

TOWN OF WALLACE
MONTHLY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
April 14, 2022
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:

Jason Wells, Mayor
Council Member/Mayor Pro-Tem Wannetta Carlton
Council Member Frank Brinkley
Council Member Jeff Carter (arrived late)
Council Member Jason Davis
Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz

The following members of the Governing Body were absent:

None

Also Present were:

Larry Bergman, Town Manager	Anna H. Herring, Town Attorney (via Zoom)
Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk	Ken Floyd, Wallace Chamber of Commerce
Jimmy Crayton, Police Chief	Jimmy Johnson
Rod Fritz, Planning Director	Wes MacLeod, CFCOG
Charles "Twig" Rollins, Code Enforcement	

Mayor Jason Wells called the regular meeting to order with a quorum of the governing body members present and offered the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Wells called for adoption of the agenda. Town Manager Larry Bergman asked the Council to delete item #9. Council Member Wannetta Carlton made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz and approved unanimously.

Public Comment Period

None

Presentations and Proclamations

Ken Floyd, President, Wallace Chamber of Commerce, spoke about their upcoming plans for the year. Mr. Floyd stated that a Farmer's Market was going to be held Saturday and, if successful, again in May and June on the second Saturday. They are planning live concert series on Thursdays starting in May, holding the WOW (Women of Wallace) event again in October, Christmas at Twilight on November 19 and, the Christmas Parade. Mr. Floyd said they have talked about a Founders Day for Duplin Roads 150 years and Wallace Founders Day in 2024. He added that the Chamber was going to hold a Golf Tournament Fundraiser and want to re-open the Chamber office at the Depot. The Chamber has requested a contribution of \$5,000 from the Town in the FY 2022-23 Budget.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Wells called for discussion of the minutes from the March 10, 2022 meeting and March 23 18, 2022 continued meeting. He said there was a typo in his comments in the March 10 meeting. There being no other corrections Council Member Carlton made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote.

Manager Bergman said that the financial reports were in the packet and that past due property taxes decreased by 44.28% over last year.

A tax release was presented for Donald Allen Brown for tax year 2020 in the amount of \$425.56. Due to a structure fire Duplin County adjusted the value due which was overlooked by the Town. Council Member Frank Brinkley made a motion to approve the tax release which was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bergman presented budget amendment #16 for land acquisition at the Airport in order to expand the runway. This is a 100% grant with no local match required.

Council Member Brinkley made a motion to approve budget amendment #16 which was seconded by Council Member Carlton and approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update Discussion

Town Manager Larry Bergman stated that at the March meeting the Council asked for additional information regarding updating the Land Use Plan and proposal from the Cape Fear Council of Governments (CFCOG). Wes MacLeod, Local Government Services Director at the COG explained that a Land Use Plan update provides a guide for future growth and development and reduces land use conflicts and firms up related policies. Mr. MacLeod talked about the process, which includes communitiy feedback and the timeframe of the project.

Council Member Carlton made a motion to approve the Proposal & Agreement for Services. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote

New Business

Establish Public Hearing for Reznong Request

Manager Bergman said that a request to rezone twelve (12) acres on Hwy. 11 from RA-20 (residential, agricultural, minimum lot size 20,000 sq.ft.) to RA-20-C (residential, agricultural, minimum lot size 20,000 sq.ft., conditional) had been received and asked the Council to establish a public hearing at the May meeting.

Council Member Carlton made a motion to establish a public hearing on Thursday, May12, 2022 after 6:00 pm to receive comments on this rezoning request which was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution Supporting an Application for NCDOT (North Carolina Department of Transportation) Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant

Manager Bergman stated that this grant would help to plan for safe connections using ADA sidewalks, crosswalks, greenways, bike lanes, etc. for parks and other areas. It includes recreational, historic and commercial, using methods other than vehicular. An approved Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan would open up opportunities to apply for grants to aid in construction of these projects.

Council Member Carlton made a motion to approve A Resolution Supporting The Application To NCDOT For Bicycle And Pedestrian Planning Grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved by unanimous vote.

Approve Submittal of an Application for a NC Rural Transformation Grant

Manager Bergman asked the Council to approve submitting an application for this grant to be used to renovate the Clement Street School building into a Community Center. A secondary project could be used for securing vacant or abandoned properties for future productive use or to demolish abandoned structures. It could also be used to acquire property for a business incubator project. The Town can apply for up to \$950,000 and the grant does not require matching funds. The Council directed Manager Bergman to apply for both.

Resolutions Supporting Three NCDEQ (North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality) Revolving Loan and Grant Program Applications

Manager Bergman said resolutions are required to apply for these funds which could be a grant or loan or a combination of both. The three (3) projects are: replacement of Well #14 at it's current site, SCADA (Supervisory control and data acquisition) and generator back up systems at other wells and tank sites and resubmittal for an Asset Inventory and Assessment of the Water System.

Council Member Rivas-Diaz made a motion to adopt a Resolution to apply for grant/ loan for construction of a new well to replace the existing well at site 14. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carlton and approved unanimously

Council Member Brinkley made a motion to adopt a Resolution to apply for loan assistance for rehabilitaion of the the drinking water supply consisting of the addition of SCADA and controls at seven (7) wells and three (3) elevated tanks; the additon of emergency power generators at three (3) wells and hook-ups for portable generators at four (4) wells which was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and approved unanimously

Council Member Brinkley made a motion to adopt a Resolution to apply for a grant/loan to map, conduct an asset inventory and assessment of the drinking water treatment works and water distribution system. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jason Davis and approved unanimously.

Financial Reports

Manager Bergman said the financial reports were in the agenda packet.

Council Reports

Council Member Carter said he thought the landscaping employees needed some help. He also inquired about street paving.

Council Member Davis said that shrubbery was overtaking some of the sidewalks on Hwy.117.

Council Member Carlton said she had received a complaint about the roads in Plantation Acres

Mayor's Report

Mayor Wells said he has received many phone calls regarding Library hours of operation. Manager Bergman reported that he planned to attend the next meeting of the Library Board and that the Library has changed operating hours to remain open until 5 pm.

Mayor Wells asked if the letter requesting funding support for the inclusive playground have been sent out. Manager Bergman said that two (2) had been sent.

Town Manager's Report

Manager Bergman reported on the house on Duplin Street that the asbestos testing was completed and there is none. A Request for Proposals (RFP) to demolish would go out next week.

He informed Duplin County that the Town would not be renewing its animal control license. The County Manager said they do not provide animal control services in municipalities but, will respond to dangerous animals.

Manager Bergman said that he and Finance Director Rob Taylor are meeting with Department Heads to work on the budget and he would schedule a worksession.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Wells., Mayor

Jacqueline Nicholson, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF WALLACE
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
BUDGET AMENDMENT FY#16**

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:			
Section I:	AIRPORT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND		
Account Number	Account Description	Debit	Credit
63-3035-325	GRANT REVENUE		\$1,077,730.00
63-7535-102	PRELIMINARY EXPENSES	\$7,160.00	
63-7535-103	LAND STRUCTURES/RIGHT OF WAYS	\$1,059,570.00	
63-7535-104	ENGINEERING	\$11,000.00	
	Fund Totals	\$1,077,730.00	\$1,077,730.00

To record additional funds awarded for runway expansion

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 April 14, 2022

Attest: _____
Jacqueline Nicholson, Town Clerk

Jason Wells, Mayor

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION TO NCDOT
FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Wallace seeks to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens and visitors, and;

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of Town Staff and Town Council that the community needs a more robust and complete sidewalk and bike path system to insure the safety of its citizens, and:

WHEREAS, the NC Department of Transportation has a Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant to help identify, plan and document needs in preparation of other construction applications, and:

WHEREAS, Town staff wants to plan for growth of the community and its bicycle and pedestrian transportation needs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council, Wallace, NC that;

1. The Town of Wallace hereby supports and endorses the Town applying for an NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant.
2. The Town will support the grant process if selected by providing a financial match, if needed of approximately \$5,000 to \$10,000.

ATTEST:

Jason Wells, Mayor

Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
TOWN OF WALLACE**

WHEREAS, The Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina the Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction and studies of water treatment works, and drinking water distribution systems, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Wallace has need for and intends to construct a drinking water supply project described as construction of a new well to replace the existing well at well site 14, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Wallace intends to request State loan and/or grant assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WALLACE:

That Town of Wallace, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan and/or grant award.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the Town of Wallace to make scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the Town of Wallace any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Larry Bergman, Town Manager, the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the study of or construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 14th day of April 2022 at Wallace, North Carolina.

(Signature of Chief Executive Officer)

(Title)

CERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Town Clerk of the Town of Wallace does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Wallace Town Council duly held on the 14 day of April, 2022; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

(Signature of Recording Officer)

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