

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade met in regular session November 13, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Wade Town Hall.

**Board Present**

Mayor Huell Aekins  
Commissioner Joseph Dixon  
Commissioner John Nunnery  
Commissioner Raymond Edwards  
Commissioner Johnny Lanthorn  
Commissioner Noelle Kendrick

**Visitors**

Mrs. Denise Sykes, JPB  
Mr. Donovan McLaurin, JPB  
1 Wade Citizen

Mayor Aekins called the meeting to order and Commissioner Dixon opened with prayer.

**Agenda Adoption**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Nunnery made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Minutes of the October 9, 2012 regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Reports**

Board Members reviewed and discussed the reports. Commissioner Nunnery made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Water Department**

Board Members held a general discussion concerning well location and production. Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve the October Water Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Business Items**

**Speakers from the Floor**

Mayor Aekins informed the Board that no one had signed up to address the Board under the Speakers from the Floor agenda item.

**Committee Reports**

**Beautification** – Commissioner Lanthorn reported that he had been gathering information regarding LED lights that could be used at the flagpoles. He explained that with this type of lighting there would only need to be one light for all three poles. He stated that this light was approximately \$650 for the one light. The Board held a discussion regarding the fact that the one light would use fewer amps than the 3 lights that were currently being used.

Mr. Lanthorn informed the Board that this type of light had a long usage life and that PWC was using this type of light near the Veteran's Park. Following discussion of the issue, Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the purchase of the LED light. Commissioner Nunnery seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Board Members also held a discussion regarding the type of plants that should be put in the plant bed around the flagpoles. Different options were discussed and Commissioner Lanthorn stated that he would continue to do research to determine what would work the best.

**Park** – Commissioner Dixon stated that due to the amount of wind he was sure that there were limbs down that needed to be taken care of. The Board discussed the issue of whether additional trees needed to be planted at the park to replace the river birch trees that had died. Commissioner Dixon stated that the fence line still needed to be cleaned out. Commissioner Kendrick questioned whether or not a response had been received from the property owner who was issued the letter regarding the tree that was leaning over onto the Town's park property. Commissioner Nunnery stated that he felt that the tree was soon going to fall. Mayor Aekins informed the Board that no response had been received since the letter had been mailed, but the overall goal according to Mr. Jackson was merely to put the owner on notice that the Town was aware of the problem with the tree. Mayor Aekins stated that he felt nothing would happen in regard to the problem until the tree finally fell. Commissioner Edwards questioned the possibility of the Town renting a grinder to clean up the fallen limbs and trees. Commissioner Lanthorn stated that a 6" grinder rented for about \$250 per day. Commissioner Edwards also suggested that an option may be to put a grapple on the Town's large tractor to assist with the cleanup of the areas. Following discussion of this issue it was agreed that such purchases should be considered with the budgeting process. Mayor Aekins stated that additional research may be needed.

**Streets** – Commissioner Dixon stated that for now the streets were maintaining and that Mr. Christian was doing a good job keeping the water blown off of Olive St. after each rain. Commissioner Edwards questioned when the piles of asphalt from the Eastover Sanitary District Project would be cleaned up. Commissioner Lanthorn reported that he was informed that the punch list items would be worked on before the week was out.

### **Staggered Terms**

Mayor Aekins explained that Mr. Jackson had prepared for the Board a schedule for staggering the terms with 6 Commissioners. He asked that Board Members consider what action they would like to take before Mr. Jackson proceeded any further. Commissioner Lanthorn stated that he would suggest leaving the number at 5 commissioners due to the current population of the Town. Board Members discussed the issue and considered both the pros and cons of adding an additional Commissioner. Commissioner Lanthorn stated that without staggered terms the entire Board could be removed from office at the same time. The Board also discussed how the process of staggering would take place. Commissioner Kendrick stated that she felt that most public Boards had staggered terms to avoid a complete change over in authority. Following discussion of the issue, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to leave the terms and number of Board members as is until the Town was larger. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. Commissioners Edwards, Nunnery and Dixon voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Lanthorn and Kendrick voted in opposition of the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

### **Announcements**

Mayor Aekins informed the Board that the tree would be delivered and planted by the Fayetteville Cumberland Parks & Recreation Department on Wednesday. Commissioner

Nunnery stated that because Founder's Day was the first Saturday day in June perhaps a good date for the tree lighting would be the first Saturday in December. Commissioner Nunnery inquired what the Board would like to have along with the tree lighting such as cider, cocoa, cookies or other refreshments. Commissioner Dixon stated that he had talked to several people who were excited about the tree lighting and who offered to help with the arrangements. He also suggested getting some signs like were used at Founder's Day to help get the word out. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett stated that she could print flyers and put them around Town as well as putting it on the December water bill. Commissioner Dixon informed the Board that the tree was a 14' Leland Cyprus that was approximately 10' around at the bottom. Commissioner Nunnery stated that after a year's growth once the root system was established the tree would thicken up. Commissioner Dixon stated that the tree would be planted in the center of the area in front of the new shelter. He also stated that consideration was being given to putting a split rail fence around the tree. A discussion was held regarding getting a power supply to the tree.

It was agreed that ceremony would be December 1<sup>st</sup> no later than 6:00 P.M. Discussion was held regarding the size and type of lights for the tree. Board Members agreed that multi colored lights would be best. Commisisoner Lanthorn made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to purchase 10 sets of 50 ft. lights for the tree. The motion passed unanimously. It was also agreed that the Town would provide light refreshments. It was also suggested that the Community Building may be an option for the location of the refreshments.

Donovan McLaurin stated that he felt that the issue of the development of the Town's Zoning Ordinance and Board of Adjustment should again be brought to the attention of the Planning Staff. Mr. McLaurin stated that he felt the process for this development was taking too long. He stated that he too would be working on bringing attention to this matter.

Commissioner Kendrick commented that she was concerned with the Town's expenses for internet and phone with Time Warner and Centurylink. She stated that the rates to her seemed extreme and questioned if perhaps the contracts for these utilities could be renegotiated.

Mayor Aekins reminded the Board of the December 7, 2012 Christmas party at 7:00 P.M. at the Brass Lantern Restaurant.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Huell Aekins, Mayor

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Cindy C. Burchett, Town Clerk