

**TOWN OF WADESBORO
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 5:00 PM**

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

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

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

Invocation: Town of Wadesboro Fire Chief Marc Session gave the invocation.

Approval of Agenda: Bobby Usrey made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to approve the agenda after moving item 9a to be after item 4 Consent Agenda. Approved by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Consent Agenda: John Ballard made a motion and James David Lee seconded to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2017 Council meeting. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

New Business: Ms. Valiria Willis of the MAPPS Group explained the performance review and employee development system process to the Council.

Public Comments: Terry Helms of 702 Morven Road spoke to the Council about yard sales.

Sherry Moss spoke to the Council about possibly funding some items for a ministry meetings which she is hoping to hold on the square in Wadesboro.

Mayor Thacker lead a moment of silence and presented resolutions to Chief Sessions and Chief Spencer thanking their departments for all they do for the Town of Wadesboro. (Attachment A)

Request to speak: Alex Gaddy, a member of the Martin Luther King Holiday Parade Steering Committee spoke to the Council and requested any help the Town could contribute. He also delivered his special events application to Chief Sessions

Old Business: Mayor Thacker went over changes to Yard Sale Ordinance with the Council. Bobby Usrey made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to approve the ordinance. The motion passed with a vote of 4 for (James David Lee, Bobby Usrey, John Ballard and Jeremy Burr) and 1 against (Fred Davis). (Attachment B)

New Business: Jeremy Burr made a motion and John Ballard seconded to appoint Mr. Bill Clark to fill the ABC Board opening created by the resignation of Mr. Jimmy Dennis. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

The Council discussed options for a new meeting room in the new Fire Department Building. The Council decided they would keep the meeting room they are using now for the time being.

Bobby Usrey made a motion and Fred Davis seconded to approve the Budget Ordinance Amendment in the amount of \$2,571 to fix the door in the Council meeting room. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 for and 0 against. (Attachment C)

James David Lee made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to approve the Budget Ordinance Amendment in the amount of \$1100 to purchase the Town of Wadesboro Flags which will be sold for \$45.00 each to citizens. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against. (Attachment D)

Town Staff Report: Fire Chief Marc Sessions spoke to the Council about the building erection plaque for the new Fire Department Building.

Police Chief Thedis Spencer had no report.

Public Utilities Director Hugh James advised the Council that the limb truck is not working. He is trying to get it fixed now.

Mr. James also advised the Council of water quality problems with the water we are receiving from the County. Mr. James asked that the Council permit him to send a letter to the County about the problems. The Mayor told Mr. James to get together with Mr. Sewell and draft a letter. (Attachment E)

Town Manager, Alex Sewell discussed the current finance and project reports with the Council. Mr. Sewell also advised Council of updated surplus sales.

Mayor and Council Comments: None

Closed session: Jeremy Burr made a motion and Fred Davis seconded to go into closed session for an Economic Development situation per N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body. Motion approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

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

Adjournment: Fred Davis made a motion and Jeremy Burr 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
Clerk to the Council
Town of Wadesboro