TOWN OF WEDDINGTON REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015 - 7:00 P.M. MINUTES

The Town Council of the Town of Weddington, North Carolina, met in a Regular Session at the Weddington Town Hall, 1924 Weddington Road, Weddington, NC 28104 on December 14, 2015, with Mayor Bill Deter presiding.

Present: Mayor Bill Deter, Mayor Pro Tem Don Titherington, Councilmembers Michael

Smith, Pamela Hadley and Barbara Harrison, Scott Buzzard, Janice Propst, Town Attorney Anthony Fox, Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord, Town Planner Julian

Burton, and Town Administrator Peggy Piontek

Visitors: Trinetta Jackson, Crystal Brown, Kathy Lombard, Lib Propst, Patricia Propst,

Walton Hogan, Genny Reid, Bob Lockerman, John Giattino, Don Sinclair, Barbara Sinclair, Kitty Deter, Bill Price, Andy Stallings, Peggy Stallings, Daniel Barry, Anne-Marie Smith, Kenny Schott, Nancy Anderson Eric Anderson, Mark Knowles, Don Titherington Sr., Rob Dow, Ann Marie Burman, Anthony Burman,

Sandy Buzzard

Prayer – Mayor Bill Deter offered the Invocation prior to the opening of the meeting.

Item No. 1. Open the Meeting Mayor Deter opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Deter led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item No. 3. Determination of Quorum – There was a quorum.

Item No. 4. Approval of Minutes

A. November 9, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilman Smith moved to approve the November 9th minutes as presented by staff. All were in favor with the votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington

NAYS: None

Item No. 5. Acceptance of the Union County Board of Elections Official Results for the Municipal Election November 3, 2015 The Town Council received a copy of the Union County Board of Elections Official Results for the Municipal Election November 3, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington moved to approve and accept the Union County Board of Elections Official Results for the Municipal Election November 3, 2015. All were in favor with the votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington

NAYS: None

Item No. 6. Special Recognition

A. Pat Harrison for his contribution to the Town

Mayor Deter presented Mr. Harrison with a plaque and thanked him for his support, hard work and dedication to the town over the last four years.

B. Julian Burton for achieving his American Institute of Certified Planners

Mayor Deter presented Mr. Burton with a Certificate of Achievement and a small gift for his recent Certification.

C. Councilwoman Pamela Hadley - District II

Daniel Barry – On behalf of the citizens of Weddington, the Weddington Town Council, former elected officials, we join together tonight to thank you and all of our elected officials and to recognize you for your vigilance and tenacity in the minority as you represented your constituency. All appearances would have everyone believe that you and I agreed on everything, but we know that was rarely the case. You strove every day to hold all that serve accountable to the public and fought to assure that all citizens of Weddington had a "seat at the table" with a transparent government. It didn't matter whether we were dealing with the General Assembly, State bureaucrats, the Board of County Commissioners, or the Weddington Town Council, you stuck to your guns. It is not lost on me that since 2011 you maintained every single one of your campaign commitments with conviction. As I was preparing for tonight I thought back to a speech that President Roosevelt gave in 1910. I will quote from it; most of you are probably familiar with this:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of achievement, and who at the worst, if he

fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Being an elected official is a tough job. We thank you for the long hours and the personal sacrifice, the time away from your family and from work fighting to keep Weddington a great place to live and raise a family. Please join me in recognizing Pam and thanking her for her service to Weddington.

Councilwoman Hadley – I was told in 2011 before I decided whether I was going to run for Council that being an elected official would be an education that you could not receive in any university or school and I am here to say that was probably the most wise and accurate advice that was ever given to me. It's been an education, it's been an honor and it's been a privilege to be your voice and to serve you. Thank you.

D. Councilwoman Barbara Harrison - District IV

Mayor Deter – I know I speak for myself and the Council, there will be a huge loss when we lose Barbara from the Council. I think everyone knows Barbara, along with slave labor Pat, were big drivers of the Festivals, Christmas Tree Lighting, and Litter Sweep. I can honestly say as I look back and do some calculations, thousands of people and their families have gotten enjoyment from the Festivals that we have. It helped bring our community together and maintain that Weddington is a great place to live. Personally, I am very concerned how we are going to keep that going, but working with Council and staff we will find a way to make it happen. She not only did it so well she pulled all of it off for \$5,000.00 and gave the town back \$2,500.00. I want to recognize Barbara even though often times we all don't agree on issues, I'm speaking for myself and Council, Barbara is very good at making fact based decisions, which is what we all need to do. She may not have necessarily agreed with the final outcome, but she would look at the facts and was always looking out for what was best for the town. So on behalf of myself and the Council, I would like to congratulate Barbara for the work she's done for the last four years.

Councilwoman Harrison – It has been my distinct honor to serve the Weddington Town Council. It has been quite an interesting experience. Four years ago, if someone had told me I would spend 80% of my time working on one topic I would have laughed at them because there are so many issues at hand. In 2011, when I was running, I made a commitment to heighten our community awareness and with the tree lighting, fall festival, litter sweeps and Easter egg hunt; where we raffled off 14 bikes, collected hundreds of toys and several hundred pounds of canned goods, I believe that has been achieved. Keeping Weddington unique was another area that I wanted to preserve and by landscaping the islands on Hemby, Rea and Providence Roads everyone knows when they enter Weddington's Town limits. But most importantly, it was the work on the Ordinances, as a team, that was most rewarding to me; creating a Downtown Overlay, Storm drainage, putting parameters around our sign ordinances (which I think is going

to have to happen again), and requiring a transportation impact analysis on all new developments to keep Weddington as it was envisioned 30 years ago. To Councilman Don Titherington, Councilman Mike Smith and Mayor Bill Deter, I have the utmost respect and admiration for you and what you represent. Two years ago that first meeting was quite stressful and I thought I was going to have two long years but by February we all realized we had some goals that were the same for Weddington. But if I ever write my memoirs, there will be a paragraph about the Councilman who thought I was poisoning him when I gave him a tin of homemade cookies. I wish all of you success in the future. To the newly elected Council Members, I wish you much success and hope you make decisions based on what is right for the citizens of Weddington. To the town staff for your support, guidance and help with the events, you are Weddington's unsung heroes. To my family and friends thank you for your unwavering support. To my husband, thank you for being you, for supporting me, for your patience and understanding. Now as this chapter of my life closes, I look forward with excitement and anticipation for what the next chapters of my life will bring. Once again, to the citizens of Weddington, thank you I was deeply honored to serve you.

Item No. 7. Oaths of Office

A. <u>Oath of Office for Bill Deter – Mayor</u> Town Administrator Peggy Piontek administered the Oath of Office to Bill Deter.

TOWN OF WEDDINGTON, NC MAYOR Oath of Office

I, Bill Deter, do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Mayor, so help me God.

B. Oath of Office for Scott Buzzard – District II Mayor Bill Deter administered the Oath of Office to Scott Buzzard.

TOWN OF WEDDINGTON, NC COUNCILMEMBER Oath of Office

I, Scott Buzzard, do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina not inconsistent

therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Councilmember, so help me God.

C. <u>Oath of Office for Janice Propst – District IV</u> Notary Public Nancy Dwyer administered the Oath of Office to Janice Propst.

TOWN OF WEDDINGTON, NC COUNCILMEMBER Oath of Office

I, Janice G. Propst, do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Councilmember, so help me God.

Council took and returned from a brief break.

Item No. 8. Determination of Quorum There was a quorum.

Item No. 9. Public Comments

Walt Hogan—5009 Laurel Grove Lane - Thank you for a well-run election. I am looking forward to seeing the same high standards that were set by the previous Council to be met and exceeded. I am looking for some fiscal responsibility, the same as the last time. You all know my issues about the \$206,000.00 accounting, recusal ethics and those kinds of things. But I just wanted to say that you are to be congratulated and I am looking forward to watching you work in the next two years. Thank you.

Nancy Anderson – Welcome aboard to Scott & Janice. Thank you for agreeing to serve and also thank you and farewell to Pam and Barbara. Good job, girls. I have spoken to several Council Members before the meeting about what I consider a very disturbing policy about the attorney invoices. They assured me that the draft that was in the packet is going to be changed. I'm hoping that is true. But I do want to point out the guide to open government and public records as is published by Roy Cooper, the one time Attorney General. The outline of the background of it, the North Carolina Public Records Act makes clear that written materials and other information created or received by State and Local Government is the property of North Carolinians and gives the people a means of enforcing their right to see government records. The Public Records Act imposes obligations on all State and Local Government Officials to: 1) Allow inspection by any person or corporation of those government records not specifically exempted from the disclosure, and 2) allow the public to copy, promptly upon request and at minimal expense records of this government. It goes onto say that the local interpretations in favor of openness, persistent with the principal that records and information compiled by State

and Local Government belong to the people. The North Carolina Supreme Court has developed guideposts for interpreting the law to be used by the courts and government officials charged in fulfilling their disclosure obligations to the public. Specifically, the Public Records Act is a) deliberately in favor of public access to records and information, and b) exemptions from the Act's mandatory disclosure requirement are to be read very narrowly. So I hope that whatever ordinance the Council decides to adopt follows these guidelines. In closing, I would offer a very simple solution; direct the attorney not to put confidential information in the invoice and we are done. Thank you.

Bob Lockerman-1032 Antioch Woods Road- I want to thank Michael Smith. I emailed Union Power at least three times to try and get them to turn on the street light by the Antioch Elementary School. I was unsuccessful. I brought this to Mike's attention at the last meeting and boom it's on. He's magic. In regards to the Falls at Weddington, my concern is with the land development as it compares to the rendering that we were shown which is a map from going to meetings that was passed out. So if the map had changed, then obviously I have some errors here but if that was the final plat then I basically want to bring some attention to it. I want to thank Julian for emailing me today and giving me some more information. That's very helpful. He is educating me and I appreciate it. I took some time this weekend to take some photos that I passed out to you showing how this process is progressing and sharing with you the report I have prepared for each of you. This depicts what's ongoing and at the end I'd like the Council to consider some measures that can help further dictate better land stewardship in the future. You have done really well passing a lot of regulations but I think there's more that needs to be done. In addition to these photos I ask that the town consider a ban on vast burning of materials and waste. In this case it must have been left over tree material. This went on for about two weeks for 24/7 at multiple burn sites across the street from Antioch Church and Antioch Woods Road. At night it looked like a scene from what I would describe as the gates of hell. It kept creating such an ash that it threw off every day it accumulated on everyone's cars and whatnot. Again, I know there isn't any ordinance against that now, but I wish you would consider. I handed out the pictures; this is from noon time yesterday. The first picture is a picture as you move along Antioch Church Road. They are cutting not only along the road, but as I construe what you would call the view shed that's between Antioch Church Road and the first road that's cut in of the neighborhood. If you look you can see that there are trees that are banded and there's other trees that have X's on them and those are between where the view-shed begins and ends. It would appear that they are cutting down in between and selectively leaving bigger trees or other trees but taking down others. I'm not sure if that's appropriate or allowed. The second picture below you can see the environmental barrier has been down; it's been down for nearly two weeks. That's the bottom of the first page of pictures. On the second page in these photos you can see they actually completely cut through a passageway on Antioch Church Road right through the view-shed to get to the other side. It's about the width of Antioch Church Road and I think that is so that they could get their equipment in there. Again, you can see the

environmental barrier has once again been completely pulled out of the way. It's been that way for about a week. On page 3 you can see the brush monster that is doing all this work. You can look at the rest, but basically I would appreciate it if the Council would take a look into making work for Julian now that he has his certificate.

Mark Knowles –5117 Laurel Grove Lane, Lake Providence- First I want to commend Janice Propst for running a high integrity campaign; no lies, no half truths, and no vicious baseless attacks on her opponents. Well done. Second I would like to urge this Council to dismiss or vote down the motion listed on the agenda regarding the release of detailed town attorney bills. On the grounds that this proposed policy is against North Carolina law. The Freedom of Information Act is North Carolina's law regarding open government and public records, also named as the Sunshine Laws were created to provide private citizens access to activities of government. North Carolina Public Record Laws make clear that written materials or other information created or received by State or local governments is the property of North Carolinians and gives the people the means of enforcing their right to see government records. North Carolina General Statute 132 Public Records has no provision specifying the request be made in writing nor that the requestor identify themselves or their purpose. However, Weddington must always put into practice the requirement of payment and signature via this form. This requirement is contrary to North Carolina law and should be discontinued immediately. The specific topic covering tonight's motion is the release of detailed attorney bills. Detailed or not, attorney bills are not confidential based on North Carolina law and neither this Council nor our contract service providers have the right or the authority to unilaterally declare what is confidential. North Carolina law does this for us. GS 132 is very clear. Section 131-1.1 contains a list of the types of communications between the governing agency and their attorney that are considered confidential. This list includes such items as pending and ongoing litigation, tax information, employment security information and others. Attorney invoices are not mentioned. Furthermore, section 132-6c states, and I quote "No request to inspect, examine, or obtain copies of public records shall be denied on the grounds that confidential information is commingled with the requested nonconfidential information. If it is necessary to separate confidential from nonconfidential information in order to permit the inspection, examination, or copying of the public records, the public agency shall bear the cost of such separation." I urge this Council to turn away from the practices of costly secret meetings, like the \$68,000.00 of taxpayer money that you spent between February and August 2014 developing a "fire service strategy". Even now, after three requests and three verbal agreements from Anthony Fox to provide public records from those meetings the residents of Weddington have yet to see those materials. Consider this the fourth request. North Carolina Superior Court has ruled that two weeks is an adequate time to comply. Each of you is sworn to uphold the law, I urge you to start today. Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah.

Ann Marie Burman –7904 Stonehaven Drive- Thank you Barbara Harrison for all the unbelievable hard work she has done and given me the opportunity to help volunteer with her. She is an amazing woman and I think we have lost an unbelievable powerhouse.

Anthony Burman-7904 Stonehaven Drive, Marvin-Congratulations to all of you. I served four of the longest years of my life on the Marvin Council from 2009-2013. During that time, I had the opportunity to get to know many Weddington officials. So thank you to Pam and Barbara both for your service. Especially Barbara, when she was running in 2011, Marvin's Mayor and two Council people were unopposed, so I didn't have to worry about who I was going to be serving with for my remaining two years. So I helped in Weddington going door to door with Barbara, even threw on one of my old Weddington Wild cats sweatshirts. Went to the football games, helped hand her stuff out. She is an amazing Council Member and amazing person. As far as the events are concerned we had a lot of great events in Marvin but they cost us money to do. I had a Council Member in Marvin a couple of years ago ask me how come it costs us so much money to do our events and it seems like Weddington makes money. I said it's because we don't have Barbara Harrison in Marvin. So unfortunately she turned down requests to be paid from us to do our events. She was so focused on Weddington. I just wanted to thank you for your service. Thank you.

Mayor Deter closed Public Comments.

Item No. 10. Additions, Deletions and/or Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Deter-I have a proposed addition. We got some information and had some discussion about posting recordings on the town website. We have the ability at no or minimal cost to do that, so I'd like to add onto the agenda "Discussion and possible consideration of adding audio recordings to the Town website." Because of the "possible consideration" and we vote that would require the unanimous vote that's added to the agenda.

Town Attorney Anthony Fox-You may want to identify the section of the agenda that you want it added to.

Mayor Deter-Oh it would be 15D, under New Business. I would add it there.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington made a motion to add audio recording to the Town website for consideration and discussion as 15D. All were in favor with the votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Buzzard, Propst, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington

NAYS: None

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. All were in favor with the votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Buzzard, Propst, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington

NAYS: None

Item No. 11. Consent Agenda

- A. Council consideration to approve the 2016 Meeting Schedule (COPY ATTACHED HEREWITH AND MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES)
- B. Council consideration to approve the 2016 Holiday Schedule (COPY ATTACHED HEREWITH AND MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES)
- C. Call for Public Hearing for the preliminary plat application for the Conservation Subdivision, The Enclave at Weddington

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. All were in favor with the votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Buzzard, Propst, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington

NAYS: None

Item No. 12. Appointments

Mayor Deter-We now have a series of appointments. This comes at every December meeting after we have a new election.

A. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore

Councilman Smith made a motion to reappoint Don Titherington to Mayor Pro Tem. All were in favor with the votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Buzzard, Propst, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington

NAYS: None

B. Oath of Office for Mayor Pro Tempore Mayor Bill Deter administered the Oath of Office to Don Titherington.

TOWN OF WEDDINGTON, NC MAYOR PRO TEMPORE Oath of Office

I, Don Titherington, do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Mayor Pro Tempore, so help me God.

Attorney Fox-Before you move on the one thing for clarification with regards to the item that was added to the agenda. The way I interpreted is that you made a suggestion that was made as a motion by Don Titherington and was then approved by the Council. Correct?

Mayor Deter - Correct. Are we okay?

Attorney Fox-Yes, you are okay as long as it was a motion of the Council and not the Mayor.

Town Administrator Piontek-I had asked the Mayor to bring it to the Council for discussion.

Attorney Fox-So it was a staff initiated request that was made by the Town Clerk and was put in a motion by the Mayor Pro Tem

C. Declaration by Mayor Bill Deter of Delegate and Alternate to the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO)

Mayor Deter-I am going to appoint Scott Buzzard. I have spoken to Scott and he has offered his time and services to attend the meetings as a Delegate and I will serve as the Alternate.

D. Appointment of Delegate and Alternate to Centralina Council of Governments (COG)

Councilman Smith made a motion to appoint Mayor Deter as the COG Delegate and Janice Propst as Alternate. All were in favor with the votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Buzzard, Propst, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington

NAYS: None

A. Appointment of Council Member as Facilities Manager

Mayor Pro Tem Don Titherington made a motion to appoint Councilman Smith as the Facilities Manager. All were in favor with the votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Buzzard, Propst, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington

NAYS: None

B. Appointment of Council Member responsible for reviewing bank statements

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington made a motion for Mike Smith and himself to be responsible for reviewing bank statements. All were in favor with the votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Buzzard, Propst, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington

NAYS: None

C. Appointment of Council Member as check signatory

Councilman Smith made a motion to appoint Councilman Buzzard and Mayor Deter as the check signatory. All were in favor with the votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Buzzard, Propst, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington

NAYS: None

Item No. 13. Public Hearings and Consideration of Public Hearings

None

Item No. 14. Old Business

A. Discussion and possible adoption of a policy on releasing detailed Town Attorney Bills and Personnel Policy

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – We had discussed this at the last meeting and asked staff to put together a draft proposal that was in the packet. We have since edited it because I think they missed the mark a little bit on what our intent was. The reason we feel we really need to do this tonight is relative to Attorney/Client privilege. As we know several months ago we had some invoices that were shared that contained confidential/privileged information. This basically violated the Town's rights. These invoices were then used in a lawsuit against the town. To hopefully prevent this type of behavior in the future and to prevent having staff being put in an uncomfortable position as gatekeeper, I thought it was important to have a formalized policy. Otherwise it is left up to people's interpretations. What it does is provide clarity to staff and still allows Council to review any and all information. I think that's important. One option would be to scale down the information on some of the invoices. But I think it's important that we actually have a checks and balance to make sure that the bills that we are being presented do contain all of the work product. The information that is there is open to any Councilperson to But by default those invoices do contain what would be considered privileged information. It does not avoid the public from taking a look at them, as we do today. We have a policy in place that allows access to that. It was strictly said that if something was going to be reviewed we would have the ability of the Town Attorney and Council to make sure that any confidential information was redacted from that. To me it's really giving clarity to staff and protects and preserves the Town's attorney/client privilege. I think if you look you will see the UNC School of Government will talk about the fact that if information is going to be determined to be confidential or not, that should not be an individual Council person. That really is a Board decision with guidance from staff and attorney. So that was the reason behind it. It doesn't really change any of our current structures. Particularly as we think about how the bills are paid and taking a look at them. The revised policy was presented in your packet by Peggy this evening.

Attorney Fox – One thing I would suggest that Council consider is to add a sentence to the end "that the town shall comply with all Public Record Statutes". The town never intended not to comply with Public Record Statutes. If the information that is contained in these bills is, in fact, a matter of public record the town will comply. We will meet the statutory requirements.

Councilwoman Propst – Are you saying that it's going to actually go with the GS 132?

Attorney Fox – Yes, the town has to comply with 132-1. But we need to understand that 132-1 doesn't address all public records. There are others. 168 deals with public records. Those things are, although they are public records, personnel information. That is private by statute. So we are going to comply with the statute. That's our obligation.

Councilwoman Propst – So why don't we just say we are going to comply with the North Carolina Statute then? I mean why do we have to have our own special policy if we just say we're going to follow the North Carolina Statute?

Attorney Fox – This deals with a policy decision of this Board of your body as to how it deals with it. First of all, it makes a statement that these attorney bills in specific, not just public record, but specifically attorney bills that contain summaries of the work that was performed by our office and the attorneys working on matters for this town. That information is deemed confidential and privileged. That privilege is not waived. I think that's what this policy does initially is establishes the fact by this governing body that information is privileged. Because that information protects the Town, protects taxpayers from having an opposing party having access to very specific information that discloses legal theories that could end up impacting the taxpayers through dollars that could be paid out in some type of judicial proceeding. That's what this does. This Board is clear that we are saying this is confidential information and it's a privilege that's owed to the Council. That privilege cannot be waived by an individual member. That's what this policy does.

Councilwoman Propst—I personally have never seen a Parker Poe bill and I don't really care to see one. But I do feel that every citizen in Weddington has the right to know where we are spending our legal fees. I agree on the confidentiality on client/council privilege. I think our bills should be clearly marked showing the fees in the categories. Whether it's a general government fee, a planning fee or a litigation fee and that any citizen in this room can walk in the door and say "I have the right to see where my tax dollars are going". I'm actually representing the people in this room and we are public servants. I'm not asking this for anybody to be able to see confidential matters regarding litigation. But I think anybody should be able to walk into the building and say "If I want to see Parker Poe's bills this month", Jane Doe. She should be able to walk in the door and say "I would like to see Parker Poe's bills in regards to planning or general government" and there it should be. You know confidential information, granted that's

somewhere over here. But the bill and how many hours and who sat with you or whoever spoke with you, all of that should be public open record for the citizens of this town to see. That's part of this open government attorney general public record, the Sunshine Law. It's clear that you always err on the citizen's rights to be open and honest to the people that you serve. I ran on that, so I'm going to start my night off by saying that my recommendation would be to open and review those bills in Closed Session as a Council. The Clerk makes a record of the Closed Session minutes and all that's actually in her minutes for the Closed Session. The bills are opened in Closed Session with everybody on this Council can review those bills. Nobody is walking out the door of that Closed Session to review those bills but the Council gets to see those bills. Again, what we have as invoices upstairs clearly says Anthony Fox, general government this month was 6 hours, if it was planning it was 2 hours, if it was litigation it's 1 hour, 2 hours whatever. But any citizen can walk in the door and see where we spend our tax dollars. That's open and honest government.

Mayor Deter – Are you suggesting we have a Closed Session meeting every month? We get the bills monthly.

Councilwoman Propst – We're having one tonight.

Attorney Fox – That has to do with Planning.

Mayor Deter- That has to do with something else.

Councilwoman Propst – I know, how long will it take to go over a bill, 5 minutes?

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – Today we do provide summary, every month, what is broken out in dollars for litigation, as well as, general expense. That is broken out and that is in the monthly financials. That's there any month.

Councilwoman Propst – So can any citizen today walk in the door and not have to fill out a form telling why they want to look at it? I'm not just asking about a legal bill but anything that we spend our money on. Any citizen should be able to walk in the door and not have to fill out a form and say how much did we spend this month with Anthony Fox.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – They can get that information. The challenge that we have here is the detail, as part of the checks and balances still okay. This meeting occurred and here's what was discussed. So I think while you would want that detail to say "hey why was it a 30 or 40-minute meeting" that's where some of that confidential information comes from. That's the actual detailed invoices. If somebody wants a summary, it's not an issue. That's provided and reviewed every month in our financials and it's posted. We actually have a subcategory in there

for litigation. All of that is there. If someone actually wants to get a copy of the detailed invoice, in order to protect the citizens, it should be reviewed and made sure that any confidential information is redacted. That would require it going to Council. So this doesn't prevent anybody from really looking at this from Council. If you sit here and say "I want to go back and understand what's gone on for the last six months" you should absolutely have that right and you do have that right.

Councilwoman Propst – As long as Anthony is saying that we are following North Carolina law.

Attorney Fox – Yes, we will, we have, and we intend to going forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – To clarify the addition at the end, it does say "that the Town Attorney determines that any attorney invoice must be disclosed as a public record, that attorney invoice shall be made available to the public and to individual" you would add "the Town will comply with all public record statutes".

Mayor Deter – I think Janice this also says as it relates to a Council person. You can go in and say I want to see everything, and you can. The issue we had is a Councilperson would say "I will make the determination what's attorney/client privilege myself" and this is just simply saying no, the Council makes that decision because Anthony serves the Council.

Councilwoman Propst – I understand that. I just want to have an open government.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – We do and it is and that's why I think it's important to provide clarity for staff so they are not put in an uncomfortable position either. As employers of staff we have a responsibility to those folks too. So that's why I'm very clear here. I don't want to change anything and what we are really doing today is making it clearer. If anything is confidential that would require Council approval.

Councilman Buzzard – Do we know or have we looked to see if this is consistent with any other municipalities?

Mayor Deter – Well if they are following North Carolina statutes.

Councilman Buzzard – Well do they have anything such as this?

Attorney Fox – Most attorney bills are generally just kept confidential. The amount that's spent is a matter of public record. If someone wanted to get details of what was performed they could certainly ask for that in summary form. Scott, what happened here was unique. It never happened with the experience of some of the lawyers in our firm: that is to be in court and to

have presented to you in court a copy of your legal bill that contained the very theories that you were talking about with regards to the litigation that was at hand. That's how all this arose. Then there's some question about whether or not that information was privileged and confidential and who that privilege was owed to. This goes to define who the privilege is owed to.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – It is not up to one individual Councilperson to make that decision. In a vacuum is what we're saying. We thought we needed a policy. I think Peggy you have some experience with this as well.

Town Administrator Piontek – From my previous jurisdiction we had the same thing. Before we released any bills to the public, we gave them to the town attorney to review to ensure there was no attorney/client privilege breach. Because we had a Council Member that wanted to display them and one individual on the Council is not representative of attorney/client. You are a body. You all are the client so not one person can make that decision.

Mayor Deter - Detailed bills.

Administrator Piontek – Yes, detailed bills. We always had him check it first before we released it.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington made a motion to adopt the Town of Weddington Policy on releasing attorney invoices which is the revised version tonight and not from the other packet. With the language that was added as the last sentence, "that the town will comply with all public record statutes". (COPY ATTACHED HEREWITH AND MADE APART OF THE RECORD) The votes were recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Buzzard, Propst, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington NAYS: None

B. Update on repairs to Town Hall exterior

Mayor Deter – As you know we have had some issues with the Town Hall, primarily the outside siding, rotting wood, moisture and painting issues. We will have this as an agenda item at the retreat. It will take a lot of discussion. I am proud to say I have become a relative expert on houses, humidity, Preservation Bulletin #8, Preservation Bulletin #10 that addresses paint, siding, and moisture issues. I've got North Carolina State Building Codes that address air movement and vents under houses like this whether it's brick, concrete or visqueen. I have met with the Union County Historic Preservation Society and received information from them.

In a nutshell, we have moisture problems. This house is about 2100 square feet. Based on building code you need 1 square foot of vent area for every 150 feet unless you don't have a visqueen cover then that's for every 500 feet. So if this is concrete under here we have one

direction, if it is not concrete under here (council chamber) then the Town would need 15 vents. We have 9 and 3 of them are blocked. There are none on this side. So let's just say, I'm pretty confident I know where our moisture issue is coming from. We'll talk at the retreat on how we address it. I also am pretty much up to speed on the Preservation Society of Union County, Indian Trail, Waxhaw and the Town of Weddington. A quick summary: Our problems started several years ago when the roof was put on. We had a roofer that did not know how to do flashing, 95% of our rot is where the flashing is. We followed that up and basically screwed it up more on how we painted it. There is a difference between latex and oil based paint. I can even tell you when you pop a bubble, depending on what's under there; it will tell you if it's a paint adhesive issue or a moisture issue. The reason I'm pointing all this out is because there has been some discussion that we are going to put plastic siding on Town Hall. That we are going to make it a plastic Barbie House; we're going to throw away the heritage of the town. I got correspondence from the former Mayor of Waxhaw asking me about this. So let's put all that to rest. At the end of the day, it's going to become a discussion at the retreat. There are other issues on caulking that I'm not going into. Let's just say that we're not going to make this a Barbie House and we'll discuss it at the Town Retreat in February.

C. Update on Fire Department

Mayor Deter – That's primarily related to the Septic system. We have a problem with the septic system at the fire department. According to Union County Environmental septic systems are driven by two things, once you know the number of people occupying it. They are driven by 1) the size of the storage tank and 2) the length of the laterals which is dependent on a perk test or absorption. Years ago this system went in and 30 years ago most tanks were single container 750 gallons. Now the facility we have would require a minimum of 1,000-gallon tank and would be a dual tank. Which are two tanks within that tank. What we are doing, before we take action, we have to determine what is the size of the tank that's in there. My gut tells me it could be 750 gallons and we would need to have a perk test. Once we know the size of the tank and know the perk or absorption requirements we can then get bids to get the septic system taken care of. So the town is moving forward to obtain information. They will have to dig up the surface, find out the size of the tank and get a perk test done. Hopefully we will get that done this month and it will be an agenda item for the January Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – Did they give us any insight and do we have enough space on the current property?

Mayor Deter – Well we don't know if we need more laterals. That's the question. So we thought the first thing we'd do is to find the size of the tank, do a perk test. We have two 75 foot laterals. The perk test may say that's fine. The problem is your storage tank is too small, and then we will have to fix the storage tank. It may be the storage tank is too small and we will have to replace it. Your perk isn't adequate and you have to get more laterals. Once we have that information then we have to go the next step and make a decision.

Item No. 15. New Business

A. Consideration of appointments to the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and Historic Preservation Commission.

Councilwoman Propst— I actually called some people and I spoke with Linda Nugent in Highgate. I found her very knowledgeable; she is a Civil Engineer. You all got a copy of the application, but she also does a lot with energy development. I talked to her a lot about her vision of the town and I see that she's very knowledgeable working with DOT and roads and the infrastructure.

I would like to make a motion to nominate Linda Nugent as a member to the Planning Board. The votes were recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Propst

NAYS: Councilmembers Buzzard, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington

Councilman Buzzard – I'd like to keep some consistency with where the town is and how we move forward. If possible, since we have two, I'd like to make two recommendations.

Councilman Scott Buzzard made a motion to reappoint Gerry Hartman to the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and Historic Preservation Commission for a 4-year term. All were in favor with the votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Buzzard, Propst, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington

NAYS: None

Councilman Scott Buzzard made a motion to appoint Barbara Harrison to the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and Historic Preservation Commission for 4 years. "I think from what everyone has said prior to this it helps with her experience."

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – I would second that as we face one of our biggest challenges is road infrastructure over the next four or five years. The Rea Road Extension is coming in, Providence Road is coming in and again I think Barbara's history with MUMPO and intimate knowledge of that will actually be an immense asset. That continuity for the Town, I think it's going to be a tremendous challenge as we go through those expansions and how we view that in an appropriate manner. So her experience would be absolutely incredible for that.

Councilman Smith – I agree.

The votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Buzzard, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington

NAYS: Councilmember Propst

B. Discussion on dates for Retreat in February

Mayor Deter – Hopefully everyone brought their calendars. Peggy is trying to schedule a retreat in February. We made a first pass and had some conflicts. I would offer up February 18th & 19th. Generally, the retreat will run a good 2 days or a solid 1.5 days.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – I think that makes sense, its right around the same time we have it every year.

Mayor Deter – So how does that fit for everyone's schedule because Peggy has to reserve sites and a facilitator?

Councilman Buzzard- For those of us who are not retired Thursday/Friday is somewhat problematic. If there is any potential possibility to try to find a Friday/Saturday combination?

Councilwoman Propst – Or fit it all in on Friday?

Councilman Buzzard – Or fit it all in on Friday.

Mayor Deter – Once we get an agenda out, Dorine you have experience on this, it just can't be done in one day.

Councilwoman Propst – Didn't Peggy say on that particular weekend that the Saturday was open for ½ a Saturday?

Town Administrator Piontek – I will check.

Councilwoman Propst – Scott was just asking because he has to take two days off of work.

Town Administrator Piontek – I understand the dilemma, but it would be helpful if I could go in a direction. So If I cannot get the Saturday, should I book the 18th and 19th. I get it - I'll try and get the Saturday, I understand it.

Councilwoman Propst – Do you think we could do the retreat in 1.5 days?

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – Last year we were finished up about 2:00 pm. We don't go hard core, we take breaks. I work too, so, but I agree with the way it is. By the time you have Richard Helms from Union County, you have the School Board in, you have DOT and you start rolling through the day and a half.

Mayor Deter – Yes we have staff there and we have Planning Board.

Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord – We will probably have the COG Facilitator as well, which is probably easier Thursday and Friday than Saturday.

Mayor Deter – Is there any way you can get that Thursday and Friday, Scott?

Councilman Buzzard - All right, I will see if I can work it out but Friday/Saturday would be whole lot easier.

Councilman Smith – Can you check on Saturday?

Town Administrator Piontek – I can do whatever you direct me to do.

Mayor Deter – We will have to check with the facilitators too.

Finance Officer Gaylord – Not that your retreat depends on me at all but I can't do that Saturday. I can do another Saturday but not the 20^{th} .

Mayor Deter – I would suggest the 18th and 19th. Scott, if you could check. I realize that you are working but Don has the same problem. It's one time a year. Let's see if you can get the 18th and 19th off on your schedule. We really need to get this thing in place. If we could squeeze it into one day we would, but we just can't get it done in one day.

Town Administrator Piontek – So is that what we are doing - the 18th and 19th?

Mayor Deter – The 18th and 19th. Scott's going to check. So before you lock those dates in, today is Monday, and can you let Peggy know by the end of the week?

Councilman Buzzard - Yes.

Mayor Deter – If not we're going to have to do some kind of round robin to try and find another date.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – Or if need be they are available on the 20th, we can just move Leslie to the 19th for the financial side.

Town Administrator Piontek – I will check with Firethorne to see if they are available on the 20th. I will wait to hear from Scott, but that's the week. We are doing that week no matter what. Is that correct? Do we have that commitment?

Response from Council was yes.

C. Update on Town's participation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program throughout Union County

Mayor Deter – You may remember a couple of months ago they came in and spoke to us. We didn't see a lot of benefit accruing for Weddington but we thought it would help the County so we passed a Resolution in favor of that. There may be a benefit to us. We are not sure yet. So Peggy can you give us an update?

Town Administrator Piontek – I met with Mr. Matens on December 7th to discuss the next steps. The information I received is:

• Meetings will be monthly and will start in January.

- The intent is to use the project-specific funds (projected to be about \$900,000.00 per year) to improve infrastructure (e.g., roads, sewers, sidewalks, etc.) with a primary focus on low to moderate income jurisdictions. The funding is limited to the 6 participating municipalities (Marshville, Monroe, Stallings, Waxhaw, Weddington, and Wingate) and the unincorporated areas of the county.
- Two planning documents (a 5-year plan and a 1-year implementation plan) must be completed and submitted to HUD no later than August 16, 2016.
- The County is asking the participants to provide the plans to them by July 1, 2016.
- The participating jurisdictions will be asked to get public input on the plan at their Council meetings in April/May 2016.
- Once the 5-year plan is submitted to HUD, the County does not have the ability to change it without the approval of HUD. Any changes must be in line with HUD's over-all goals of the project.

The purpose of this update is to ask you to start thinking about small projects you would like the County to consider in the plan submitted to HUD for Weddington. There is \$1,200,000.00 that is applied each year and they plan on using most of that for the lower income areas. But there is roughly about \$20,000.00 - \$30,000.00 remaining. That's for the other jurisdictions to try and figure out how they should spend it. So I just want you to start thinking about where you would like us to address that. Where do we need sidewalks or sewers? We're not talking about a lot of money but if we throw some money into it and they throw some money into it maybe we can get something accomplished. I will be meeting with them monthly and I'll give you updates monthly as we go on.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – Peggy thank you for doing that, actually I appreciate you taking the time. If I look at this, we would have public input at a Council meeting in April or May. The reality is that means we need to probably have that as an agenda item at the retreat. That will be the March/April time frame. Is there a rating system to the projects? For example, is a sewer rated higher than a sidewalk?

Administrator Piontek – The only rating that you will get a bonus on is if it is shovel ready. So if we have something that's shovel ready that would of course help. If we have all the surveying done, planning done and all they have to do is put a little money into it; then they are good to go. They said that would certainly help them to lean towards, but I don't know that we have anything available like that. Other than that, know that most of the first year's funds will go to Monroe and either Marshville or Wingate. I will learn more; this was a very informal meeting with him in my office. In January all of the representatives from each municipality will be together and will be kicking around some ideas or thoughts.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – The reason I ask is there are probably three big buckets or at least two big buckets for sure. As we look at residents that are on wells. The ability that we talked about the ripple effect, first really address this next coming session is how we get water to those that want it. I'd be very interested in understanding what that process is. That's obviously

working through Union County Public Works. What is their definition of shovel ready? So for example, you can go ahead and get some of that engineering done now, right? So does that move us to the top of the list? The second thing which is probably more DOT related. One of the projects we talked about is 84 and Twelve Mile Creek. If you are there at school hours the people are going into the ditch basically to try and take that right turn and WCWAA backs up. I was out there the other night and it backed up past Deal Road, past Hollister to the high school. So there's probably some other DOT type infrastructure. I know DOT is saying if we want to get anything done it's a co-share which is okay. But would this be something along those lines as well or do they say no it's a different bucket? Maybe some clarity on that so when you get to the agenda on the retreat we can really focus in on what would be beneficial.

Administrator Piontek – Okay, I'll make sure I check into it.

Mayor Deter – By example you should point it out. Julian and myself have had some discussion on Antioch Woods. They are saying all right, now that they have got water coming down what would be involved for them to connect up. We talked about this two years ago at the retreat, so we would really leave that to a subdivision. Last time we talked I thought she had like 75-80% of her subdivision on board. So that could be another thing, I don't know what's involved with shovel ready, but I think it's the infrastructure thing you talked about like roads, water, sewer, stuff like that.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – So if you could provide some clarity that would be great.

Discussion on posting audio to the town website – this matter was added as a result of a motion made in Additions and Deletions by Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
 Mayor Deter – I will open that up for any questions or discussion.

Councilman Smith – Has this been explored? I know that we talked about it but have we actually gone out and gotten some prices? Analysis of whether our website can sustain it?

Mayor Deter – My understanding is our website can sustain it.

Administrator Piontek – The reason why I asked the Mayor to ask to put this on was first of all to make sure everybody was on board to have it on the website. I've spoken to our IT provider and with the recording technology that we have, we can record the meetings and then post those meetings on the website. I haven't taken it any further because I'm uncertain if all of you are in favor of doing that. If I get direction, if you are all in favor, my goal and hope is to start with the January meeting. That may be a little aggressive, so we may have to start with the February meeting. But I will certainly keep you updated on the information. I just want to make sure that everybody is on board with it before I go any further.

Councilman Smith - Is there any additional cost?

Administrator Piontek – There is no additional cost for the IT, that's all part of the fee that we pay him on a monthly basis. I'm not sure if there is a fee to have a link involved with our website provider and we may have to get a digital recorder. But that would be minimal. My ball park is certainly under \$1,000.00.

Mayor Deter – I believe Indian Trail and Marvin post their audio on their website. I haven't listened to it.

Administrator Piontek – Stallings does this, so if you are interested on what it will sound like. They use the same exact system. They use FTR and their meetings are posted on their website. That will give you an idea of what we are talking about. It won't be anything as elaborate as Indian Trail's because they actually contract with a company to do that. But you will be able to get your meetings on the website.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – We looked at this a year and a half ago and to do video. It was prohibitively expensive. But if you are talking less than \$1,000.00 that's different.

Administrator Piontek – I can't imagine what a website contractor would cost to create a link and there's no added cost for our IT vendor. I'm uncertain of the exact cost of a digital recorder, but at the end of the day I can't imagine it costing more than \$1,000.00. I just want to make sure you are all comfortable because if you put this on website, although it can be filtered a little bit you need to understand what you say is out there and you can't take it back. Those are just things for your consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – We should think before we speak.

Councilman Smith – I think it's a good idea.

Mayor Deter – People can come in and request an audio of the meetings now.

Councilman Smith – I think it's a good idea. I'd like to see you explore it.

Councilman Buzzard – Just so long as you understand that if it does become a cost issue that you bring it back to us.

Administrator Piontek – I would not go ahead with it. I would get final approval from the Council before I go ahead and do it. The recording will never be live. It will be available later on.

Finance Gaylord – How will the audio be available on our website? Is it just one month at a time?

Administrator Piontek – It will be like the minutes, I'm not sure of the time frame from the time the meeting ends until the time that it gets up on the website. It's a short period of time, maybe a week or so. It could be days, I'm not really sure how it works with them.

Officer Gaylord – When the written minutes are created does the audio go away?

Administrator Piontek – The audio is not the actual product of the Town Council. You can hear it but the only thing that is actual public record is the approved minutes.

Attorney Fox – We may want to look at that because it still may become a part of your record and then you are under the disposal act of public records. How long you have to retain it. You may have to create a data storage capability for it.

Councilman Smith – I'm going to assume that a town has it on for a whole year. So you will let us know what the storage capabilities are and the retention guidelines for it.

Administrator Piontek – I will absolutely check all of that out, this is just to ensure all of you are okay with it, if so I will certainly pursue it and give you the information.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington made a motion to direct staff to research several options around posting audio of our Town Meetings on the website. Please have those prepared, if at all possible for January 2016 meeting. All were in favor with the votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Buzzard, Propst, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington

NAYS: None

Item No. 16. Update from Town Planner

Town Planner Julian Burton – There is a memo in your packet that goes over a few things. Scott and Bill, there's an orientation for you from MPO and TCC for delegates and alternates on January 13th at 5:00 p.m. I will be attending as well. It's actually called CRTPO now, not MUMPO. They changed the name a few years back. Another transportation update regarding the Rea Road Extension, I think the date of the Public Hearing is imminent. We should probably know this week. DOT was on board for making sure we have a digital newsletter to send out to our sunshine list and they have a mailing area for everyone within a certain distance of the Rea Road Extension. I will try to find out a little more detail as to who exactly is going to be getting a hard copy letter.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – Julian I hate to throw a curve ball at you and I don't have a date, but the schools are on a 3-day holiday in January. It's on the back side of Martin Luther King holiday. I hate to have that meeting at that time because you will probably have a lot of families that might be interested on vacation.

Town Planner Burton – I think we're good, the conversations I'm having seems like it's going to be one of the last two so I think we're okay. But I will certainly confirm that and maybe throw an emergency rescheduling if it turns out to be a problem. Another DOT update; Sean Epperson with DOT confirmed with staff that the Weddington Matthews improvement project was selected for funding. For new members that's the curve leading up to Antioch Church Road, where there were several accidents. We do have funding for that; we will know the construction start date as soon as they know it. This is noncommittal, but worse case he said that the only hold up could be right-of-way acquisition. If they find out they have to get some right-of-way to make the improvement and the property owners are less cooperative that could take some time. If everything goes well they could start construction in the spring. He made it sound like worse case, end of 2016 it will be done but I won't hold him to that at this point. There are some subdivision updates in the memo as well. Carringdon and Sugar Magnolia are two Conservation Subdivisions that will be on the Planning Board agenda for next Monday. We are one week earlier than normal this month. Two other items on there are not likely going to be on the Planning Board meeting this month; it will probably be in January.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – On the Gibson property I know there's a lot of turnaround road access and 84. What's your latest thought process of them coming off of Lester Davis?

Town Planner Burton – The latest plans still show access off of 84. I haven't seen an updated plan in a while but the last plan shows similar to Beulah Acres, it had a looped access road. It would be two access points. Still two access points on 84 would take trash and mail off of 84 but I don't know if that is fully satisfying your concerns about access on 84.

Councilman Smith – How much control do we have over that?

Town Planner Burton – I think that you would control.

Attorney Fox – It's the subdivision approval process. It's the things that the Council's allowed to look at under the subdivision review and approval process. One of the things you look at is if the development will impact on surrounding properties.

Mayor Deter – That will be expanding four lanes in terms of Providence Road.

Item No 17. Update from Finance Officer and Tax Collector

Finance Officer Gaylord – You have your statements in your packet. The only thing that I wanted to bring to your attention is from a budget standpoint. I did some moving of line items. There used to be the outside agency money which was Urban Forester which we are no longer using, so I moved that money up to the fire department repair line for \$3,800.00. I took money down from the transportation line item in Planning and moved it up to the litigation line item. So it's a zero net effect but I just needed to inform you that I moved it.

Mayor Deter – I noticed on the revenue side and I know it doesn't straight line the budget didn't do a straight line on the revenue option and sales tax, beer wine tax, franchise tax seem to be lagging behind.

Finance Officer Gaylord – It's a timing thing because we are two months behind on sales tax. We don't get June's until August. We don't have six months' worth of revenues in here. Beer and wine is once a year and franchise is quarterly.

Item No. 18. Public Safety Reports

Councilman Smith – We were going to have a Public Safety meeting in December but due to conflicts in scheduling we will be moving it to January. We do have an agenda set and we will be meeting sometime in January as soon as the Chairman can get in touch with all the Committee members. Again if you have anything that you want on it, let me know.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – Mike I know we got some new equipment in for counting cars and speeds, so Julian can give us some property to talk about down the road.

Councilman Smith – It's not speed; it's just traffic counter.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – You may want to get something just so that we have some records on it before it goes to the Planning Board. We are actually in a slow period right now because all the sports are out. It will look different on a Saturday or Sunday in February or March. It just doesn't hurt to have a couple of different data points.

Councilman Smith – Yes, we do have a traffic counter we just purchased. It's kind of like the same thing that you see DOT; it's just a strip that goes across the road. One of the reasons we switched to that was because we're having some problems with the radar trailer collecting data. We were using it for traffic analysis and it was not doing the job; it was intermittent. So we're going to do that as soon as I get up with the Deputies. Get it up and running and figure out how it works before we get that in. It stores a lot of data so I think it will be pretty productive once

we get it up and working. I will try and turn that over to Public Safety to manage. So as the Council has requests we can directly contact the Public Safety Committee for that.

Mayor Deter – Remember last year we had that discussion about getting it, rotation, and running the hoses across the roads.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – I think the only other thing Mayor, from last month we talked about, and this was two data points, but we started seeing the accidents rates in town start to pick up. It could be seasonality, it could be rain etc. But as we look at the Public Safety Committee I think we can start charting that data. In that literature we can see that and see if we have any trend lines with it. It was marked at 33 this month again.

Councilman Smith – More importantly and I think you just said it. It's not how many there are it's the trend more than the happenings. If it's starting to get more month to month, then we will have to look at that. In serving the town wide, most likely its weather related.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – Then I think you will note that I continue to get requests to patrol Highway 16.

Councilman Smith – That has been turned over to the deputies, they are aware of it. Matter of fact they have gotten several complaints, one from the church as well. They are on top of that.

Mayor Deter – Also put those down as agenda items that we can talk about at the retreat. Mapping where these things are, deputies.

Item No. 19. Transportation Report

None

Item No. 20. Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – Pat, Barbara thank you for everything you have done for the town, I really do appreciate it. It's been a wonderful two years working with you. I appreciate your passion, you're willing to compromise and understand and look at the data. When we do talk about the stormwater, we talk about the Overlay District but I think when you talk to residents they were surprised to know those things didn't exist. So the fact that they were put in place really protects their interest. I think it will have a huge, huge difference to this town. So thank you again for your willingness to open up and partner up and make those things happen. The Town is a much better place for you being with us. And Pat, I know it's always tough doing all the things you were called upon to do, but - you know what? - you always did it in a willing way. You were always the last one out of here after the tree lighting and you were the first one here as well. So thank you again as a citizen. You know it's the volunteer hours that people put

in that make all the difference. The fact is true volunteers do it without tooting their horn and that's what you are. So I thank you for your devotion of this town. So thank you very much.

Councilman Buzzard – Thank everyone for coming out tonight and being involved with the process. I know that I have some supporters out here and others that were not able to make it, but I appreciate the trust that everyone has put in me to continue the integrity on this Council.

Councilman Smith – Welcome our two new Council members. Welcome aboard; I look forward to working with you for the next two years. I also want to thank Pat. I have spent many hours out with Pat putting fences up, washing pumpkins and everything else. I just follow Pat's lead. Your work has been tireless and I really appreciate everything you have done for us. Barbara, I want to thank you for continuing your service to the town. You have worked tirelessly and have done a fantastic job for this town. I want to thank you for continuing by serving on the Planning Board. I know that we will do very well with you on that Board.

Councilwoman Propst – I want to thank everyone. Just like Scott, I appreciate everybody that supported me during the election. I ran because I wanted to bring honest open integrity to the Town Council. I have lived here and this is my home. This town means a lot to me and my family. For those that don't know me I would appreciate you getting to know me. Because if you know me, you know that this town is very important to me. What you have put in by placing me in this office, I guarantee that I will do the best by this town. I will do it with honesty, integrity and openness. I thank you for giving me that opportunity.

Mayor Deter – I would just like to, like Don said, thank Pat for all his hard work. I cannot tell you people how much work he does here. It's a lot. I would like to thank Barbara for her service. I know we will struggle on Festivals and Litter Sweep. I have it as an agenda item at the retreat but I also have your phone numbers. I want to welcome the new Council Members, appreciate you giving your time and effort to the town. You are joining a Council that agrees that we want to continue honest and open government the way we have been doing it for the last few years. We all have the best interest of the Town at heart for us to do this job.

<u>Item No. 21. Closed Session</u> – NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) Consult with the Attorney to protect the attorney-client privilege that is related to a Planning Board issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington made a motion to go into Closed Session. All were in favor with the votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Buzzard, Propst, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington

NAYS: None

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – made a motion to come back into Open Session. All were in favor with the votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Buzzard, Propst, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington

NAYS: None

Item No. 21. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington made a motion to adjourn. All were in favor with the votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Buzzard, Propst, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington

NAYS: None

The meeting ended at 9:38 p.m.

Mayor Bill Deter

Attest:

Peggy Piontek, Town Clerk



2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTION 11/03/2015 **ABSTRACT OF VOTES FOR**

UNION COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

INSTRUCTIONS

The county board shall prepare abstracts of all the ballot items in triplicate originals. The county board shall retain one of the triplicate originals, and shall distribute one each to the city or town clerk for the municipality and the State Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections shall forward the original abstract it receives to the Secretary of State. (GS § 163-182.6)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **COUNTY OF UNION**

The County Board of Elections for said county, having opened, canvassed, and judicially determined the original returns of the election in the precincts in this county, held as above stated, do hereby certify that the above is a true abstract thereof, and contains the number of legal ballots cast in each precinct for each office or referendum named, the name of each person or choice voted for, their party affiliation (where applicable), and the number of votes cast for each

person or choice for the item named. This is the 10th day of November, 2015. Secretary Member This day personally appeared before me, _ , Chairman of the County Board of Elections, who being duly sworn, says the abstract of votes herein contained is true and correct, according to the returns made to said Board. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal this the 10th day of November, 2015.

Official Signature of Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Donna C. Meadows **Notary Public** (Seal) Union County, N.C.

November 03, 2015 Municipal Election Results by Contest

Contact	Choice	Party	Total Votes	Flection Day	One Ston	Ahe Mai	Abe Mail Drougeload
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WEDDINGTON HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CALENDAR YEAR 2016

New Year's Day	Friday, January 1
Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Monday, January 18
Good Friday	Friday, March 25
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30
Independence Day	Monday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 5
Veterans' Day	Friday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 24
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 25
Christmas Holiday	Friday, December 23
Christmas Holiday	Monday, December 26

TOWN OF WEDDINGTON

SCHEDULE OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2016 (2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH)

DATE	TIME	LOCATION		
January 11, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
February 8, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
March 14, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
April 11, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
May 9, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
June 13, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
July 11, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
August 8, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
September 12, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
October 10, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
November 14, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
December 12, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS - 2016 (4TH MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH)

(V MONDAL OF EVERT MONTH)				
DATE	TIME	LOCATION		
January 25, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
February 22, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
March 28, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
April 25, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
May 23, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
June 27, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
July 25, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
August 22, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
September 26, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
October 24, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
November 28, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		
December 19, 2015 (Moved up one week – Christmas)	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Council Chambers		

SCHEDULE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETINGS - 2016 *(4TH MONDAY OF THE FIRST MONTH OF EVERY QUARTER AFTER THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED PLANNING BOARD MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.)

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DATE	TIME	LOCATION			
January 25, 2016	*as stated above	Town Hall Council Chambers			
April 25, 2016	*as stated above	Town Hall Council Chambers			
July 25, 2016	*as stated above	Town Hall Council Chambers			
October 24, 2016	*as stated above	Town Hall Council Chambers			

TOWN OF WEDDINGTON

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ma

Mayor and Town Council

FROM:

Kim Woods, Tax Collector

DATE:

December 14, 2015

SUBJECT:

Monthly Report -November 2015

Transactions:	
Adjustment under \$5.00	\$(8.46)
Interest Charges	\$76.83
Penalty & Interest Payments	\$(103.43)
Refunds	\$1623.11
Taxes Collected:	
2008	\$(34.88)
2009	\$(29.42)
2010	\$(29.42)
2011	\$(98.42)
2012	\$(170.59)
2013	\$(50.99)
2014	\$(201.63)
2015	\$(428372.43)
As of November 30, 2015; the fe	ollowing taxes remain
Outstanding:	
2005	\$252.74
2006	\$56.80
2007	\$93.78
2008	\$1039.45
2009	\$865.35
2010	\$821.12
2011	\$463.55
2012	\$4421.82
2013	\$4519.70
2014	\$5623.63
2015	\$370731.73
Total Outstanding:	\$388889.67

TOWN OF WEDDINGTON BALANCE SHEET

FY 2015-2016 PERIOD ENDING: 11/30/2015

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ASSETS

ASSETS		
10-1120-000	TRINITY CHECKING ACCOUNT	871,834.90
10-1120-001	TRINITY MONEY MARKET	1,107,703.63
10-1170-000	NC CASH MGMT TRUST	530,325.89
10-1211-001	A/R PROPERTY TAX	370,731.73
10-1212-001	A/R PROPERTY TAX - 1ST YEAR PRIOR	5,623.63
10-1212-002	A/R PROPERTY TAX - NEXT 8 PRIOR YRS	12,534.31
10-1232-000	SALES TAX RECEIVABLE	1,213.33
10-1610-001	FIXED ASSETS - LAND & BUILDINGS	1,753,018.11
10-1610-002	FIXED ASSETS - FURNITURE & FIXTURES	23,513.12
10-1610-003	FIXED ASSETS - EQUIPMENT	118,306.60
10-1610-004	FIXED ASSETS - INFRASTRUCTURE	26,851.01
	TOTAL ASSETS	4,821,656.26
	LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES		
10-2120-000	BOND DEPOSIT PAYABLE	71,897.25
10-2155-000	HEALTH INSURANCE PAYABLE	1,041.87
10-2156-000	LIFE INSURANCE PAYABLE	19.32
10-2620-000	DEFERRED REVENUE - DELQ TAXES	5,623.63
10-2625-000	DEFERRED REVENUE - CURR YR TAX	370,731.73
10-2630-000	DEFERRED REVENUE-NEXT 8	12,534.31
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	461,848 11
EQUITY		
-	FUND BALANCE - UNASSIGNED	2,416,690.89
	FUND BALANCE-ASSIGNED	236,000.00
10-2620-004	FUND BALANCE-INVEST IN FIXED ASSETS	1,921,688.84
10-2620-005	CURRENT YEAR EQUITY YTD	-360,158.69
	FUND BALANCE - YTD NET REV	145,587.11
	TOTAL EQUITY	4,359,808.15
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	4,821,656.26
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TOWN OF WEDDINGTON REVENUE & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT

FY 2015-2016

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11/01/2015 TO 11/30/2015

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	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR-TO-DATE	BUDGETED	% BUDGET REM
DEVENUE.				
REVENUE:	427.242.21	612 400 95	044.000.00	2.5
10-3101-110 AD VALOREM TAX - CURRENT 10-3102-110 AD VALOREM TAX - 1ST PRIOR	427,342.31	612,490.85	944,000.00	35
10-3102-110 AD VALOREM TAX - 1ST PRIOR	201.63	1,115.76	4,000.00	72
10-3110-121 AD VALOREM TAX - NEXT 8	413.72	3,299.30	1,500.00	-120
10-3115-180 TAX INTEREST	7,462.43	31,230.99	73,075.00	57
10-3231-220 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REV	52.16	354.01	2,250.00	84
10-3221-220 EOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REV		50,332.83	285,000.00	82
	0.00	0.00	41,000 00	100
10-3324-220 UTILITY FRANCHISE TAX	0.00	156,213.62	425,000.00	63
10-3340-400 ZONING & PERMIT FEES	1,762.50	17,705.00	25,000.00	29
10-3350-400 SUBDIVISION FEES	21,775.00	45,780.00	55,000.00	17
10-3830-891 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	200 00	543.00	1,000.00	46
10-3831-491 INVESTMENT INCOME	1,216.46	1,651.98	5,000.00	67
TOTAL REVENUE	484,560.91	920,717.34	1,861,825.00	51
AFTER TRANSFERS	484,560.91	920,717.34	1,861,825.00	
4110 GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
EXPENDITURE:				
10-4110-126 FIRE DEPT SUBSIDIES	58,288.75	294,993.43	709,895.00	58
10-4110-127 FIRE DEPARTMENT	0.00	3,642.15	3,800.00	4
10-4110-128 POLICE PROTECTION	123,528.00	123,528.00	248,677.00	50
10-4110-192 ATTORNEY FEES - GENERAL	15,431.44	27,020.88	95,000.00	72
10-4110-192 ATTORNET FEES - GENERAL 10-4110-193 ATTORNEY FEES - LITIGATION				
10-4110-195 ELECTION EXPENSE	31,695.02 0.00	83,308.94	84,000.00	100
10-4110-340 EVENTS & PUBLICATIONS		0.00 787.95	11,000.00	100 93
10-4110-341 WEDDINGTON FESTIVAL	787.95 402.18		12,000.00	
		-3,130.28	5,000.00	163
10-4110-342 HOLIDAY/TREE LIGHTING 10-4110-343 EASTER EGG HUNT	513.45	513.45	6,500.00	92
10-4110-344 OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS	0 00	0.00	750.00	100
	38.53	138.53	2,250.00	94
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	230,685.32	530,803.05	1,178,872.00	55
BEFORE TRANSFERS	-230,685.32	-530,803.05	-1,178,872.00	

AFTER TRANSFERS	-230,685.32	-530,803 05	-1,178,872.00	
4120 ADMINISTRATIVE				
EXPENDITURE:				
10-4120-121 SALARIES - CLERK	5,966.66	29,666.64	71,000.00	58
10-4120-123 SALARIES - TAX COLLECTOR	3,834 08	17,146.40	46,315.00	63
10-4120-124 SALARIES - FINANCE OFFICER	739.85	5,052.63	13,840.00	63
10-4120-125 SALARIES - MAYOR & TOWN	2,100.00	10,500.00	25,200.00	58
10-4120-181 FICA EXPENSE	966.97	4,770.82	12,460.00	62
10-4120-182 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	1,363.93	6,823.30	18,885.00	64
10-4120-183 EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	2,088 00	10,440.00	25,000.00	58
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TOWN OF WEDDINGTON REVENUE & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT

FY 2015-2016

11/01/2015 TO 11/30/2015

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	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR-TO-DATE	BUDGETED	% BUDGET REM
10-4120-184 EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE	30.24	151.20	400 00	62
10-4120-185 EMPLOYEE S-T DISABILITY	24.00	120.00	300.00	60
10-4120-191 AUDIT FEES	0.00	0.00	8,500 00	100
10-4120-193 CONTRACT LABOR	0 00	0.00	11,430.00	100
10-4120-200 OFFICE SUPPLIES - ADMIN	149 63	2,024.79	12,500.00	84
10-4120-210 PLANNING CONFERENCE	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	100
10-4120-321 TELEPHONE - ADMIN	239.00	834.60	3,500.00	76
10-4120-325 POSTAGE - ADMIN	-3.50	745.93	2,500.00	70
10-4120-331 UTILITIES - ADMIN	410.46	1,316.04	4,250.00	69
10-4120-351 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE -	175.00	7,900.00	30,223.00	74
10-4120-352 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE -	8,233.90	39,908.56	63,000.00	37
10-4120-354 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE -	10,000 00	20,005.00	57,250.00	65
10-4120-355 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE -	0.00	220.00	1,000.00	78
10-4120-356 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE -	900.00	1,800.00	6,000 00	70
10-4120-370 ADVERTISING - ADMIN	69 70	411.81	1,000 00	59
10-4120-397 TAX LISTING & TAX	-72.23	-231.71	1,000 00	123
10-4120-400 ADMINISTRATIVE:TRAINING	-300.00	1,763.17	4,000.00	56
10-4120-410 ADMINISTRATIVE:TRAVEL	408.24	1,385.45	6,000.00	77
10-4120-450 INSURANCE	63.16	13,387.05	15,500 00	14
10-4120-491 DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	260.00	13,840.00	18,000.00	23
10-4120-498 GIFTS & AWARDS	101.41	1,741.12	3,500.00	50
10-4120-499 MISCELLANEOUS	372.83	1,737.98	5,000.00	65
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			 _	
TOTAL DAI ENDITORE	38,121.33	193,460 78	470,053.00	59
BEFORE TRANSFERS	-38,121.33	-193,460.78	-470,053.00	
AFTER TRANSFERS	-38,121.33	-193,460.78	-470,053.00	
4130 PLANNING & ZONING				
EXPENDITURE:				
10-4130-121 SALARIES - ZONING	5,384.64	23,665.04	57,240.00	59
10-4130-122 SALARIES - ASST ZONING	141.09	532.26	2,250.00	76
10-4130-123 SALARIES - RECEPTIONIST	1,954 10	8,807 87	24,975.00	65
10-4130-124 SALARIES - PLANNING BOARD	425 00	1,925.00	5,200.00	63
10-4130-125 SALARIES - SIGN REMOVAL	262.52	1,356.34	4,000.00	66
10-4130-181 FICA EXPENSE - P&Z	624.82	2,779.82	7,770.00	64
10-4130-182 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT - P&Z	916.88	4,624.14	13,015.00	64
10-4130-183 EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	2,088.00	10,440.00	27,000.00	61
10-4130-184 EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE	20.44	102.20	300.00	66
10-4130-185 EMPLOYEE S-T DISABILITY	12.00	60.00	150.00	60
10-4130-193 CONSULTING	-4,117 95	-16,159.50	10,000.00	262
10-4130-194 CONSULTING - COG	0.00	7,800.00	21,750.00	64
10-4130-200 OFFICE SUPPLIES - PLANNING	149.62	1,927.32	5,000.00	61
10-4130-201 ZONING SPECIFIC OFFICE	0.00	40.01	2,500.00	98
10-4130-215 HISTORIC PRESERVATION	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	100
10-4130-220 TRANSPORTATION &	0.00	0.00	18,000.00	100

TOWN OF WEDDINGTON REVENUE & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT

FY 2015-2016

11/01/2015 TO 11/30/2015

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10-4130-321 TELEPHONE - PLANNING &	239.03	834.65	3,500.00	76
10-4130-325 POSTAGE - PLANNING & ZONING	-3.50	575.54	2,500 00	77
10-4130-331 UTILITIES - PLANNING & ZONING	410.46	1,316.06	4,250.00	69
10-4130-370 ADVERTISING - PLANNING &	69 70	239.65	1,000.00	76
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8,576.85	50,866 40	212,900.00	76
BEFORE TRANSFERS	-8,576.85	-50,866.40	-212,900.00	
AFTER TRANSFERS	-8,576.85	-50,866.40	-212,900.00	
GRAND TOTAL	207,177 41	145,587.11	0 00	

TOWN OF WEDDINGTON

Town of Weddington Policy on the Release on Attorney Invoices

It is the policy of the Town Council of the Town of Weddington that all invoices from any attorney or law firm representing or advising the Town ("attorney invoices") are presumed to be privileged and confidential communications and are not subject to release to, or inspection by, the public. This privilege and right to confidentiality belongs to the Town as a body and may not be waived by any individual, including any individual member of the Town Council or Town Staff. Waiver of this privilege and right to confidentiality for attorney invoices instead shall require a majority vote of the Town Council.

In keeping with the above policy any request for a copy, facsimile, or other reproduction of an attorney invoice by an individual, Town Councilmember or Town Staff member must be approved by a majority vote of the Town Council. However, a summary of an attorney invoice will be made available to an individual Council member at his or her request after being reviewed and prepared by the Town Attorney. Any inspection of an attorney invoice by a Councilmember will be conducted in the presence of the Town Administrator.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this policy, to the extent that the Town Attorney determines that any attorney invoice must be disclosed as a public record, that attorney invoice shall be made available to the public and to individual members of the Town Council. That the town will comply with all public record statutes.

This the 14th day of December, 2015.

Mayor Bill Detér