers the ability to purchase a 4th cart for pickup. Passed with a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

Uptown Director Julian Swittenberg made the Council aware of Kid's Movie night on the square from 6 PM to 9 PM on Friday, June 9, 2017.

Hugh James spoke to the Council about the cost of condemning an overgrown, vacant house at 313 Graham Street. The Council asked Town Manager, Alex Sewell to check on this and report back to them.

Mr. James also discussed with Council the need for a vehicle lift at the Town shop. Our current lift did not pass inspection this year and the inspector said due to the age he would not recommend trying to fix. Mr. James gave a quote for a new lift to the Council. Jeremy Burr made a motion and James David Lee seconded to approve purchasing the new lift at the quoted price of \$11,149.47. Passed with a vote of 3 for (James David Lee, Jeremy Burr and Fred Davis) and 1 against (Bobby Usrey) (Attachment E)

Mr. James also discussed street resurfacing and crack sealing with Council.

Fire Chief Marc Sessions advised the Council that they were denied the grant for the vehicle exhaust system for the new Fire Department. Chief Sessions also asked the Council to consider the purchase of a 2004 American Lafrance Rescue/Pumper. Bobby Usrey made a motion and Fred Davis seconded to purchase the used 2004 American Lafrance Rescue/Pumper at a purchase price of \$125,000 (plus taxes). Motion was approved with a motion of 4 for and 0 against. (Attachment F)

Police Chief Thedis Spencer made the Council aware of a grant the Police Department had been awarded from Governor's Highway Safety Program for the purchase of 7 in-car printers, one Bee III Radar, 1 Kustom Signals Pro Laser 4 lidar, and 2 Alco-sensors.

Town Manager, Alex Sewell gave the Council an overview of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget.

Mr. Sewell asked that the Council take a vote on the amended Code of Ordinance for new trash can change. Bobby Usrey made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4 for and 0 against. (Attachment G)

Mr. Sewell went over the current finance report with the Council. He also gave the Sewer Basin 3 Inflow and Infiltration Evaluation and Rehabilitation and Capital Project Ordinance to the Council to review and discuss at the June 20, 2017 meeting. He also discussed project reports with Council and made them aware of two budget transfers. (Attachment H & I)

Mayor and Council Comments: Jeremy Burr asked Public Works Director about replacing guard rail on Burns Street Bridge which was damaged in a vehicle wreck.

Jeremy Burr made a motion and Bobby Usrey seconded to go into closed session for a personnel matter per N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(6) and an attorney-client privilege matter per NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) Approved with a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

Fred Davis made a motion and Bobby Usrey seconded to go back into regular session. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

Regular session resumed at 7:05 PM.

Fred Davis made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Motion was approved by a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

Cynthia A. Pope
Clerk to the Board
Town of Wadesboro