



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

MONDAY

December 4, 2017

5:00 P.M.

OPENING OF MEETING

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

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Jeremy Burr, John Ballard, Bobby Usrey, Mayor Bill Thacker, Fred Davis and James David Lee. Town Attorney, Aaron Bates was also present.

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT:

Town Manager Alex Sewell, Police Chief Thedis Spencer, Public Utilities Director Hugh James and Fire Chief Marc Sessions

INVOCATION

REVEREND TOM KAKADELIS of First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bobby Usrey made a motion and James David Lee seconded to approve the agenda with the following changes. Move item 6 Mr. Terry Helms to 5 Public Comments. Under item 4 Consent Agenda change b. to include two encroachment agreements (Jordan Street and off of 109 at Industrial Site). Motion was passed with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

CONSENT AGENDA

John Ballard made a motion and Fred Davis seconded to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

1. Approval of minutes from November 6, 2017 Town Council meeting.
2. Authorize Town Manager Alex Sewell to enter into encroachment agreements with Airport Solar, LLC.
3. Approve South Carolina Telecommunications Group Holdings, LLC DBA Spirit Communications encroachment agreement (Attachment A).
3. Approve road closure resolution for MLK Day Parade (Attachment B)
4. Approve street closure of E. Wade Street between S. Washington Street and Brent Street/Lee Avenue on December 21, 2017 from approximately 4:45 PM – 9:00 PM contingent on receiving adequate liability insurance documents for Chamber of Commerce, Plank road Realty & Forestry Christmas Party.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Priscilla Nunn advised the Council that her building at 114-116 East Wade Street is now up to code and she is in the process of putting the property up for sale.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The following re-elected Council members were given Oaths of Office by Retired Senior Resident Superior Court Judge F. Fetzer Mills:

- Bobby Usrey (Attachment C)
- Fred Davis (Attachment D)
- James David Lee (Attachment E)

Bobby Usrey made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to nominate Councilman Fred Davis as Mayor Pro Tempore. The motion passed with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

TOWN STAFF REPORT

FIRE CHIEF MARC SESSIONS

Fire Chief Marc Session asked the Council to approve putting an epoxy floor in the new Fire Department. Fire Engine 3 was in a minor accident and had some damage to front bumper. Mr. Sessions wanted to use the money from this accident to put the epoxy floor in the fire department. Jeremy Burr made a motion and James David seconded to approve the epoxy floor. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR HUGH JAMES

Mr. James made the Council aware of a County Water Violation notice (Attachment F)

TOWN MANAGER ALEX SEWELL

Mr. Sewell made the Council aware of GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award (Attachment G)
Mr. Sewell gave current finance report and updates on projects to the Council. Councilmen John Ballard and Bobby Usrey volunteered to go on the new Fire Station walk through when it was scheduled.

Fred Davis made a motion and John Ballard seconded to approve the two budget amendments for the epoxy floor in the new fire department. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against. (Attachment H and Attachment I)

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Burr asked about the status of sale of Police vehicles. Bobby Usrey commented on the lights in some of the Town's Christmas decoration not burning. John Ballard asked whether or not the old Town of Wadesboro signs could be purchased by a citizen.

CLOSED SESSION

John Ballard made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to go into closed session for the following. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Attorney Client Privilege, Economic Development, Real Estate, & Personnel – N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), (a)(6) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege, to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, to establish/instruct staff on position to be taken in real estate negotiation, and to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.

Bobby Usrey made a motion and James David Lee seconded to go back into regular session. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Bobby Usrey made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to hold a public hearing at the January 8, 2018 Town Council meeting for Project Hoist. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

ADJOURNMENT

Fred Davis made a motion and John Ballard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Cynthia A. Pope
Clerk to the Council
Town of Wadesboro