

**TOWN OF WALLACE
MONTHLY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 13, 2023
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 Francisco Rivas-Diaz (via Zoom)

Council Member Frank Brinkley

Council Member Jeff Carter

Council Member Tasha Herring-Redd

The following member of the Governing Body was absent:

Council Member Jason Davis

Also Present were:

Rob Taylor, Town Manager	Anna H. Herring, Town Attorney (via Zoom)
Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk	Marlane Carcopo (via Zoom)
Jimmy Crayton, Police Chief	Bridgett Evans
Rod Fritz, Planning Director	Jimmy Johnson
Taylor Johnson, Fire Chief	Jennifer Raynor (via Zoom)
Gage King, Airport Manager	Hope Smith
Michael Blackburn	Jeremy Strickland

Mayor Jason Wells called the regular meeting to order with a quorum of the governing body members present and Town Attorney Anna Herring gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Presentations

Depot Commission Chair Michael Blackburn talked about the facility in terms of short term and long term needs and potential associated costs.

Hope Smith representing the Downtown Wallace Merchants Association spoke about the different events the Association has had and discussed some future goals.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Wells called for discussion of the Agenda. Town Manger Rob Taylor said that a budget amendment for police cars needed to be added. Council Member Frank Brinkley made a motion

to adopt the agenda as amended which was seconded by Council Member Tasha Herring-Redd and approved by unanimous roll-call vote.

Public Comment Period

Jimmy Johnson provided the Council with a subdivision plat map and other information on Stokes Street which he would like the Town to pave.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Wells called for discussion of the minutes from the March 9, 2023 meeting and the March 20, 2023 special meeting. There being no additions or corrections Council Member Brinkley made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Herring-Redd and unanimously approved by roll-call.

Town Manager RobTaylor presented the tax report for the period ending 02/28/2023 with the collection rate at 97.26%.

Manager Taylor asked the Council to approve the following tax release:

Dawn's Insurance Agency	No longer in business	\$7.84
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Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz made a motion to approve the tax release that was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved by unanimous roll-call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

Amendment to Zoning Map

Council Member Brinkley made a motion to open a public hearing that was seconded by Council Member Herring-Redd and approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

Planning Director Rod Fritz stated that the applicants, Carrie Gurganious and Eric Forbes requested the 58.6 acres be rezoned from RA-20MH (residential, minimum lot size 20,000 sq.ft., mobile homes allowed) to I (Industrial). He added that the property is contiguous to other I zoned property and development plans are similar to parcels immediately to the south and northeast.

Council Member Brinkley made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Council Member Herring-Redd and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Old Business

Action on Public Hearing Item

Council Member Brinkley made a motion to amend the Town's Zoning Map and approve the Reasonableness Statement for RZ#2023-01 that was seconded by Council Member Herring Redd and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Adopt Declarations to Repeal and Enact Speed Limits

Manager Taylor that last month the Council formally requested NCDOT (North Carolina Department of Transportation extend the 25 MPH speed zone on Main Street from SR 1165

(Rockfish Street) to Teachey Road. In order to complete the process DOT requested the Town repeal the original 25 MPH zone and enact the new zone by Declaration.

Council Member Brinkley made a motion to approve a Certification of Municipal Declaration To Repeal Speed Limits and Request Concurrence. The motion was seconded by Council Member Herring-Redd and unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

Council Member Herring-Redd made a motion to approve a Certification of Municipal Declaration To Enact Speed Limits and Request for Concurrence that was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved by unanimous roll-call vote.

Adopt Resolution Designating a Local Historical Landmark

Manager Taylor stated that when the Council established the Woman's Club Advisory Commission the former Women's Club members requested the facility become a dedicated community building and the historic nature of it be preserved. Since the Town owns the property a preservation easement is not an option but an alternative is to designate the facility as a local historic landmark by resolution and work toward obtaining a roadside marker from NCDOT and possible addition to the National Register of Historic Places.

Council Member Herring-Redd made a motion to adopt Resolution 22.23.14 Designating the Wallace Women's Club As A Local Historic Landmark (Parcel ID#: 09-E107). The motion was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

New Business

Approval of Audit Contract for FY 2022-2023

Manager Taylor said the Town's auditor Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., P.A. have submitted a bid for auditing services for the coming year and recommended approval.

Council Member Brinkley made a motion to adopt the proposed contract which was seconded by Council Member Herring-Redd and approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

Budget Amendment 23.04 for PARTF (Parks & Recreation Trust Fund) Grant

Manager Taylor asked for approval of this budget amendment to transfer \$206,268 from the General Fund to a Capital Project Fund using money received from the ARPA grant. This is half from this fiscal year and half next fiscal year.

Council Member Herring-Redd made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 23.04. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved by unanimous roll-call vote.

Amendment with Town of Teachey Water Contract

Manager Taylor indicated that a request had come from the Town of Teachey to amend the water contract from 2 million gallons to 3 million gallons. They need the increase to meet State guidelines without having to build their own water tower.

Council Member Brinkley made a motion to approve the amendment that was seconded by Council Member Herring-Redd and unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

Appointment of NCLM (North Carolina League of Municipalities) Voting Delegate Financial Reports

Town Clerk Jackie Nicholson asked the Council to formally appoint Council Member Francisco Riva-Diaz as the voting delegate to cast the Town's vote for the 2023 NCLM Board of Directors.

Council Member Brinkley made a motion to make that appointment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Herring-Redd and approved by unanimous roll-call vote.

Budget Amendment to Purchase Police Car

Manager Taylor asked the Council to approve Budget Amendment 23.05 to purchase a police car. There is a car available for purchase in this fiscal year instead of 3 cars next year because of the availability.

Council Member Herring-Redd made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 23.05 which was seconded by Council Member Brinkey and unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

Council Reports

Council Member Herring-Redd stated that it was her desire to keep the vision of the late Council Member Wannetta Carlton alive and has met with her sister to discuss. Herring-Redd reminded everyone that the Strawberry Festival is coming up.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Wells said that the old Rockfish County Club is starting to look like a junkyard. He also said if a complaint about high grass is received the property owner should get a notification.

Town Manager's Report

Manager Taylor reported that the easements are ready for closing. The Town is going to have to request more funding for the water wells project as the bids came in approximately \$1 million higher than expected. Phase 2 of the sewer rehab project is ready to bid, Little Rockfish Creek plans have been submitted and the Golden Leaf project for Currie/Duplin St. bid opening is April 20. Taylor stated that Medical Village Drive will be surveyed and transferred to the Town, a PO has been issued for water line replacement on Harrell St. and when complete it will be paved. The sidewalk at Piggly-Wiggly is repaired.

Closed session

Council Member Brinkley made a motion to go into closed session (G.S.143-318.11(a)(3)(5)) that was seconded by Council Member Herring-Redd and unanimously approved.

Manager Taylor said he received an inquiry about an offer that was made regarding a property that was damaged by the Town and asked how they would like to proceed.

Airport Manager Gage King summerized activity on property the Town is trying to acquire to expand the Airport and the Council agreed to making an offer.

Council Member Brinkley made a motion to end the closed session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Herring-Redd and approved by unanimous roll-call vote.

Council Member Jeff Carter made a motion to offer just compensation at fair market value to the property owner that was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and unainmoulsy approved by roll-call vote.

With there being no other business to discuss at this time, Council Member Brinkley made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Council Member Herring-Redd and approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Wells, Mayor

Jacqueline Nicholson, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

TOWN OF WALLACE

Resolution 22.23.14
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING WALLACE WOMAN’S CLUB AS
A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

Parcel ID#: 09-E107

WHEREAS, the Wallace Community Building was originally constructed in 1939 and funded by the efforts of the Wallace Woman’s Club; and

WHEREAS, the building was designed by local architect Leslie Boney; and

WHEREAS, the facility has an important historic significance to the Wallace Community; and

WHEREAS, the Wallace Woman’s Club had managed the facility until their dissolution; and

WHEREAS, upon the Woman’s Club dissolution, Town Council established an advisory commission to assist in the preservation of the facility in September 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council agrees that the facility should be preserved due to its important historic relevance to the community and that it be maintained as a community center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of Wallace hereby makes the following proclamation:

- 1. The Property has distinguishing architectural characteristics of a period, style, method of construction, indigenous materials, or craftsmanship.**
- 2. The building was designed by Wallace native architect, Leslie Boney who has a number of works listed on the National Register of Historic Places.**
- 3. The Property has a special historic interest or value as part of the cultural, political, economic or social history of the community.**

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council does hereby designate the Property located at 216 NE Railroad Street, known and designated on the tax map of the Town of Wallace as Parcel ID# 09-E107 as a historic landmark.

This resolution is effective upon its adoption this 13th day of April 2023.

Jason Wells, Mayor

Attest:

{SEAL}

Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WALLACE
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #4

GENERAL FUND

Fiscal Year 22-23

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Wallace, North Carolina the following amendments be made to the General Fund Budget			
Section I:	General Fund		
Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
10-6600-980	Transfers Out	\$206,268.00	-
10-6600-975	Fund Balance Appropriation	\$206,268.00	-
	TOTALS		

Transfer half of PARTF Grant match. Remaining amount will be transferred next butget year.

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 13, 2023

Attest:

 Jackie Nicholson
 Town Clerk

 Jason Wells
 Mayor

TOWN OF WALLACE
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #5

GENERAL FUND

Fiscal Year 22-23

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Wallace, North Carolina the following amendments be made to the General Fund Budget			
Section I:	General Fund		
Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
10-5100-740	Capital Outlay	\$60,000.00	-
10-3970-090	Issuance of Debt	\$(48,000.00)	-
10-3990-000	Fund Balance Appropriation	\$(12,000.00)	
	TOTALS		

Increase funds to purchase and finance police car

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 13, 2023

Attest:

 Jackie Nicholson
 Town Clerk

 Jason Wells
 Mayor