



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

Monday	July 7, 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: Lawrence Parsons, Ida Cason, Jo Ann Bennett, Chipper Long, 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 Lawrence Parsons

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Lawrence Parsons a motion and Councilmember Chipper Long seconded the approval of minutes from June 2, 16, 2025. Motion approved by a vote of 5 for 0 against.

PRESENTATION

Pastor Steve Adams from Harvest Ministries was presented a proclamation from the Town of Wadesboro for their 26 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Wadesboro.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC HEARING

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Jo Ann Bennett seconded to go into public hearing. Motion was approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

The purpose of the public hearing is a proposed rezoning request for property located on 52 North between 742 and Lewis Street from R-20 to R-6.

Hugh James, along with Joan Taylor spoke with councilmembers on Ms. Taylor requesting to build 3 homes if the rezoning request is approved by council.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Jo Ann Bennett seconded the approval of proposed contract with Ensaf INC to conduct EPA sample testing. Motion was approved by a vote of 5 for 0 against.

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Jo Ann Bennett second the approval of Inter-Local Agreement for Police Assistance with Anson County Sheriff Department. Motion was approved by a vote of 5 for 0 against.

Councilmember Chipper Long made a motion and Councilmember Garrett Snuggs seconded the approval of Fencing in the Splashpad. Motion was approved by a vote of 5 for 0 against.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Garrett Snuggs made a motion and Councilmember Chipper Long seconded the approval of Resolution for Rezoning Request for Property located at 52 North between 742 and Lewis Street from R-20 to R-6. Motion approved by a vote of 5 for 0 against.

Michael Butler was presented with a plaque from the Town of Wadesboro for 5 years of service.

TOWN STAFF REPORT

FIRE CHIEF SCOTT MARTIN – Splashpad is up and operational. Mr. Martain thanked councilmembers for their assistance with helping (Councilmember Jo Ann Bennett) or just coming by for a successful summer camp. Smoke Alarm Saturday that was held in June was a success with 36 alarms in 11 homes in Wadesboro.

INTERIM POLICE CHIEF THEDIS SPENCER – Spoke on the praise from the community with a business owner publicly thanking the WPD on the great job they are doing. Interim Chief Spencer stated that 4 officers are on the road with 5 fulltime officers waiting on their paperwork from Raleigh which will give a total of 9 officers also, 2 cadets are in BLET school. In the next 2 weeks there should be 2 officers on each shift and in the next 90 days, that other spots can be filled.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR NICK GRIFFIN– Gave update on Water Department with guys beginning a new cycle of reading meters for the month and fixing water leaks. Sewer Department, pump stations are in the process of being done, easement paperwork is being worked on. Street Department moving grass, trimming bushes and staying ahead of the growing grass around town. Sanitation Department primary truck is not working and parts that are needed are not found locally hoping that truck will be back in service later this week. As of now limbs are not a priority right now with limb truck only operating half a day.

FINANCE OFFICER MAUREEN MASON- General Fund update collected 79.7% (4.8M) of budgeted revenue, 87.5% (5.26M) expended on overall budget and despite improvement, expenditures currently exceed revenue by 469,83. Water/Sewer Fund 95.8% (3.04M) of budget revenue has been collected. Expenditures are under budget with Water Department at 64.2% (1.13M) and Sewer Department at 70.1% (983K). Cash Investments as of May 31, 2025, total cash and investments amount increase of 744.2K from this time last year.

TOWN MANAGER WILEY ROSS JR. – Youth Summer program started this week with 9 participants. Audit process started on FY 24-25 with JB Watson & CO. A second violence coalition meeting was held at Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Ross also gave an update on staffing issues with employees retiring and trying to fill those gaps with it being a challenge due to the budget.

M. Ross did a formal introduction for the town's new attorney, Mr. Patrick Baker.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS- Mayor Fred Davis stated on July 16 is the next coalition meeting.

Councilmember Ida Cason spoke on a complaint from a citizen regarding the broken pavement with water standing on Wade Mill.

Councilmember Jo Ann Bennett stated that the back road is overgrown and needs mowing.

Councilmember Chipper Long stated that Anson County Homes of Hope will be selling boil peanuts for 5 dollars.

Councilmember Lawrence Parsons spoke on things taking time and we must come together and stay prayed up.

ADJOURNMENT – Councilmember Jo Ann Bennett made a motion and Councilmember Garrett Snuggs seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:03pm. Motion approved by a vote 5 for 0 against.

Debbie A. Cox
Clerk to the Council
Town of Wadesboro