

TOWN OF WALLACE
Continued Meeting
January 25, 2024
5:30 p.m.

The Town Council of the Town of Wallace continued its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

The following Governing Body members were present:

Mayor Jason Wells
Council Member/ Mayor Pro-Tem Francisco Rivas-Diaz
Council Member Frank Brinkley
Council Member Jason Davis
Council Member Tasha Herring
Council Member Penny Thorne (via Zoom)

The following Governing Body members were absent:

None

Also present were:

Rob Taylor, Town Manager (via Zoom)	Joseph Trollinger, Finance Director
Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk	Abby Cavenaugh, <i>Duplin Times</i>
Jimmy Crayton, Police Chief	Dwayne Peterson
Taylor Johnson, Fire Chier	

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

Approve Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at Upcomming Events Being Held at the Depot

Town Manager Rob Taylor said Charley Fariior was applying for ABC permits for the Depot Gala on March 23 and the Strawberry Festival, May 3rd and 4th. Since these events are on Town property the Council must approve the sale/consumption of alcohol.

Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz made a motion to allow alcohol at both of these events. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tasha Herring and unanimously approved.

Resolution Opposing Insurance Increases

Manager Taylor referred to the North Carolina Rate Bureau's proposed increase to homeowner's insurance, approximately 71.3% in Duplin County. The public can contact the insurance commissioner directly and are encouraged to do so. Manager Taylor stated that other jurisdictions are voicing their opinions through resolutions in opposition to the increase and asked the Council to approve such a resolution.

Council Member Frank Brinkley made a motion to adopt Resolution Opposing Rate Increase By The North Carolina Rate Bureau's Application For An Increase In Homewoners' Insurance Rates 23-24-15 the motion was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote.

Select Firm for Design/Build Public Safety Center

Manager Taylor stated that in December 6 responses were received for design/build of the Public Safety Center and the committee narrowed that down to 2 firms that were interviewed and the committee selected Jackson Builders. Mayor Wells, Council Member Brinkley, Police Chief Jimmy Crayton, Fire Chief Taylor Johnson and Dwayne Peterson were all on the committee and each took a turn explaining how they reached their decision. The next steps were also discussed.

Council Member Jason Davis made a motion to engage the services of Jackson Builders to design/build the Public Safety Center, seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Wells, Mayor

Jacqueline Nicholson, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk