

TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 8, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
WEDDINGTON TOWN HALL
1924 WEDDINGTON ROAD WEDDINGTON, NC 28104
AGENDA AMENDED AT MEETING**

*PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE CURRENT STATES OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19, SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES WILL BE PRACTICED. ATTENDANCE WILL BE LIMITED AT TOWN HALL. THE MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS. General Public Comments under agenda item 6, maybe submitted in writing prior to the meeting on June 8, 2020 by 5:00 PM. Public Comments regarding THE FY2020-2021 BUDGET HEARING – agenda item 10, will be accepted until 7:00 P.M. TUESDAY JUNE 9, 2020.
Please send all comments to: kdewey@townofweddington.com.

Prayer – Pastor Matt Simpkins – Christ Lutheran Church South

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3. Determination of Quorum
4. Additions, Deletions and/or Adoption of the Agenda
5. Mayor/Councilmember Reports
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7. Public Safety Report
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 - A. Call for Public Hearings to be held Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Weddington Town Hall for the purpose of:
 - 1.Consideration of a conditional zoning amendment for Christ South phase 1 building.
 - 2.Consideration of an amendment to Chapter 34 Article V Section 34-131 *Property and Nuisance Abatement*
9. Approval of Minutes
 - A. May 11, 2020 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
10. Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Proposed Budget and set the tax rate
11. Old Business
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 - A. Discussion and Consideration of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Proposed Budget
 - B. Discussion of Website Link Policy
13. Update from Town Planner
14. Code Enforcement Report
15. Update from Finance Officer and Tax Collector
16. Transportation Report
17. Council Comments
18. Enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel Matters
19. ~~Adjournment~~ read *Recess meeting until Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. via ZOOM Meeting ID: 836 9410 4955; password: 229886 to comply with NCGS changes for public hearings held during states of emergency*

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1. Open the Meeting

Mayor Callis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Determination of Quorum

Quorum was determined with all Councilmembers present: Mayor Elizabeth Callis, Mayor Pro Tem Janice Propst, Councilmembers Mike Smith, Jeff Perryman, and Anne Pruitt

Staff: Town Administrator/Planner Lisa Thompson, Town Clerk Karen Dewey, Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord, Town Attorney Karen Wolter

Visitors: Pastor Matt Simpkins, Walt Hogan

4. Additions, Deletions and/or Adoption of the Agenda

Staff requested to change item 19. *Adjournment* to read *Recess meeting until Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. via ZOOM Meeting ID: 836 9410 4955; password: 229886* in order to comply with North Carolina General statutes for a public hearing.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Propst made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5. Mayor/Councilmember Reports

Mayor Callis commented on the fantastic job staff has done to adapt to the social distancing measures. They have adjusted to working from home and have worked hard to keep the town running smoothly. She thanked staff for their hard work.

Councilmember Pruitt commented on the upcoming Turkey Trot to be held on Thanksgiving. The website for registration should be up and running by the beginning of July.

Councilmember Smith echoed the Mayor's comments about the staff.

Councilmember Perryman also agreed with the Mayor that the staff has done a great job. He is currently working on the ETJ issue for unincorporated areas in Weddington or between Weddington and other

municipalities. He is working with the town attorney on specifics and will present to the Council the documents he would like to forward to the adjacent municipalities to offer a united front to the County. Mayor Pro Tem Propst also reiterated thanks to the staff for making sure the town runs smoothly during this pandemic. She met with Mayor Callis, Ms. Thompson, and Nancy Anderson at Hunter Farm to work out logistics for the Drive-In Movie Night on Father's Day. She thanked Ms. Thompson for all the work she's done on this event.

6. Public Comments

7. Public Safety Report

Deputy Kropp gave safety report: Throughout the last month with kids out of school, summer activity has started with ATV complaints and trespassing issues. There have been reports of solicitors being out and about and while the town doesn't have a solicitation ordinance, the sheriff's office encourages residents to report any trouble they have with solicitors and it will be dealt with as a trespass. Deputy Kropp urged residents to contact UCSO if they have any public safety issues.

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Motion: Councilmember Perryman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

9. Approval of Minutes

A. May 11, 2020 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Propst asked to add her specific concerns regarding the charter school presentation. She listed traffic, the number of schools within a 2-mile radius of the proposed charter school and the enrollment numbers.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Propst made a motion to approve the May 11, 2020 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

10. Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Proposed Budget and set the tax rate

Mayor Callis opened the public hearing. There were no public comments in person or sent by email. Mayor Callis closed the public hearing. Public comments will be accepted by email until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday June 9, 2020.

11. Old Business

12. New Business

A. Discussion and Consideration of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Proposed Budget

Ms. Gaylord presented the proposed budget (attached for the record). The tax rate remains the same and the budget does include fire service for the year. The majority of ad valorem taxes pay for public safety. Total revenues are almost \$2.2 million. And Expenditures are almost \$2.4 million. The difference is a fund balance appropriation in the exact amount of the Tilly Morris roundabout. DOT has informed the town that it is unlikely to happen in this fiscal year, and if that is the case, the budget will balance. Ms. Thompson stated that the contract with Haven Creative for the newsletter publication was canceled as staff will do that work in-house and money saved will go towards additional work hours for Janet Peirano.

B. Discussion of Website Link Policy

Ms. Thompson presented the proposed website link policy. The intent is to support non-profit fundraisers, not individual businesses. Mayor Callis explained that it would include a link on the town website for fundraisers for non-profits with a 501(c). It isn't intended to advertise for business. The links will be on the community page and shared on Facebook. This is on the agenda for comment/discussion only and staff will bring it back to the July meeting for approval.

13. Update from Town Planner

Ms. Thompson gave the update: There was a Public Involvement meeting on 5/27 for a conditional zoning amendment for Christ South. The daytime meeting on site was rained out. One resident attended the evening meeting. The Planning Board met on June 1 and approved the Temporary Use Permit for the Drive In Movie night at Hunter Farm and recommended approval for the Christ South conditional zoning amendment. Ms. Thompson met with Nancy Anderson, Mayor Callis and Mayor Pro Tem Propst to discuss logistics for the movie night. They determined about 90 cars will fit and still accommodate social distancing standards. She is working with the licensing company Swank to get a movie. The town engineer and Ms. Thompson will be meeting with Atherton and the adjacent property owners over concern with stormwater drainage issues. The contract with H&S Paving for Ambassador Court was executed and should begin in the next two weeks. The asbestos was removed from the Matthews property. Mayor Callis found a volunteer to remove wood and trim work and fireplace surrounds. We will store the salvaged parts at WCVFD on Hemby in the storage building. The Board of Adjustment will meet on June 15 to hear two variance applications, one in Vintage Creek and one for the landscaping at the new WCVFD on Rea Road and Reid Dairy Road. Congratulations to Karen Dewey for achieving her NC Certified Municipal Clerk status.

14. Code Enforcement Report

Councilmember Smith asked why some of the resolved cases are still listed on the report. Ms. Thompson responded that if the case is still being monitored, it's kept on the report. Some of the closed cases can be removed.

15. Update from Finance Officer and Tax Collector

Ms. Gaylord gave the update. The town is in good shape to finish the fiscal year. Staff signed the contract for new financial software. Training will probably happen in the fall to go live in January/February to avoid midyear glitches.

16. Transportation Report

Mayor Callis – CRTPO held a virtual meeting last month. There was a report given by NCDOT Division 10: Prior to COVID crisis, the budget was hit with storm damage repairs. DOT is 100% receipt supported so all funds come from gas/highway/DMV taxes. With traffic volumes down 40-50%, the revenue has been devastated. They anticipate a 300-million-dollar revenue loss and it will be larger for the next fiscal year. The DOT is faced with deferred maintenance activities and some roads needing repairs have been closed will remain closed as there is no funding to fix them. Prior 2016-DOT on average spent \$66 million in storm repair. Since then it has increased to \$220 million/year and they received the same amount of general maintenance funds in 2018 as in 1993.

17. Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Janice Propst: Thanks to the people that came out tonight. Thank everyone that's listening, and everyone stay healthy and safe and hopefully you start a great summer staying safe.

Councilmember Jeff Perryman: Last month we met virtually, this month we're at least here in front of each other and we've got our masks on and maybe next month we'll see more improvement, hopefully so because we all sure need that.

Councilmember Mike Smith: I just want to thank everybody for tuning in and coming out. It's a bad time right now and everybody is hunkered down. I just hope everybody stays safe and has a healthy summer.

Councilmember Anne Pruitt: I will chime in with everybody else and agree with that. I hope everybody has a good month and stays safe. Earlier, you guys talked about the staff-Thank you staff for all you do.

18. Enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel Matters

Motion: Councilmember Perryman made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel Matters at 7:31 p.m.

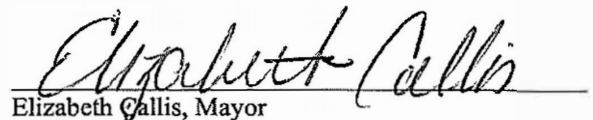
Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

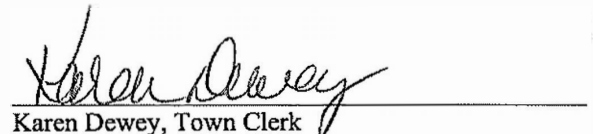
19. Adjournment/Recess

Motion: Mayor Callis made a motion to recess the June 8, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting at 9:04 p.m. until Thursday June 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. via ZOOM Meeting ID: 836 9410 4955; password: 229886

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Approved July 13, 2020


Elizabeth Callis, Mayor


Karen Dewey, Town Clerk

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Mayor Callis called the June 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting back to order at 11:01 a.m. on Thursday June 11, 2020 to hear any public comments and vote on the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget and set the tax rate.

Quorum was determined with roll call: Mayor Callis, Mayor Pro Tem Propst, Councilmembers Smith, Perryman, and Pruitt were all present.

Staff present: Town Administrator/Planner Lisa Thompson, Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord, Town Clerk Karen Dewey, and Town Attorney Karen Wolter

Mayor Callis asked for any public comments on the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. There were no public comments submitted.


Motion: Councilmember Perryman made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance and set the tax rate at 5.2 cents per \$100 assessed value.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote taken by roll call.

Motion: Councilmember Perryman made a motion to adjourn the June 8, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting at 11:05 a.m. on June 11, 2020

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote taken by roll call.

Approved July 13, 2020


Elizabeth Callis, Mayor


Karen Dewey, Town Clerk



**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA
2020-2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET ORDINANCE
O-2020-03**

BE IT ORDAINED By The Town Council of Weddington, North Carolina, In Session Assembled:

Section 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of Weddington Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, according to the following summary and schedules:

SUMMARY

<u>FUND</u>	<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</u>
General	\$2,199,250	\$189,000	\$2,388,250

Section 2. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund the following:

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Administrative	\$ 523,740
Planning & Zoning	647,460
General Government	<u>1,217,050</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS – GENERAL FUND	<u>\$2,388,250</u>

Section 3. It is estimated that the following General Fund Revenues and Fund Balance Appropriations will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 to meet the foregoing General Fund appropriations:

<u>REVENUE SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$1,257,250
State-Collected Revenues	855,000

Zoning and Subdivision Revenues	78,500
Other Revenues	<u>8,500</u>
TOTAL REVENUE GENERAL FUND	<u>\$2,199,250</u>
APPROPRIATION FROM FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 189,000</u>

Section 4. There is hereby levied for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 the following rate of taxes on each (\$100) assessed valuation of taxable property as listed as of January 1, 2020 for the purpose of raising the revenues from current year's property tax as set forth in the foregoing estimates of Revenues, and in order to finance foregoing appropriations:


GENERAL FUND \$0.052

Section 5. The Finance Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund contained herein under the following conditions:

- a. She may transfer amounts between object of expenditure within a department without limitation.
- b. She may transfer amounts between departments of the same fund with an official report on such transfers to the Town Council.
- c. She may make expenditures and/or transfers from appropriations as necessary.

Section 6. All capital items, (items exceeding \$10,000), are to be approved in accord with the adopted budget. The Finance Officer will maintain a list of approved capital outlay items.

Adopted this 11th day of June, 2020.


 Elizabeth Callis, Mayor

Attest:

 Karen Dewey, Town Clerk

