

TOWN OF WALLACE
Continued meeting
October 16, 2019
5:30 p.m.

The Town Council of the Town of Wallace continued its monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 in the Council Chambers.

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 member was absent:
Council Member Frank Brinkley

Also present were:

Larry Bergman, Town Manager	Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk
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Mayor Charley Farrior reconvened the meeting with a quorum of the governing body members present.

Overview

Town Manager Larry Bergman stated that he is seeking more detailed input on some current items and prioritization of proposed major facilities projects for the future. A follow-up on delinquent taxes, collection practices and escalation measures and options for solid waste collection.

Delinquent Tax Follow-up

A list of the top ten (10) delinquent tax accounts by amount was provided. Manager Bergman said that current collection methods include: reminder bills sent the first week of December, NC Debt Setoff from state tax refunds and Education lottery winnings, Zacchaeus Legal Services handles foreclosures for a fee that is paid by the taxpayer and bank attachments and wage garnishments. The Council indicated that they would like to see a bit more pressure put on these folks and find out if the Duplin County taxes have been paid.

Discussion of Solid Waste Services

Manager Bergman said that although the Council had approved a renewal contract with Tons of Trash at the September meeting, Tons of Trash has not executed the contract. The Town has the option of bidding out the services, negotiating an agreement with Tons of Trash, providing in-house service or a hybrid of contracted services and in-house. The Council discussed each option and directed the manager to prepare to bid out for services as well as calculate the in-house cost.

Review of Insights/ Capital Project Review

Manager Bergman discussed in some detail the items brought to the Council by Interim Town Manager Ralph Clark prior to his departure including staffing, safety, rental of Town property, funding of future capital project such as two (2) new wells, fire station, relocation of Public Services and the Boney Mill Pond. Mr. Bergman on prioritizing projects and creating a task list for moving forward. The Council provided feedback and their thoughts on future growth, maintaining what is already here and attracting new business.

Other items – Substandard Sized Lots and Holiday Inn Lift Station

Also discussed was the Holiday Inn Lift Station and some mobile home lots in the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) that are smaller than six-thousand square feet which is the zoning for that area.

The Council also considered a request that had been made to discount fishing permits for Town employees and veterans. The consensus of the Council was to provide at no charge.

There being no further business to discuss. Council Member Hepler made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wells and approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor

Jacqueline Nicholson, CMC
Town Clerk