

**TOWN OF WALLACE
Continued Meeting
February 22, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

The Town Council of the Town of Wallace continued its monthly meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2024 at 7:00 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

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	Cam Lee, Planning Board Chair
Rod Fritz, Planning Director	

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

Authorize Manager and Attorney to Finalize Contract

Town Manager Rob Taylor said he and Town Attorney Anna Herring had reviewed and recommended some changes to the contract with Jackson Builders for the public safety building. Jackson Builders has yet to review. Manager Taylor asked the Council to allow himself and the Town Attorney to negotiate and finalize the contract in order to keep moving forward.

Council Member Frank Brinkley made a motion to authorize the changes and allow the Town Manager and Town Attorney to finalize the contract and sign it. The motion was seconded by Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz and unanimously approved.

Discussion of Apartments on the First Floor in the Downtown Area

Planning Board Chair Cam Lee said that prohibiting this type of development is consistent with the Town's Land Use Plan, no other town in North Carolina allows ground floor apartments downtown and the Planning Board is opposed to it. Planning Director Rod Fritz explained the data he collected and who he spoke to regarding this issue. The Council discussed the matter including some of their concerns if it was allowed and the conclusion of the Council was to make no change to the UDO (Unified Development Ordinance) or the Land Use Plan.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Wells, Mayor

Jacqueline Nicholson, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk