

**TOWN OF WALLACE**  
**Continued Meeting**  
**March 23, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**

The Town Council of the Town of Wallace continued its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 6 pm in the Council Chambers.

The following Governing Body members were present:

Mayor Jason Wells  
Council Member/ Mayor Pro-Tem Wannetta Carlton  
Council Member Frank Brinkley (via Zoom)  
Council Member Jeffrey Carter  
Council Member Jason Davis  
Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz

The following Governing Body members were absent:

NONE

Also present were:

Larry Bergman, Town Manager	Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk
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Mayor Jason Wells reconvened the meeting with a quorum of the governing body members present.

West Southerland Street Speed Limit Ordinance Adoption

Town Manager Larry Bergman reminded the Council that in January a request was sent for NCDOT (North Carolina Department of Transportation) to reduce the speed limit on West Southerland Street/ Raleigh Road between North Raleigh Street and West Main Street. NCDOT found that a speed limit of 25 MPH would be appropriate and will handle the signage and updates.

Council Member Wannetta Carlton made a motion to amend the Town's Code of Ordinances Chapter 71: Traffic Regulations, Schedule I. Speed Limits to add 25 Mph speed limit on West Southerland Street and West Raleigh Road between North Raleigh Street and West Main Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz and approved unanimously.

Authorization to Purchase Diesel Pump

Manager Bergman said that the Town has been renting a pump from Xylem to assist with pumping at the Holiday Inn Express lift station. The plan for a short-term fix until the 830 project was complete has cost more than \$100,000 and an additional \$50,000- \$100,000 may be expended. The Town can purchase the existing pump for \$50,995 saving \$12,900 immediately

and \$56,212 annually until the 830 project is finished. Manager Bergman added the Council would need to approve a budget amendment.

Council Member Frank Brinkley made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #15 to move funds from the Water/Sewer Fund Balance to purchase the pump. The motion was seconded by Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote.

### Budget Process Update

Manager Bergman provided an overview of the FY 2022-23 budget requests. He pointed out some of the significant differences and discussed them in general terms. He added that he plans to schedule a meeting with the Budget Committee.

### Discussion of Animal Control Services

Manager Bergman said that requirements for providing animal control services have become increasingly strict, making it more costly to remain in compliance. This service is largely provided by a single employee who must leave his other work to carry out these duties. It may be time to stop and have Duplin County perform Animal Control services for the Town as it is for other municipalities in the County.

Council Member Jason Davis made a motion to stop providing Animal Control services and to hand it over to Duplin County which was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and unanimously approved.

### Manager's Report

Manager Bergman updated the Council on a few items:

1. AMI Water Meter System Request for Proposals – the RFP went out today with proposal due back April 15, will have a recommendation at the May meeting, funding options are being discussed
2. Pre-positioned Emergency Debris Request for Proposals – RFP went out on Monday, will have a recommendation at the May meeting
3. 830 Project – the next step is the State Permitting process, new subdivision on Hwy 11 may provide an opportunity to locate the lines on a proposed subdivision road
4. Valley Proteins – working on agreement for per 1,000-gallon fee, system development fees and surcharges
5. Wells – phase II design by the beginning of April, funding and cost increases
6. Stormwater – making application for a Gold Leaf Grant for a rehab project near Currie Street and Prosperity Drive
7. FEMA – generator at new Public Services Operations Center
8. Public Safety Project – reported on initial space needs and cost estimate, need to re-evaluate needs to reduce cost

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Jason Wells, Mayor

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Jacqueline Nicholson, MMC, NCCMC  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF WALLACE  
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #15  
FOR BUDGET 2021-2022**

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, 2022:			
<b>Section I:</b>	<b>WATER &amp; SEWER</b>		
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
30-8200-740	CAPITAL OUTLAY- COLLECTIONS	\$51,000.00	
30-2990-000	FUND BALANCE		\$51,000.00
	<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>\$51,000.00</b>	<b>\$51,000.00</b>

Fund Balance appropriation to purchase Diesel Trash Pump

**Section II: 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 March 23, 2022**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacqueline Nicholson, Town Clerk

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Jason Wells, Mayor