



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

Monday	September 8, 2025,	5:00 P.M.
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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 Assistance Police Chief Michael Childers.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Lawrence Parsons

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Lawrence Parsons seconded the approval to amend the agenda as follows to remove 7 B (New Website Introduction, 9 B Discuss and consider approval to terminate parking contract with Gould's Fork LLC to be moved to closed session) 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 August 4, 2025, Approval for Contracted Services with a one-time expense of 2,850.00 with Southern Software to Integrate Diamond Maps with Financial Management System. Motion approved by a vote of 5 for 0 against.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Marjorie Sowell from 501 Cedar Street spoke to council on behalf of her mother Lillie Sowell pertaining to road washed away going to the property.

David Harrington from 907 Ingram Street spoke to council pertaining to his high water bill.

Emanuel Powell from 312 Grahm Street spoke to council pertaining to squatters living next door.

PRESENTATION – Mitchell Huntley from Development Empowerment Nation addressed council on his non-profit organization that is designed to do mentoring, health, and fitness for the youth in Anson County that Mr. Huntley will be teaching to get our community back and rebuilding families.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Lawrence Parsons seconded the approval of Diamond Electronics to install security for Town Hall. Motion was approved by a vote of 5 for 0 against.

Councilmember Garrett Snuggs made a motion and Councilmember Chipper Long seconded the approval for RFP Fire Truck Financing with Truist Motion was approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

Randy Collins from Economic Development informed and updated council on a lengthy discussion pertaining to the Wadesboro Industrial Park. Mr. Collins stated that the Anson Economic Corporation is a private nonprofit funded partially by county sales

tax which is also split with the community college and public schools with the rest coming from grants. This project was done prior to Mr. Ross and myself coming which I was delivered a bill from the Town for 25,26 thousand dollars with the bill being written to the Town from Duke Energy. Mr. Collins stated the first thing he looked for was a contract or some kind of agreement and has been in this type of work for 30 years and does not borrow or do anything at that level without a contract which his predecessor did not. Mr. Collins stated from his understanding that the entire industrial park is owned by the Town with the EDC owning 1 lot and is continuing to market the lot to prospective industries with the EDC mission to bring new industries and to keep the industries we have in Wadesboro. Mr. Collins stated that he is happy to report a major company looking at the site within the confines of the Town and will be meeting with them tomorrow and is under a nondisclosure agreement that will not allow him to tell council what that company is.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Lawrence Parsons seconded the approval for Lighting Service Agreement with Duke Energy and the Wadesboro Police Department. Motion was approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Garrett Snuggs seconded approval for withdrawing claim in the amount of 1,743.49 on an open claim for Hurricane Florence due to no documentation. Motion was approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

TOWN STAFF REPORT

PUBLIC WORK DIRECTOR NICK GRIFFIN – Gave updates on getting limb truck fixed which should be completed by the end of the week and asking for the public's patience. Mr. Griffin also stated that cross training is their way but needs more people to make it possible and looking to hire more people in water and sewer.

FIRE CHIEF SCOTT MARTIN – At the WFD this week the Town is hosting Child Safety Seat Installment class with six participants from the WFD and one from the WPD which will help give back to the citizens to ensure their children are secure in car seat correctly. Chief Martin reported to council that the chain linked fence at the park has been replaced and reported that the Splashpad is closed for the summer and that Southern Recreation is supposed to come the week of September 15.

ASSISTANT CHIEF MICHAEL CHILDERS– Announced since last month the WDP has added 3 more officers to the force with 2 having 10 years of experience and 1 having 7 years of experience and also stated that the WPD has been blessed to get officers with experience and did not just want to hire anybody they wanted the best for the community and by the end of the year, they are looking to be fully staffed. Assistant Chief Childers thanked Mr. Ross for pushing the WPD to get the CAD system that has been well received by the officers.

FINANCE OFFICER MAUREEN MASON- Gave council monthly financial report as well as an update on the FY 24/25 audit that is being conducted by JB Watson with this being the first week.

TOWN MANAGER WILEY ROSS JR. – No Comment

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS- No Comment

CLOSED SESSION- Councilmember Jo Ann Bennett 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)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. Motion was approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

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

Councilmember Chipper Long and Councilmember Lawrence Parsons seconded to go back into open session. Motion was approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

Council Lawrence Parsons made a motion and Councilmember Garratt Snuggs seconded to terminate parking contract with Gould's Fork LLC. Motion was approved by a vote 4 for 1 against (Chipper Long)

ADJOURNMENT – Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Lawrence Parsons seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm. Motion approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

Debbie A. Cox
Clerk to the Council
Town of Wadesboro

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