

TOWN OF WALLACE
Continued Meeting
January 26, 2023
6:00 p.m.

The Town Council of the Town of Wallace continued its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2023 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
Council Member Jeffrey Carter
Council Member Jason Davis
Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz

The following Governing Body members were absent:

None

Also present were:

Rob Taylor, Interim Town Manager	Anna Herring, Town Attorney (via Zoom)
Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk	Michael Blackburn
Rod Fritz, Planning Director	Joseph Merritt

Mayor Jason Wells reconvened the meeting with a quorum of the governing body members present.

Lease Agreement with Depot Commission

Interim Town Manager Rob Taylor said that leasing the Depot to the Depot Commission would enable them to oversee renting and management of the facility since volunteers are needed to provide tours and run programs. Any funds raised by these activities would be used only for the Depot. He added that the Town would continue to be responsible for repair, maintenance, utilities, insurance and mortgage payments but the Depot Commission would take over janitorial services. Additionally, the Town has already agreed to allow the Chamber of Commerce to use the office space., which would be a sub-lease. A one-year lease was recommended to determine whether or not the arrangement works for both parties.

Council Member Jeff Carter made a motion to enter into a one-year lease of the Depot to the Depot Commission that was seconded by Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz and unanimously approved.

Approval of Contract Terms with DPH General Contractors

Interim Manger Taylor said this item was discussed at the regular meeting but the Town Attorney had not signed off yet. Planning Director Rod Fritz said that the Attorney did not have the entire contract. She has since reviewed and made edits related to general conditions (i.e.

indemnity, liability) and Planning Director Fritz asked for Council approval of the contract with DPH General Contractors in the amount of \$672,438.

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Council Member Frank Brinkley and approved by unanimous vote.

Closed Session

Council Member Rivas-Diaz made a motion to go into closed session to discuss applicants for the Town Manager position (G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) that was seconded by Council Member Wannetta Carlton and approved unanimously.

The Council discussed the applications to determine who to invite for an interview and decided they would not conduct interviews but offer the position to current Interim Town Manager Rob Taylor.

Council Member Carlton made a motion to end the closed session which was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and unanimously approved.

Council Member Rivas-Diaz made a motion to offer the Town Manager's job to Rob Taylor at the salary discussed in the closed session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carlton and unanimously approved.

Mayor Wells said he would call and make the offer to Rob.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Wells, Mayor

Jacqueline Nicholson, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk