



**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
WEDDINGTON TOWN HALL
1924 WEDDINGTON ROAD WEDDINGTON, NC 28104
AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Determination of Quorum
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Additions, Deletions and/or Adoption of the Agenda
5. Conflict of Interest Statement: *In accordance with the state government ethics act, it is the duty of every Council member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any Council member have any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters on the agenda? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the matter involved.*
6. Mayor/Councilmember Reports
7. Presentation from Union County Library Foundation
8. Public Comments
9. Public Safety Report
10. Consent Agenda
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 - B. Approve of May 1, 2023 Town Council Special Meeting Minutes
 - C. Approve the Union County Community Development Block Grant Agreement
11. Old Business
 - A. Discussion of FY 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget
12. New Business
13. Code Enforcement Report
14. Update from Finance Officer and Tax Collector
15. Updates from Town Planner and Town Administrator
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1. Call to Order

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

2. Determination of Quorum

Quorum was determined with Mayor Craig Horn, Mayor Pro Tem Janice Propst, Councilmembers Jeff Perryman and Brannon Howie present. Councilmember Anne Pruitt was absent.

Staff: Town Administrator/Clerk Karen Dewey, Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord, Admin Asst/Deputy Clerk Debbie Coram, Town Attorney Karen Wolter

Visitors: Gayle Butler, Jack Plyler, Joyce Plyler, Bill Deter, Christopher Neve, Kim Topalian, Tracy Stone, Rusty Setzer

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Staff requested to amend the agenda to add a new item 8. Presentation from Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5. Conflict of Interest Statement: *In accordance with the state government ethics act, it is the duty of every Council member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any Council member have any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters on the agenda?*

If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the matter involved.

Ms. Dewey read the Conflict of Interest Statement. No Councilmember had a conflict of interest.

6. Mayor/Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Perryman briefed council on WUMA meeting April in Wesley Chapel. To date it was the most well-attended. Delegates discussed old business of water sewer issues. They also discussed some of zoning bills presented at the General Assembly: SB317 for workforce housing-told it was dead. HB409 for regulations for accessory dwelling units. SB667 puts limits on local government regulation of short-term rentals. SB675 eliminates ETJ for all municipalities statewide. The May meeting will be the 23rd in Stallings. Water and sewer discussion took up all public comments and each municipality discussed individual issues. Delegates discussed the resolution that Marvin and Waxhaw had passed, and other municipalities were considering. Sen Johnson had called a meeting with municipalities and the county, so Weddington met to discuss the resolution. Councilmember Perryman attended the meeting with Representative Mark Brody, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Commissioner Brian Helms, the County Attorney and other representatives from WUMA. The Mayors of Monroe and Indian Trail were also in attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Propst reported on the first Food Truck Friday. It was a lighter crowd, but a great night. She thanked the Marine Corps Junior ROTC unit from Weddington High School and staff for their help Friday night. Saturday at the shred event we had staff, Jen Conway and a volunteer from the Church of Latter-Day Saints to help. Volunteers are always welcome at the next two food truck events. They are a lot of fun.

Mayor Horn reported that the Food Truck Friday was a good time and the trucks were terrific and Jason, the balloon guy really captures the kids. We appreciate the high school help with set up and clean up. The Urban Forester at the county is working with the NC State Cooperative Extension to help remediate the issue stream erosion that he was contacted about. The Lockhaven dam is getting some resolution with the neighbors working together. Mayor Horn will be meeting with NCDOT district engineer regarding the Providence Road widening, the Rea Road extension, and Lockhaven dam.

7. Presentation from Union County Library Foundation

Angela Bennett and Star Shafer made a presentation on the new Southwest Regional Library and the Union County Library Foundation's efforts to bring the library to western Union County. The Foundation recognized the grassroots donors by naming the outdoor patio of the new library after them. The Foundation is currently fundraising for the immediate needs for the new library.

8. Presentation from Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department.

Chief Steven McLendon reviewed the fire department's fiscal year. The Rea Road fire station was completed and opened on November 1st after some delays and challenges. There is a ladder truck at that station and at the stations on Waxhaw Indian Trail Road. Ladder trucks impact homeowner's insurance as there can be a large flow of water up and out through the ladder and is more effective than multiple hose lines. On April 4th, the department had their ISO inspection and results are forthcoming. The department currently has a 3 rating. The lack of fire hydrants makes it difficult to score above a 3 as 40 of the 100 points possible depend on water lines. The department has tankers and aid agreements with neighboring departments with large capacity tankers. Currently they have 130 members and that fluctuates a bit. Staffing is included in the budget. WCVFD is the largest department in the county with an entirely part time staff. They stay competitive with pay and are able to staff the stations appropriately

Mayor Horn thanked Chief McLendon. He asked for detail on WCVFD answered calls in Weddington this year compared to last year.

Councilmember Perryman asked for a breakdown of medical calls vs. strictly fire calls and have a discussion with the county response people on how to improve. He would also like to see a list of any future equipment needs in the next 5 to 7 years that would be a major purchase. Councilmember Perryman also asked for retention numbers.

Chief McLendon responded that from July 1, 2022 there were 2300 incidents. 1088 medical and traffic and 1212 Fire calls. He has served on an EMS advisory committee hoping to get clear direction on ambulance services. He also stated that the department has a built-in dead service line item in the budget. They are good about planning, so they don't have an extreme financial ask unless the Town wants something.

Chief McLendon said he would be happy to provide a list of calls to the town.

9. Public Comments

Jack Plyler-1015 Estate Lane-Mr. Plyler commented on the formal ethics complaint he submitted 13 months ago and the fact that he has seen no action taken on it. He commented on the appearance of impropriety after the April WUMA meeting where there was a quorum of council and a special meeting was called 24 hours later.

10. Public Safety Report

Deputy Wrenn gave the Public Safety Report. He commended the community as good citizens have given tips that have led to arrests for breaking and entering incidents and the sheriff's office was able to recover a lot of property. He thanked the residents for their support and reminded the community to report anything you don't recognize. Deputy emails

are on the town website. With any speeding complaints, the deputies will try to get to your area.

11. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve of April 10, 2023 Town Council Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve of May 1, 2023 Town Council Special Meeting Minutes**
- C. Approve the Union County Community Development Block Grant Agreement**

Motion: Councilmember Perryman made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

12. Old Business

A. Discussion of FY 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget

Ms. Gaylord presented the FY 2023-2024 preliminary budget and adjustments. The biggest changes are the full year of solid waste and the addition of the WCWAA grant. This proposed budget shows a 4.5 cent tax rate.

Mayor Horn asked if the Town owes the state any money for roundabouts or anything else. Ms. Gaylord responded that the Forest Lawn Road Potter Road roundabout next payment will be due in November and is included in the budget.

Council discussed the option of adding an additional staff member into the budget

13. New Business

Mayor Horn commented on the burning of yard debris and trash. He asked Ms. Wolter to look into code options to regulate offensive burning.

14. Code Enforcement Report

Staff is working with the code enforcement officer to catch up on outstanding complaints.

15. Update from Finance Officer and Tax Collector

Ms. Gaylord gave the update: Financial statements are in packets. The budget is looking good for this time of year. She will determine if staff will bring a budget amendment before the end of the year.

Mayor Pro Tem Propst asked if there was funding for a second radar trailer. Ms. Gaylord will check the budget.

16. Updates from Town Planner and Town Administrator

Ms. Dewey gave the planning update:

- 6424 Antioch Road
Multi-unit Assisted Housing w/ Services
No application has been submitted
- Ennis Road Subdivision
Conventional subdivision for 12 lots
No application has been submitted
- Liberty Classical Academy
School (Elementary, Middle, High)
Application submitted; not complete
Public meeting held 05/03/23-planning second meeting to answer traffic questions
- John Walker Matthews Property
Event venue
No application has been submitted
- Luna Subdivision
Major subdivision for 18 lots
Conventional (40,096 sf min.)
No application has been submitted

Ms. Dewey gave the Administrator update: The Planner position has been sent to email lists and posted on LinkedIn and the UNC Charlotte job board.

17. Transportation Report

Mayor Horn gave a transportation update: with the Newtown and Ennis Roads closed for the roundabout construction, there is increased traffic on 84, 12 Mile Creek, and as far south as Cuthbertson Road in Waxhaw. He will be attending the CRTPO meeting next week and will be meeting with the NCDOT district engineer on May 18th.

18. Council Comments

Councilmember Howie: Thanks for being here and thanks to everyone who made Food Truck Friday possible.

Mayor Pro Tem Propst: Thank you everybody again for all the help with Food Truck Friday and the shredding event. Thank you all the people from the Southwest Regional Library. It's really about building community and that's always been my #1 goal to bring everybody together. I want to acknowledge that tomorrow is the Mayor's birthday and we'd like to wish him a happy 40th birthday. Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Perryman: Thank you to everybody for being here tonight. I think we as a town can be very proud of the library that is going to be coming. It's been a long time coming. When it's up and running, it's going to be something we can all be proud of. I'll finish up with addressing some comments by Mr. Plyler. Yes, you should have received a response by now. Please accept my personal apology for that. I was under the impression that matter had been resolved. I can assure you that I'll make sure it is addressed and you receive

a response. Second, you are correct that when the WUMA meeting opened, we did have me there and also the Mayor, and Mayor Pro Tem Propst in attendance. After you had raised an objection to us three being in the same room, the Mayor left. I contacted and spoke with our town attorney about where those rules come from and exactly what they are. I believe you mentioned that when the County Commissioners were at the February WUMA meeting, Chairman Rushing insisted that only two of them be in the room. What I've been told is that quorum rules come from the state and there is no rule against three members of this body or any elected body being in the same room at the same time if it is not a called meeting where town business is being discussed and voted upon. Wherever it is we can be there. My intent was to have them stay at the meeting. In deference to your objection, the Mayor left. My understanding is that the rule Chairman Rushing used is his personal rule and he is allowed to do that. But there is nothing wrong, nefarious, or illegal with all 5 of us attending a WUMA meeting at the same time. They can listen and they can make public comments. Your objection was that there were 3 of us there and that constitutes a quorum. It doesn't have to be posted when any of us or all of us are attending a meeting.

Mayor Horn: I mentioned I have a CRTPO meeting coming up. I encourage you all to come out to food truck Friday. The food is good and it's a lot of fun. Try the Jenga game and bring the kids.

19. Adjournment

Motion: Councilmember Perryman made a motion to adjourn the May 8, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

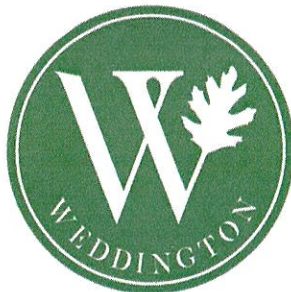
Approved:

June 12, 2023



Karen Dewey, Town Administrator/Clerk


D. Craig Horn, Mayor



May 9, 2023

Clayton Voignier
Interim Assistant County Manager
Union County
500 N. Main Street, Suite 918
Monroe, NC 28112

Re: Union County CDBG Program-Notice of Intent to Participate

Dear Mr. Voignier,

This letter hereby serves as the Town of Weddington's official notice of intent to renew participation in the Union County Community Development Block Grant program. Weddington will enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the Union County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for Fiscal Years 2024-2026.

Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to continuing our support of the County's community development activities.

Sincerely,

Karen Dewey, Town Administrator/Clerk
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