

**TOWN OF WALLACE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
February 21, 2019
7:30 p.m.**

The Town Council of the Town of Wallace held a special called meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2019 to fill a vacant seat on the Town Council and to conduct additional business.

The following Governing Body members were present:

Mayor Charles C. Farrior, Jr.
Council Member/ Mayor Pro-Tem Warren Hepler
Council Member Wannetta Carlton
Council Member Jeffrey Carter
Council Member Jason Wells

The following Governing Body members were absent:

NONE

Also present were:

Stevie Cox, Town Manager	Anna Heath, Town Attorney
Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk	Katherine Bunch, GM/FO Wallace ABC Board
Jimmy Crayton, Police Chief	Henry Campbell, Wallace ABC Board
Shameshia Fennell, Finance Director	Harriet Farrior
Gage King, Airport Manager	Diane McNamara, Wallace ABC Board
Frank Brinkley	Joseph Merritt
Kenny Brooks	Brenda Rivas-Diaz
Dean Bunch	Francisco Rivas-Diaz
	Abby Cavanaugh, Duplin Times

Mayor Charley Farrior called the meeting to order. A quorum of the governing body members was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

As the first item of business the Council reviewed the proposed meeting agenda. Council Member Jason Wells made a motion to adopt the agenda that was seconded by Council Member Jeff Carter and approved by unanimous vote.

Mayor Farrior stated that the Council should formally accept the resignation of Council Member Liz Skeenes before proceeding with an appointment.

Council Member Carter made a motion to formally accept the resignation of Council Member Skeenes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wells and approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment Period

Mr. Frank Brinkley said that whatever decision is made regarding the appointment to the vacant seat on the Council should be made with the best interest of the Town in mind.

Appointment to Vacant Seat on Town Council

Mayor Farior called for discussion of the appointment. Council Member Wells said that he has spoken with some people who were interested in being appointed as well as citizens. He said that what he heard was that it should be fair and the fairest way was to appoint the individual who received the next most votes which was Frank Brinkley.

Council Member Wells made a motion to appoint Frank Brinkley to the vacant seat on the Town Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hepler and approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Award of the Demolition of a Hangar at the Airport

Airport Manager Gage King said the lowest bidder was not qualified because he did not have insurance and asked the Council to award the bid for demolition of the hangar to Brooks Construction.

Council Member Wells made a motion to award the demolition of a hangar to Brooks Construction in the amount of \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of a Three (3) Year Fam Lease Agreement

Airport Manager King stated that the lease expired in January and recommended a three (3) year lease with two (2) one (1) year renewals. The consensus of the Council was to move forward with advertising the property for lease.

Approval of a Budget Amendment for Town Hall HVAC System Replacement and Painting the Wallace Women's Club Project

Finance Director Shameshia Fennell presented Budget Amendment FY 2018-19 #9 to appropriate funds from fund balance in order to paint the Wallace Women's Club and replace the Town Hall HVAC system. The projects were approved at the Council meeting last week and the budget amendment will allow both projects to be completed in this fiscal year.

Council Member Hepler made a motion to approve budget amendment FY 2018-19 #9. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wannetta Carlton and approved by unanimous vote.

Presentation by the Wallace ABC Board

Ms. Katherine Bunch, GM/FO, Wallace ABC Board, spoke to the Council about contacting local legislators to oppose privatization of liquor sales and to support modernization of the system. The Town receives a percentage of the stores profits for both the general fund and the police department. Privatization would have a negative effect on these revenues that the Town depends upon. Ms. Bunch presented a Resolution for adoption by the Council

Council Member Hepler made a motion to adopt the Resolution In Support Of The Current ABC Control System For The Sale of Liquor (with corrections by the Town Attorney). The motion was seconded by Council Member Wells and approved by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to conduct Council Member Wells made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Council Member Carlton and approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor

Jacqueline Nicholson, CMC
Town Clerk

Town of Wallace
Budget Ordinance Amendment #9
For Budget 2018-19

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, 2019:			
Section I:	GENERAL FUND		
EXPENDITURES:			
Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
10-5000-151	WOMENS CLUB PAINTING	\$11,600.00	
10-5000-152	INSTALLATION OF HVAC SYSTEM AT TOWN HALL	\$9,400.00	
Section II:	GENERAL FUND		
REVENUES:			
Account Number	Account Description	Decrease	Increase
10-3990-000	APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		\$21,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00

Section III: 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 the 21st day of February, 2019

Attest:

Jacqueline Nicholson, Town Clerk

Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor

RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF THE CURRENT ABC CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE SALE OF
LIQUOR

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Town of Wallace voted to permit the sale of liquor through the establishment of an ABC Board, which is a part of the North Carolina's control system for the sale of spirituous liquors;

WHEREAS, North Carolina is a "control" state and private retail liquor stores are prohibited;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly's nonpartisan Program Evaluation Division (PED) was directed to examine whether other systems for alcohol beverage control, including privatized systems, are appropriate for North Carolina, specially to include the State of Washington, which recently changed its beverage control system from state government control of wholesale and retail control of spirituous liquor to a licensure model;

WHEREAS, The PED Report, "Changing How North Carolina Controls Liquor Sales Has Operational, Regulatory, and Financial Ramifications", released on February 11, 2019, (1) did not recommend privatization, (2) found that among the southeastern states, NC collects the most revenue per gallon, has the lowest outlet density and has the second lowest per capita consumption; and (3) the PED expects retail liquor consumption to increase by 20% with privatization.

WHEREAS, for fiscal year ending 2018, local ABC boards distributed \$430,635,861: County-City Distributions \$80 million; State General Fund \$323 million; Local Alcohol Education/Treatment \$13 million; Local Law Enforcement \$8.8 million; Rehabilitation Services \$5 million; Operation of ABC Commission/Warehouse \$17.7 million.

WHEREAS, North Carolina is unique as it allows communities to vote to establish local ABC boards for the sale of liquor in their communities, with liquor profits distributed back to those communities, thereby reducing the need to increase local property taxes.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Town of Wallace, in voting to permit the operation of ABC stores, did not vote to allow spirits to be sold in private retail liquor stores and did not vote to allow spirits to be sold in retail outlets where beer and wine are sold;

WHEREAS, No State funds are spent to distribute or sell liquor as the state and local operation of the ABC system is receipt supported;

WHEREAS, Of the 50 states, North Carolina ranks 44th lowest in consumption per capita and 7th highest in revenue per capita and NC's ABC system accomplishes both revenue and public health, welfare and safety objectives;

WHEREAS, when Washington State privatized its liquor system the number of retail

outlets increased from 328 to over 1400, hours of sale/week increased from 73 to 140 hours, and Washington State received only \$30.75 million from auctioning off the rights to apply for retail spirits permits at 167 stores;

WHEREAS, privatization will result in a marked increase in the number of outlets, longer hours of sale, greater advertising and more promotion and significantly more consumption; and the 9,000 outlets in NC that sell beer/wine off-premises could be permitted to sell liquor in a privatized system;

WHEREAS, local revenue from ABC stores operations is important to the Town of Wallace;

WHEREAS, local control over the sale of liquor is an important function.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Town of Wallace desires to retain North Carolina's current control system for the sale of liquor and believes that privatization of liquor will lead to many adverse effects.

By: _____

Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____