

**TOWN OF WADESBORO
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2017–5:00 P.M.**

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

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

Mayor Thacker opened the meeting at 5:00 PM and presided.

Father Tim Hushion of Calvary Episcopal Church gave the invocation.

Bobby Usrey made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to approve the agenda with the change moving item number 9, Fire Station Color Combinations before item number 6. Passed with a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

James David Lee made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to approve the following consent agenda items which passed with a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

- A. Approval of December 5, 2016 minutes.
- B. Set 2017 Annual Retreat Date to 10:00 AM, February 18, 2017 at Hospital Community Room
- C. Approve JB Watson & Co., PLLC contract to audit accounts/create financial statements for FY 2016-2017 (Attachment A)
- D. Authorize Town Manager to approve Robin Sage class using City Pond for training if same waivers are signed by participants and he deems it otherwise acceptable.

Citizen's comments: None

Mr. Terry L. Helms of Morven Road, Wadesboro spoke to the Council about postal concerns and yard sale limitations. Mayor Thacker advised Mr. Helms that the Council does not make any determinations on Post Office concerns.

Jeremy Burr made a motion and James David Lee seconded to accept option 1 (Attachment B) for the color combinations for the new Fire Department. Passed with a vote of 3 for (Burr, Lee and Ballard) and 1 against (Usrey).

Stuart Basham and Lee Ainsworth of NCDOT Div. 10 gave a presentation to the Council about the road project in Town of Wadesboro at intersection of Hwy 74 and Stanback Ferry Ice Plant Road. (Attachment C). Project is scheduled to go to bid in March 2017. Project should start April 2017 and be finished by end of May 2017.

Ms. Deal Bennett of JB Watson & Co., PLLC, presented the FY 2015-2016 audit to the Council and gave a brief overview.

Mr. Bill Lester of LKC Engineering discussed proposed water (Attachment D) and sewer (Attachment E) improvements with the Council.

John Ballard made a motion and James David Lee seconded to authorize and direct the Town Engineer and Town staff to submit applications to the USDA water and sewer projects as outlined per the attached and take any related action. Passed with a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

Mr. Sewell made the Council aware of the need for a new or used limb truck. Mr. Sewell will have some figures to replace the limb truck for the Council by the retreat.

Town Manager, Alex Sewell gave the finance report to the Council.

The Council decided to discuss the Annexation Study at the retreat on February 18, 2017.

Mr. Sewell gave the Council a CIP (Capital Improvement Policy) process update.

Mayor and Council Comments: None

John Ballard made a motion and James David Lee seconded to go into a closed session for a Personnel matter as per N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a) (6). Passed with a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

John Ballard made a motion and Bobby Usrey seconded to come 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 at 7:00 PM. Passed with a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

Cynthia A. Pope
Clerk to the Town Council
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