

TOWN OF WALLACE
MONTHLY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 11, 2021
6:00 pm

The Wallace Town Council held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall.

The following Governing Body members were present:

- Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor
- Council Member/Mayor Pro-Tem Wannetta Carlton
- Council Member Frank Brinkley
- Council Member Jeff Carter
- Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz
- Council Member Jason Wells

The following members of the Governing Body were absent:

NONE

Also Present were:

Larry Bergman, Town Manager	Anna Heath, Town Attorney
Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk	Justin Harmon, Police Officer
Jimmy Crayton, Police Chief	Josh Moore, Telecommunicator
Brent Dean, Public Services Director (via Zoom)	Kat Rossell, Telecommunicator
Rod Fritz, Planning Director (via Zoom)	Marlane Carcopo (via Zoom)
Gage King, Airport Manager	Jason Davis
Chris Martin, Interim Finance Director (via Zoom)	Harriet Farrior
Twig Rollins, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer	Sandy Forehand (via Zoom)
Weston Padgett, Police Captain	Curt Simpson, Duplin Times (via Zoom)
Darrell Blanton, Police Sergeant	

Mayor Charley Farrior called the regular meeting to order with a quorum of the governing body members present and gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Farior called for discussion of the agenda and asked to add a closed session for contract negotiations and economic development at the end of the meeting. Council Member Jason Wells made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wannetta Carlton and approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment Period

There were no comments.

Consent agenda

Minutes from the January 14, 2021 monthly meeting, and the January 28, 2021 continued meeting

Mayor Farior called for discussion of the minutes and pointed out a couple of spelling errors. There being no other additions or corrections Council Member Frank Brinkley made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carlton and approved by unanimous vote.

Tax Report

Interim Finance Director Chris Martin presented the Tax Report for the period ending February 11, 2021 and said that year to date collections were up 2.95% and the 10 year overall collections were down 0.83%. Mr. Martin added that 2020 collections were up to almost 90% and anticipates an increase next month as the delinquent list will be published. Payment plans received amounted to \$3,661.90 and foreclosures paid in the amount of \$1,080.00.

Tax Releases

There were no releases presented.

Budget Amendments

Mr. Martin presented for approval budget amendment #7 which is related to the Airport AWOS (Automated Weather Observation System) and the Airport expansion project.

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve budget amendment #7 which was seconded by Council Member Carlton and approved unanimously.

Old Business

Adoption of Surplus Property Resolution

Town Manager Larry Bergman requested that the K-9 equipped 2015 Dodge Durango be declared surplus with the intention to advertise to other law enforcement agencies and conduct a negotiated sale.

Council Member Brinkley made a motion adopt a Resolution Autorizing The Sale Of Certain Personal Propery Worth Less Than \$30,000 By Negotiation And Private Sale. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carlton and approved by unanimous vote.

Appointments to Wallace Planning Board

Mayor Farris asked the Council for recommendations.

Council Member Carlton made a motion to appoint Jason Davis to the Planning Board as an In-Town representative to fill a vacant seat with a term expiring in December of 2021. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved unanimously.

Council Member Jeff Carter made a motion to appoint Marian Kelly to the Planning Board as an ETJ representative to fill a vacant seat with a term to expire in December 2022 which was seconded by Council Member Franciso Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote.

Bid Approval for AWOS (Automated Weather Observation System) Critical Area Clearing

Airport Manager Gage King said that eight (8) bids were received for this project and Talbert & Bright provided a recommendation letter identifying Graham County Land Company as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$199,700.

Council Member Wells made a motion to award the contract to Graham County Land Company in the amount of \$199,700. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Work Authorization for AWOS Area Clearing and Grubbing Construction Administration and RPR (Resident Project Representative) Services

Airport Manager King said that a Work Authorization had been prepared for construction administration services including pre-construction meetings, pay request formulation, reporting, meetings and preparing closeout documents. Mr. King added that the work authorization also includes Resident Project Representative Services (an onsite engineer during construction, if needed).

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve Work Authorization No. 20-04 for AWOS Clear Area Clearing and Grubbing -Construction Administration which was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved by unanimous vote.

Presentations and Proclamations

Captain Weston Padgett, Wallace Police Department, presented Commendations to Sgt. Darrell Blanton, Ofc. Justin Harmon and Telecommunicator Josh Moore for responding to a call from a woman with custody of her grandson who was removed from the home by his non-custodial parent (biological father). Their prompt response and actions allowed the child to be reunited with his legal guardian and place the suspect in custody.

Capt. Padgett also introduced the newest member of WPD, Kat Rossell, Telecommunicator.

New Business

Adoption of Sampson-Duplin Hazard Mitigation Plan

Town Manager Bergman said the Sampson-Duplin Hazard Mitigation Plan has been updated and reached the adoption stage. A fully adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan maintains eligibility for FEMA funding for post hurricane cleanup, repairs and recovery.

Council Member Wells made a motion to adopt a Resolution Adopting Sampson-Duplin Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carlton and approved unanimously.

Financial Reports

Interim Finance Director Martin presented the Financial Reports stating that sales tax is up 6.45% over last year and next month seems to be looking good too. The Department is working on past due balances on utility accounts.

Disaster Reports

The majority of funds have now been obligated except for the current project (Brown's lift station).

Council Reports

Council Member Wells asked about the parking lot at Dr. Robinson's? Public Services Director Brent Dean said representatives from NC Rural Water Association did some testing that showed the pot hole does not have a void under it.

Council Member Wells mentioned a "BUILD" grant project in Greenville, NC through the NC Department of Transportation.

Council Member Wells said the Fire Department is preparing to take delivery of the rescue truck in April and the tanker in May. Call volume has been slow.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Farris said he is glad the pine straw has been put out on Hwy. 117. Mayor Farris also announced that he had decided that he would not run for re-election this year.

Department Head Reports

Twig Rollins, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer, reported that he has sent out some NOV (Notice of Violation) for noxious weeds and junk vehicles, removed some signs and was interviewing department heads and others for the Emergency Management Plan.

Jimmy Crayton, Police Chief, said catalytic converters were being stolen at properties where multiple vehicles are parked overnight. Chief Crayton mentioned that he has hired one new employee and is waiting for paperwork on a experienced police officer.

Gage King, Airport Manager, traffic has increased over last year. He added the fertilizer crews were using the airport last week. They provide their own fuel but do pay \$100/day.

Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk, provided the Council with copies of the NCLM 2021-2022 Municipal Advocacy Goals which include Healthy Finances, Resilient Infrastructure, Racial Equity, Vibrant Communities and Neighborhoods and Adaptive Municipal Operations.

Brent Dean, Public Services Director, said the street sweeper is back in operation, the sidewalk on Main St. has been repaired and the WWTP is fully staffed. Mr. Dean added that Pender County is drawing water 12 hours each day, 7 days a week.

Rod Fritz, Planning Director, processed 8 Zoning Permits, including one for Urgent Care and the new Burkes' Outlet at Tin City. Mr. Fritz also reported on a new business on N. Norwood St., Therapy Kids (Health Care Facility).

Town Manager's Report

Manager Bergman stated that six (6) responses had been received for the RFQ (request for qualifications) for the public safety facility/space study and were under review. Mr. Bergman added that a notice to proceed on the well project was issued and a pre-construction meeting held.

Closed session

Council Member Brinkley made a motion to go into a closed session contract negotiations and economic development (G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)). The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and approved unanimously.

The Mayor and Council discussed a building reuse grant in Wallace that could bring forty (40) jobs over four (4) years and elements of the Valley Proteins project and the 830 project related to easements.

Council Member Wells made a motion to end the close session that was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved unanimously.

With there being no other business to discuss at this time, Council Member Wells made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor

Jacqueline Nicholson, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF WALLACE
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #7
BATCH 35363
FOR BUDGET 2020-2021**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Wallace, North Carolina the following amendments be made to the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021:			
Section I:	Airport Capital Project		
<u>Revenues</u>			
Account Number	Account Description	Decrease	Increase
63-3020-100	Town of Wallace Match	\$1,877.00	
63-3020-125	Pender County Match	\$1,877.00	
63-3020-350	NPE	\$33,781.00	
63-3025-100	Town of Wallace Match		\$1,877.00
63-3025-125	Pender County Match		\$1,877.00
63-3025-350	NPE		\$33,781.00
63-3020-325	STI		\$85,840.00
63-3035-325	STI		\$675,905.00
Section II:	Airport Capital Project		
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
63-7520-103	Land Structures and Right of Way		\$37,535.00
63-7525-102	Preliminary Expense	\$2,015.00	
63-7525-104	Engineering	\$20,040.00	
63-7525-105	Inspections	\$15,780.00	
63-7525-106	Construction		\$300.00
63-7530-102	Preliminary Expense	\$4,590.00	
63-7530-104	Engineering	\$81,250.00	
63-7535-102	Preliminary Engineering	\$8,420.00	
63-7535-103	Land Structures and Right of Way	\$661,485.00	
65-7535-104	Engineering	\$6,000.00	
	Totals	\$837,115.00	\$837,115.00
	Grand Total	\$36,132.00	\$36,132.00

Section III: Copy to Finance Director:

Copies of this budget amendment shall be delivered to the Finance Director for their direction in the disbursement of funds:

Adopted this the 11th day of February, 2021

Attest: _____

Jacqueline Nicholson, Town Clerk

Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor

**Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Certain Personal Property Worth Less Than \$30,000 By
Negotiation and Private Sale**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Wallace owns certain items of personal property that have become surplus for its current needs;

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes § 160A-266 and § 160A-267 permits the Town to sell such property by private sale, upon authorization by the Town Council at a regular meeting and notice to the public;

WHEREAS, the Town Council is convened in a regular meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Wallace that:

1. The Town Council authorizes the Town Manager or designee to sell by private sale the following items of surplus personal property:

2015 Dodge Durango, VIN: 1C4SDHFT6FC946043

2. The Town Manager or designee is authorized to dispose of the described property by private sale at a negotiated price.
3. The Town clerk shall publish notice summarizing this Resolution in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 160A-267, and no sale may be executed pursuant to this resolution until at least 10 days after the day the notice is published.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Charles C. Farris, Jr., Mayor

Jacqueline Nicholson, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

TOWN OF WALLACE
RESOLUTION
ADOPTING SAMPSON-DUPLIN REGIONAL
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the citizens and property within Duplin County are subject to the effects of natural hazards that pose threats to lives and cause damage to property, and with the knowledge and experience that certain areas of the county are particularly vulnerable to drought, extreme heat, hailstorm, hurricane and tropical storm, lightning, thunderstorm wind/high wind, tornado, winter storm and freeze, flood, hazardous material incident, and wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to seek ways to mitigate the impact of identified hazard risks; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Part 6, Article 21 of Chapter 143; Parts 3, 5, and 8 of Article 19 of Chapter 160A; and Article 8 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes, delegated to local governmental units the responsibility to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has enacted General Statute Section 166A-19.41 (*State emergency assistance funds*) which provides that for a state of emergency declared pursuant to G.S. 166A-19.20(a) after the deadline established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2002, P.L. 106-390, the eligible entity shall have a hazard mitigation plan approved pursuant to the Stafford Act; and.

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 states that local governments must develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and other disaster-related assistance funding and that said Plan must be updated and adopted within a five-year cycle; and

WHEREAS, Duplin County and its participating municipal jurisdictions have performed a comprehensive review and evaluation of each section of the previously approved Hazard Mitigation Plan and has updated the said plan as required under regulations at 44 CFR Part 201 and according to guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners of Duplin County to fulfill this obligation in order that the County will be eligible for federal and state assistance in the event that a state of disaster is declared for a hazard event affecting the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Wallace hereby:

1. Adopts the Sampson-Duplin Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
2. Vests Duplin County Emergency Management with the responsibility, authority, and the means to:
 - (a) Inform all concerned parties of this action.
 - (b) Cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map and identify floodplain areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining floodplain areas in order to prevent exacerbation of existing hazard impacts.
3. Appoints Duplin County Emergency Management to assure that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is reviewed annually and every five years as specified in the Plan to assure that the Plan is in compliance with all State and Federal regulations and that any needed revisions or amendments to the Plan are developed and presented to the Wallace Town Council for consideration.
4. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Adopted this the ____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor, Town of Wallace

Attest:

Wallace Town Clerk

(SEAL)

Date: _____