

**TOWN OF WALLACE**  
**Continued meeting**  
**April 22, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m.**

The Town Council of the Town of Wallace continued its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 22, 2021 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  
Council Member Jeffrey Carter  
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
Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk	Jeremy Strickland
	Curt Simpson, Duplin Times

Mayor Charley Farrior reconvened the meeting with a quorum of the governing body members present and recognized Council Member Wannetta Carlton who wanted everyone to know that on May 1 from 11 am to 2 pm the Mt. Calvary Center for Leadership Development is holding a family day and all are invited. Ms. Carlton also expressed her interest in establishing a COVID vaccination day sponsored by the Town where no appointment is required.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Farrior asked to add a discussion of the sale of Town property at the end of the meeting as an offer has been made on the Public Services property on Murphy Street and Council approval of consumption of alcohol at the Depot for a birthday/retirement party. These items were added to the agenda by a consensus of the members.

Approval of April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Farrior called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2021 meeting. Town Clerk Jackie Nicholson added that approved minutes needed to be included in a PARTF (Parks & Recreation Trust Fund) grant application due prior to the next regular Council meeting.

Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz pointed out a typo on page 5. Council Member Jason Wells made a motion to approve the minutes with that correction. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carlton and approved unanimously.

#### Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Duplin County to Collect Property Taxes

Town Manager Larry Bergman said at the April 8 meeting the Council voted to enter into a contract with Duplin County to collect the Town's property taxes. There are three (3) items for Council action, a resolution authorizing Duplin County to collect the Town's taxes, a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to enter into a contract to collect taxes and an interlocal agreement.

Council Member Wells made a motion that was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz to approve a Resolution Authorizing the County of Duplin to Collect Taxes for the Town of Wallace. The motion carried by a 3:2 vote with Council Members Frank Brinkley and Jeff Carter voting no.

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Duplin County for Tax Collections. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carlton and approved by a 3:2 vote with Council Members Brinkley and Carter voting no.

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve and Interlocal Agreement for Collection of Taxes Between County of Duplin and Town of Wallace being seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and approved by a 3:2 vote with Council Members Brinkley and Carter voting no.

#### Consideration of a Consensus to do Preliminary Work Related to Potential NCDEQ (North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality) Loan Funding for Utility Projects

Manager Bergman stated that the Town has previously submitted projects to NCDEQ for grants or low interest loan, conditional awards for funding through low interest loans has been received. In order to remain eligible to receive the funding some milestones must be met. The Town has no financial obligation until construction bids are awarded. He added that the amount of the loan can be reduced if other funding is received. Manager Bergman asked for a consensus to work toward meeting these milestones so the funding will not be lost.

Council Member Brinkley made a motion to continue to proceed with the funding requirements for these two (2) loans. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wells and approved by unanimous vote.

#### Discussion of Town Policy on Town Supplied Individual/Residential Sewer Pumps/Grinder Pumps

Manager Bergman said that there are approximately thirty (30) residences in town that have a small residential lift station/sewer pump/grinder pump to prevent sewage backup which have been provided and installed by the Town with the property owner responsible for maintenance,

repair and electricity costs. A certain property owner believes his lift station/sewer pump/grinder pump is not sufficient during rain events because the sewer line it runs to is either at or near capacity and/or has significant infiltration issues. The property owner was not aware of the lift station/sewer pump/grinder pump when the property was purchased and does not want to be responsible for maintenance and repair. He contends that since the pump is necessary that responsibility should belong to the Town. Manager Bergman stated this is not the current policy or practice and asked the Council if they think the policy should be changed. One suggestion was to move the lateral to Graham St. rather than Boney St., which will be explored. Manager Bergman will work on clarifying the policy.

#### Establishing a Meeting Date for Budget Sub-committee Meeting

Manager Bergman asked when would be a good time for the Budget Sub-committee to meet? Mayor Farris, Council Members Brinkley and Carlton scheduled a meeting for Thursday, May 6 at 5:30 pm.

#### Follow-up items – FEMA Disaster Report (updated) and Utility Capacity Fees Information

Manager Bergman provided an updated Disaster Report, with an additional column, and tables of System Development Fees (Capacity) from the UNC School of Government NC Water and Wastewater Rates Dashboard for their information.

#### Allow Consumption of Alcohol at an Event at the Depot

Mayor Farris said Forrest Murray is having a birthday/retirement party at the Depot and although he would not be serving alcohol, he expected his guests to bring their own. Mr. Murray asked for permission to allow alcohol to be consumed. Mayor Farris said he would need to have a Wallace Police Officer there which the Council supported.

Council Member Carter made a motion to allow alcohol to be consumed at Forrest Murray's party at the Depot as long as a Wallace Police Officer is there. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved unanimously.

#### Discussion of Offer to Purchase Town Property

The Public Works property has been for sale for a few years in anticipation of moving the department to the Armory. The Council discussed a counteroffer and directed Mayor Farris and Manager Bergman to negotiate with the potential buyer. Prior to the purchase the property needs to be rezoned since it is currently zoned residential.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor

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Jacqueline Nicholson, MMC, NCCMC  
Town Clerk

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
TOWN OF WALLACE**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF DUPLIN TO COLLECT TAXES  
FOR THE TOWN OF WALLACE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes in Chapter 160A, Article 20, local governments may enter into Interlocal Agreements in order to provide for one unit to have powers or functions within the other unit's jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the Town of Wallace has requested the County of Duplin to collect real estate taxes and personal property taxes levied by the Town on property located within Duplin County;

WHEREAS, the County of Duplin is in agreement to collect real estate taxes and personal property taxes levied by the Town of Wallace on property located in Duplin County;

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest and public benefit of the citizens of Wallace that the County of Duplin collect real estate taxes and personal property taxes levied by the Town of Wallace on property located within Duplin County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wallace Town Council hereby approves the Duplin County Tax Collector as the Tax Collector for the Town of Wallace, effective July 1, 2021, for the collection of real estate and personal property taxes levied by the Town on property located within Duplin County. That this resolution shall continue in effect until and unless repealed by the Wallace Town Council.

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2021.

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Charles C. Fariior, Jr., Mayor

Attested to:

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Jacqueline Nicholson, Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH DUPLIN COUNTY FOR TAX COLLECTION**

WHEREAS, Duplin County has the capability and willingness to collect real estate and personal property taxes levied by the Town of Wallace on property located within Duplin County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wallace desires to enter into an inter-local agreement for Duplin County's tax collection services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wallace Town Council that the Town Manager is authorized to execute and Interlocal Agreement for tax collection services with Duplin County, as attached and made part of this resolution by reference, and that the Duplin County Board of Commissioners is authorized to direct the Duplin County Tax Collector, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 105-321, to collect real estate and personal property taxes levied by the Town of Wallace on property located within Duplin County taxes.

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2021.

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Charles C. Farris, Jr., Mayor

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Jacqueline Nicholson, Town Clerk