

TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
WEDDINGTON TOWN HALL
1924 WEDDINGTON ROAD WEDDINGTON, NC 28104
AGENDA *amended at meeting***

1. Open the Meeting
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Determination of Quorum
4. Additions, Deletions and/or Adoption of the Agenda
5. Mayor/Councilmember Reports
6. Public Comments
7. Public Safety Report
8. Presentation of Union County Forestry Program by Union County Forester, Keith O'Herrin
9. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of September 12, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - B. Authorize Tax Collector to Collect 2021 Real Property Taxes for the Town of Weddington
 - C. Authorize Tax Collector to Charge-off on 2010 Real Property Taxes
 - D. Appoint Karen Dewey as Town Administrator/Clerk
 - E. *Direct Staff to Begin Advertisement for Expiring Planning Board Position*
10. Old Business
 - A. Report of Solid Waste Contract Negotiations with Active Waste Solutions
11. New Business
 - A. Discussion and Consideration of Support for 20% Funding Match for Roundabout at Forest Lawn and Potter Road Intersection
 - B. *Discussion of Next Steps to Fill Vacant Staff Positions*
12. Update from Town Planner
13. Update from Finance Officer and Tax Collector
14. Transportation Report
15. Council Comments
16. ~~Enter into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel Matters~~
16. Adjournment

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1. Open the Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Janice Propst called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Determination of Quorum

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

Staff present: Interim Administrator/Town Clerk Karen Dewey, Interim Planner Leamon Brice, Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord, Town Attorneys Karen Wolter and Jennifer Nancarrow, UCSO Deputy Joseph Kropp

Visitors: Everlyn Hall Baker, Walt Hogan, Craig Horn, Mike Morse, Bill Deter, Keith O'Herrin, Brannon Howie, Tracy Stone, Re Smith, Ken Taylor, Timothy Gregg

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

Staff requested to remove item 16. Enter into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel Matters and to add item 11.B. Discussion of Next Steps to fill Vacant Staff Positions.

Councilmember Pruitt requested adding directing staff to advertise for the Planning Board position that will be appointed in March of 2022 as item 9.E. under the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Councilmember Pruitt made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5. Mayor/Councilmember Reports

No reports.

6. Public Comments

Dr. Everlyn Hall Baker- Weddington Matthews Road, Weddington: Dr. Baker expressed her displeasure with the Town Council for entering contract negotiations for solid waste collection.

Timothy Gregg- 209 Grantham Place, Weddington: Mr. Gregg commented that the HOA for his subdivision, Highclere, had just signed a 3-year contract for solid waste collection, and he expressed his concern that the residents were going to lose what was just set up.

7. Public Safety Report

Deputy Kropp gave the Public Safety Report. He reminded residents that school traffic at morning drop off and afternoon pick up times is gridlocked, and he asks drivers to be mindful of the backups and give themselves more time to travel to keep everybody safe. Deputies have been seeing increased speeding in school zones. He asks that parents speak to teenaged drivers about driving safely. If any residents have speeding concerns in their neighborhoods, please reach out to Deputy Kropp. His email can be found on the town website.

8. Presentation of Union County Forestry Program by Union County Forester, Keith O'Herrin

Union County Forester, Keith O'Herrin introduced himself and explained the Union County Forestry Program. The program offers free consultations to individual homeowners and homeowners' associations, youth programming, plan review, and ordinance enforcement for the county and towns in contract with the program.

Councilmember Perryman asked about the provision on the North Carolina budget legislation concerning changes in local tree ordinances. Mr. O'Herrin replied that it is not clear how it will affect Weddington because a lot of the tree ordinance language is built in to buffering and screening and areas that are explicitly allowed. A lot of the tree save areas in Weddington are currently in areas that are unbuildable. The Town is not limiting developers in their building. If the budget passes the General Assembly with the tree ordinance provision, Weddington can join with neighboring municipalities and petition the General Assembly for permission to pass tree ordinances.

Councilmember Pruitt asked what the program provides that the Town hasn't utilized yet. Mr. O'Herrin responded that he will review plans, especially large developments.

Councilmember Perryman asked what the services to homeowners include. Mr. O'Herrin responded that he reviews tree risk and preservation of large old trees. They offer inspection and consultation. Residents can contact Mr. O'Herrin through the county website.

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Motion: Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

10. Old Business

A. Report of Solid Waste Contract Negotiations with Active Waste Solutions

Ms. Wolter gave an update on solid waste contract negotiations. Staff met with Active Waste and held a good conversation. More information with solid pricing is being collected, and any major changes from the contract presented in the RFP will be brought before Council.

11. New Business

A. Discussion and Consideration of Support for 20% Funding Match for Roundabout at Forest Lawn and Potter Road Intersection

Staff is completing an application for discretionary funds to help finance a roundabout at Forest Lawn Drive and Potter Road. The Town will be required to make at least a 20% match for the project, and the NCDOT will administer the project.

B. Discussion of Next Steps to Fill Vacant Staff Positions

Ms. Dewey stated that with the departure of Janet Peirano, Permit Technician on October 22, there will be two staff positions that need to be filled. She proposed advertising for a Planner and an Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk. Council agreed to direct staff to move forward with job advertisements.

12. Update from Town Planner

Mr. Brice gave a brief update. Staff is expecting an application for a subdivision in the next couple of weeks.

13. Code Enforcement

Mr. Brice gave a brief update on code enforcement issues.

14. Update from Finance Officer and Tax Collector

Ms. Gaylord stated that the financial statements are in the packet. The audit started last week and is going smoothly.

15. Transportation Report

No report.

16. Council Comments

Councilmember Mike Smith: I just want to thank everybody for coming out tonight and giving the public comments. Thank you for telling us what you think.

Councilmember Jeff Perryman: I'll just echo what Councilmember Smith just said: I appreciate you being here. Thank you for coming out, especially to our two speakers. I know as this process continues, we will have more public input meetings, and we will listen and take the input to heart when we need to make a decision. On another note, I got an email today from somebody in Germany offering me a lot of money. There are scams out there like this and the one Deputy Kropp stopped last month. Please let's get the word out and help our community.

Councilmember Pruitt: I also had an attempted scam this past week. I want to thank you for coming tonight and thank you for sharing your comments. I assure you that we are listening.

Mayor Pro Tem Janice Propst: Thank you all and thank you for the public comments. We appreciate everyone who showed up and thank you for letting me play this role tonight.

17. Adjournment

Motion: Councilmember Perryman made a motion to adjourn the October 11, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Approved: November 17, 2021

Karen Dewey
Karen Dewey, Town Administrator/Clerk

Elizabeth Callis
Elizabeth Callis, Mayor



TOWN OF
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1924 Weddington Road • Weddington, North Carolina 28104

TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Kim H. Woods, Tax Collector
DATE: **October 11, 2021**
SUBJECT: Charge Off of 2010 Property Taxes

North Carolina General Statute 105-378(a) establishes a continuing ten year statute of limitations against enforcement remedies provided by law for the collection of taxes or the enforcement of any liens. The ten year period is measured from the September 1st due date.

In accordance with General Statutes 105.378(a), I am hereby requesting authorization to charge off 2010 property taxes. The balance is as follows:

2010 \$530.18

Respectfully submitted,

Kim H. Woods
Town of Weddington
Tax Collector

Witness my hand and official seal this 11th day of October, 2021.


Elizabeth Callis, Mayor

Attest:


Karen Dewey, Town Clerk



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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Kim H. Woods, Tax Collector
DATE: October 11, 2021
SUBJECT: 2021 Real Property Taxes


In accordance with General Statutes 105.321, I am hereby requesting authorization to collect the 2021 Real Property Taxes for the Town of Weddington.

State of North Carolina
Town of Weddington


To the Tax Collector of the Town of Weddington

You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the Town of Weddington Collections Department and in the tax receipts herewith delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in the Town of Weddington, and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable you to levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with the law.

Witness my hand and official seal this 11th day of October, 2021.


Elizabeth Callis, Mayor

Attest:


Karen Dewey, Town Clerk