

TOWN OF WALLACE
Continued meeting
December 17, 2020
6:00 p.m.

The Town Council of the Town of Wallace continued its monthly meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 6 pm in the Council Chambers.

The following Governing Body members were present:

Mayor Charles C. Farrior, Jr.
Council Member/ Mayor Pro-Tem Wannetta Carlton
Council Member Frank Brinkley (via Zoom)
Council Member Jeffrey Carter (arrived late)
Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz
Council Member Jason Wells

The following Governing Body members were absent:

NONE

Also present were:

Larry Bergman, Town Manager	Anna Heath, Town Attorney (via Zoom)
Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk	Twig Rollins, Zoning & Code Enforcement
Rod Fritz, Planning Director (via Zoom)	Marlane Carcopo (via Zoom)

Mayor Charley Farrior reconvened the meeting with a quorum of the governing body members present and said he would like to move item #4 Valley Proteins Agreement Language Discussion to the end of the meeting with item #6 Cardinal Foods/Town of Burgaw Updates in a closed session.

Council Member Jason Wells made a motion to approve the agenda as proposed that was seconded by Council Member Wannetta Carlton and approved unanimously.

Food Truck Ordinance Consideration

Town Manager Larry Bergman said that at the last meeting the Council discussed the applicability of the ordinance to vendors at Wells Stockyard which is in the ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction) and operates on Thursdays and Saturdays. The intent of the ordinance is to exclude the Stockyard and language stated that was added. Manager Bergman said once the ordinance is adopted, applications will be prepared and get the word out about the new regulations.

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve the Town of Wallace Food Truck Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote.

NC General Statutes 160D Update Review

Manager Bergman said that a public hearing is scheduled for the January meeting to adopt the update UDO (Unified Development Ordinance) to comply with N.C.G.S. 160D. The update was done by Wes MacLeod with the CFCOG (Cape Fear Council of Governments) who will be present for the public hearing. Manager Bergman provided an overview. It was suggested that specific questions be sent in advance of the January 14 public hearing/meeting to Mr. MacLeod.

Discussion segued into updating the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Manager Bergman said Planning Director Rod Fritz told him the COG couldn't do the update and it could cost around \$35,000. Mr. Fritz recommended an amendment to the agreement with Ben Simpson (Benesch) who is already doing some work for the Town. His cost would be about \$10,000.

Council Member Jeff Carter made a motion to engage the services of Ben Simpson, Benesch, to update the Parks & Recreation Master Plan for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 which was seconded by Council Member Wells and approved by unanimous vote.

Strategic Planning Next Steps

Manager Bergman reminded the Council that in June they began discussing a strategic plan. At that time, they discussed the Mission, Vision and Core Values. He presented a draft set of focus areas and community goals based on the previous discussion and talked through how the process would move forward with the goals by considering them during the budget process.

Closed Session

Council Member Wells made a motion to go into closed session to discuss items related to economic development. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and unanimously approved (G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)).

The Council discussed Cardinal Foods plans to begin processing sweet potatoes and how it would impact the flow received from the Town of Burgaw, particularly BOD (Biochemical oxygen demand). The Council also discussed the status of the Valley Proteins project.

Council Member Wells made a motion to end the closed session which was seconded by Council Member Carlton and approved by unanimous vote.

Anonymous Utility Donor and Town Participation Discussion

Council Member Frank Brinkley prefaced this discussion by stating that when these individuals came to him they made no mention of the Town matching or participating in any way. Manager Bergman said Finance Director Shameshia Fennell and Customer Service Representative Lillie Winston met with the anonymous donors who asked for the top twenty (20) delinquent utility bills due to COVID-19. The total is \$6,087.75 and the donors collected \$3,500.00 leaving a balance of \$2,587.75. The Council discussed whether or not to participate for that amount but ultimately determined that the private citizens could choose to help the top twenty but the Town had to consider all citizens and would look for another way to offer assistance. There was no action taken on this matter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Farior, Jr., Mayor

Jacqueline Nicholson, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk