



**TOWN OF WADESBORO  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WADESBORO TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING ROOM  
205 EAST MORGAN STREET, WADESBORO, NC 28170**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 4, 2025,</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>
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**OPENING OF MEETING**

Mayor Fred Davis called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and presided.

Councilmembers in attendance are as follows: Ida Cason, Jo Ann Bennett, Chipper Long, Lawrence Parsons Garrett Snuggs and Town Attorney Patrick Baker.

Department Heads in attendance are as follows: Fire Chief Scott Martain, Public Works Director Nick Griffin, Maureen Mason, and Interim Police Chief Thedis Spencer.

**INVOCATION**

Councilmember Jo Ann Bennett

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Lawrence Parsons made a motion and Councilmember Jo Ann Bennett seconded the approval of the agenda Motion approved by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Chipper Long a motion and Councilmember Lawrence Parsons seconded the approval of the following: Minutes from July 7, 2025, Rescind project amendments 62,68,83 from May 5, 2025, council meeting, and approval of 2025 Emergency Management Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion approved by a vote of 5 for 0 against.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – John Liles from 1305 Center Street addressed council on cleaning up abandoned home across the street from his residence, and to commend Town Manager on the 9.5M grant for wastewater systems upgrades.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Lawrence Parsons seconded the approval of amending the approved FY 25-26 fee schedule, changing reconnect fee from 75.00 back to 50.00, copy of budget book from 50.00 to no fee and copy of annual finance report from 75.00 to no fee. Motion was approved by a vote of 5 for 0 against.

Councilmember Garrett Snuggs made a motion and Councilmember Ida Cason seconded the approval for contracted services with Centralina to administer grant application for 850k Streetscape Project. Motion was approved by a vote 4 for 1 against (Chipper Long)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Jo Ann Bennett seconded the approval of the following: Operating Budget General Fund Amendment 10-08-25/26-1 Water/Sewer Fund Budget Amendment 30-08-26/26-1, Budget Amendment 89-26/26-1 for Splashpad ,Professional Service Engagement Letter with DMJPS CPA for overseeing preparation of financial statements from JB Watson & CO formally known as Potter & CO, Resolution for Local Water Supply Plan and Professional Engagement Letter with GWI Tax &Accounting Motion approved by a vote of 5 for 0 against.

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Jo Ann Bennett seconded the approval for Contracted Services between Management Solutions for Emergency Services and the Wadesboro Fire Department. Motion was approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Lawrence Parsons seconded approval for Contracted Services with Hugh James for Zoning Services. Motion was approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Lawrence Parsons seconded approval for Contracted Services with H&S Paving LLC. Motion was approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Jo Ann Bennett seconded approval for Contracted Services with Kingdom Warrior Construction LLC for Building Repairs to Town Hall. Motion was approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember seconded approval for Contracted Services with Ross Exterior Restorations for Painting Exterior of Town Hall. Motion was approved by a vote 5 for 0 against,

Finance Officer Maureen Mason began the discussing the status of the depleting Fleet for the Town of Wadesboro. Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Lawrence Parsons seconded to amend the agenda to add an RFP for Fleet. Motion was approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Garrett Snuggs seconded approval to purchase the following: 4 Dump Trucks, Equipment Trailer, Lawn Mower Utility Trailer, 4 Pickup Trucks, Dump Truck, Replace Motor in Leaf Truck and Sewer Jet. Motion was approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Lawrence Parsons seconded approval to submit an RFP for Financing the New Fire Truck. Motion was approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

## **TOWN STAFF REPORT**

**FIRE CHIEF SCOTT MARTIN** – WFD mission is to make sure all homes have working smoke detectors. Starting in October the WFD will begin going to schools to start fire prevention. WFD summer splash has concluded. Also, within the next month, the WFD will be hydrate testing all over fire district which is a requirement to maintain insurance rate.

**INTERIM POLICE CHIEF THEDIS SPENCER** – Stated that the chief does not oversee any contracts. The Town Manager and Town Attorney manage contracts. Interim Chief also stated that he has been receiving phone calls from citizens inquiring about their safety and handling calls, which the Interim Chief response being that the Wadesboro citizens are safe with the experienced officers that have been hired.

Interim Chief Spencer shared with councilmembers some of the things that the WPD is doing in the community. On July 11 the WPD gave out popsicles to kids and parents at the Wadesboro Splashpad serving over 50 kids, Officer Sikes was recognized for assisting a citizen with changing his tire and was awarded a certificate of achievement. A plaque representing the WPD will be displayed at South Piedmont Law Enforcement Training Center in Monroe NC.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR NICK GRIFFIN**– Left due to a water emergency.

**FINANCE OFFICER MAUREEN MASON**-As of June 30, General Fund revenue collected 5.4 million down from 7.2 million at the same time last year with last year's figures including a one-time 1.5 million transfer from ARPA. Expenditures 5.5 million year-to-date, compared to 6.3 million by this time last year. Operating Deficit current expenditures exceed revenue by approximately 117,000. This represents a substantial improvement from last year's adjusted balance of 836,847.

Water/Sewer Fund revenue collected 3.3 million, which is 129,000 above budget projections. Expenditures Water Department 1.54 million, Sewer Department 1.2 million. Net Operating Position revenue exceeds expenditure by 550,249, reflecting strong financial performance in this fund.

Cash & Investments stand at 8.3 million, marking an increase of 732,200 compared to the same period last year. Gross attributed to higher interest earnings, strategic transfers of idle funds from operating accounts to interest-bearing investments.

**TOWN MANAGER WILEY ROSS JR.** – Began by thanking the youth that participated in summer youth program. The youth in attendance were Kennedy Ramseur and Makinzi Collins. Sam Cole from the North Carolina Extension Office spoke on the youth attending their financial literacy camp with the youth making money the camp would teach them about tax withholding and how education affects income. Mr. Cole also stated that the youth were an excellent group and have all the confidence in them going forward.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS-** Councilmembers Ida Cason and Jo Ann Bennett gave thanks to employees and citizens for working together.

Councilmember Chipper Long encouraged council to take advantage of classes from the NCLM for council training.

**CLOSED SESSION-** Councilmember Lawrence Parsons made a motion and Councilmember Chipper Long seconded to go into closed session to discuss NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) to establish. Or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase. Motion was approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Garrett Snuggs seconded to come out of closed session. Motion was approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Garrett Snuggs seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm. Motion approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

Debbie A. Cox  
Clerk to the Council  
Town of Wadesboro