

TOWN OF WALLACE
Continued meeting
January 28, 2021
6:00 p.m.

The Town Council of the Town of Wallace continued its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 6 pm in the Council Chambers.

The following Governing Body members were present:

Mayor Charles C. Farrior, Jr.
Council Member/ Mayor Pro-Tem Wannetta Carlton
Council Member Frank Brinkley (via Zoom)
Council Member Jeffrey Carter
Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz
Council Member Jason Wells

The following Governing Body members were absent:

NONE

Also present were:

Larry Bergman, Town Manager	Anna Heath, Town Attorney
Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk	

Mayor Charley Farrior reconvened the meeting with a quorum of the governing body members present.

Updated Budget Calendar

Town Manager Larry Bergman said he had updated the budget calendar to include the Retreat/Budget Kick-off. Mr. Bergman added that Council Members Frank Brinkley and Wannetta Carlton had agreed to serve but if Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz and Mayor Farrior both participated it would constitute a quorum. Council Member Rivas-Diaz said he would wait and serve on the committee next year.

Economic Development/Housing Incentive Discussion

Manager Bergman presented some ideas for economic development incentives that could be developed to increase housing such as reduction or forgiveness of capacity fees, incentives that return a percentage of local property taxes based on the amount of a qualifying investment, flexibility in zoning or rezoning within reasonable parameters, partnering with developers on infrastructure extensions or improvements as well as housing related grants.

Disposition of Surplus Property Discussion

Manager Bergman said as the Police Department no longer has a K-9 Unit they would like to surplus the 2015 Durango used by the position. The plan is to sell it to another law enforcement agency. N.C.G.S requires declaring surplus property at a regular meeting so this will be put on the agenda for the regular meeting in February. Mr. Bergman added that since the award letters have been received for the airport expansion that he and Airport Manager Gage King had discussed selling the houses on Town owned property that are vacant. At the next meeting a list will be provided.

Wallace ABC Board Appointment

Manager Bergman said that at the January 14 meeting the Council accepted Dianne McNamara's resignation from the ABC Board and decided to wait until this meeting to appoint a replacement.

Council Member Jeff Carter made a motion to appoint Warren Hepler to complete the term of Dianne that expires in December of 2021. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carlton and approved unanimously.

Appointments to Planning Board

Manager Bergman there are two (2) Planning Board vacancies for and in-town member and a representative from the ETJ (extra territorial jurisdiction). Council Member Frank Brinkley put forward Tasha Redd for the ETJ appointment. There was a brief discussion and the Council decided to wait until the February meeting.

There being no further business to discuss Council Member Wells made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor

Jacqueline Nicholson, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk