

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 30, 2021 12 NOON
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AGENDA**

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4. Presentation of Water and Sewer Consulting Report
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6. Discussion of Preliminary FY2021-2022 Budget
7. Discussion of Capital Improvement Plan
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1. Call to Order

Mayor Callis called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

2. Determination of Quorum

Quorum was determined with Mayor Elizabeth Callis, Mayor Pro Tem Propst, Councilmembers Anne Pruitt and Mike Smith present. Councilmember Jeff Perryman arrived at 12:35 p.m.

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

Visitor: Ed Goscicki

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Propst made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Presentation of Water and Sewer Consulting Report

Ed Goscicki gave his report and recommendations:

- Weddington, along with officials from other towns in the Twelve-Mile Creek and Crooked Creek service areas should petition the County Commission at or before their April 12, 2021 meeting to move forward as expeditiously as possible with the construction of additional wastewater treatment capacity to meet the projected needs of the communities. This should include the immediate expansion of the Twelve-Mile Creek Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) to 9 MGD. The conceptual design for this expansion to 9 MGD was completed as part of the last expansion. This will allow staff to move quickly into the final design and construction which should in total not take more than 2-3 years to complete. UCPW staff reported at the January 11th workshop with the BOCC that estimated cost for this expansion was \$40 million in 2034 dollars. The value of that amount if constructed today is approximately \$16 million.
- If the County Commission provides direction to expand the Twelve-Mile Creek WRF, the municipalities should also petition the County to rescind or revise the new criteria adopted on January 11th given the relatively short time frame to construct this additional

capacity compared to the estimated seven years it will take for the WRF to see the flows from currently permitted-unconnected projects.

- In anticipation that additional capacity will be made available in the Twelve-Mile Creek basin, the Town should convene a meeting of County representative and potential developers within the Mundy Run basin to assess the willingness of all parties to participate in the construction of the Mundy Run sewer interceptor, pump station, and force main.
- The Town should formally petition the County to move forward with the design and construction of sewer infrastructure within the Six-Mile Creek service area to provide capacity for the current and projected needs of the Town's existing and proposed Town Center.
- If capacity is not available within the Twelve-Mile Creek WRF service area to meet the Mundy Run service needs, or the developers downstream of the Town's proposed Town Center expansion are not prepared to contribute their pro rata share of the construction of the Mundy Run sewer interceptor and pump station, the Town should also petition the County to fund the construction of those interim alternative off-site improvements necessary to provide sewer service to the proposed Town Center development.

5. Review and Discussion of Enhanced Fire Service Budget and Costs

The Council discussed the enhanced fire service budget that was presented at the retreat. They agreed to not opt for the enhanced fire services.

Council directed staff to pursue a public records request from the 911 call center to get information about service calls.

6. Discussion of Preliminary FY2021-2022 Budget

Ms. Gaylord presented the preliminary budget and adjustments made since discussion at the retreat. Council discussed roundabout and median landscaping and maintenance. Options include recruiting organizations to volunteer for upkeep, with the Town financing the plants and mulch. Staff will check past invoices to check costs.

Council discussed finance options for solid waste service. The goal is to be revenue neutral and not have Town absorb the entire cost. Council agreed to charge a fee. Bids for contracts are due mid-May. Once costs are known, Town can assess how to pay.

Ms. Gaylord stated that at the May Council meeting, Town budget should be set. She suggested an additional budget work session before the May Council meeting. Staff will poll Council to find the best date.

7. Discussion of Capital Improvement Plan

Ms. Thompson presented a draft Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). She described the process to prepare a future policy for creating a CIP and presented justification forms for the park and infrastructure (roads).

Council discussed options for funding the park. Ms. Gaylord suggested planning the park in phases or securing a loan to get it done quickly. She advised that there is a statutory procedure to secure a loan and that will include presenting to the Local Government Commission.

Council agreed that if it is fiscally responsible, they would rather move faster on the park and secure a loan. Ms. Gaylord will research interest rates on \$600,000 loan. The Council agreed to a special meeting to confirm what amenities will be in the park. Staff will poll Council on availability for special meeting.

Councilmember Pruitt expressed that she wanted to discuss a review of banking procedures to save money. Staff will move forward with a timeline for a plan to get an RFP for banking services. A decision will be needed by August.

8. Adjournment

Motion: Councilmember Pruitt made a motion to adjourn the March 30, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting at 2:15p.m.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Approved: May 10, 2021

Karen Dewey
Karen Dewey, Town Clerk

Elizabeth Callis
Elizabeth Callis, Mayor