

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014 - 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 May 12, 2014, with Mayor Bill Deter presiding.

Present: Mayor Bill Deter, Mayor Pro Tem Don Titherington, Councilmembers Michael Smith, Pamela Hadley and Barbara Harrison, Attorney DeWitt McCarley, Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord, Town Planner Julian Burton and Town Administrator Amy McCollum

Absent: None

Visitors: Jim Katsounas, Jim Lineberger, Bill Price, Mike Crates, Locke Stuart, Jean Stuart, Chris Duggan, Dan Mays, Jane Duckwall, Jack Parks, Mike R., Scott Robinson, Charles Rohland, Elton Hardy, Eric Anderson, Hy Nguyen and Bob Lockerman.

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

Item No. 1. Open the Meeting. Mayor Deter called the May 12, 2014 Regular Town Council Meeting to order 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. Public Comments. Mr. Chris Duggan – I am here tonight to thank this Council for their future indulgence and open minds going forward with the water tower issue. I understand that there are several hurdles to overcome and a lot of it is communication. I think there have to be some parameters that we need to discuss to have an apples to apples comparison. Thinking about what the numbers were from the County the last time I hate for this Council to be surprised with numbers without knowing what it is and having little time to react. I want to keep the conversation moving so you all can have the ability to make a decision based on the numbers. I want to thank the developer on the project behind me for changing the entrance and exit. I want to thank them for the additional swell that is going to be behind Weddington Woods. I am offering my services on the water tower. I know I do not need to be a distraction going forward so I am happy to fade into the distance but I am offering my services. Get a meeting as soon as you can with Commissioner Helms.

Mr. Eric Anderson – I live at the Hunter Farm. Highgate has just noticed a bunch of coyotes on their property. It is not just Highgate. We lost one calf to coyotes and we are missing a pet. The problem is only going to get worse. We request that the Town Council talk to Animal Control and the North Carolina Wildlife Service because there is nothing that any one person can do. A coyote who is desperate enough to take down a 100 pound calf is desperate because it does not have enough food and it would be desperate enough to attack people or their pets.

Bob Lockerman – What I am speaking about is nothing new. I just hope to present some information I have gathered from several sources and relay to you the concerns of the people of Antioch Woods, where I live, but also the concerns of other Weddington residents that I have spoken with over the past several months. I want to make certain that I speak not accusing anyone of anything but just making you aware of what the residents of the Town that you lead are concerned about. We are worried for existing residents of Weddington. We believe there are not adequate resources to continue the pace of current growth. I define adequate resources as roads, schools and water. Unfortunately, the Town can only affect the permitting of homes. The County handles

schools and water and the State handles the roads. According to the Charlotte Observer on May 7, 2014 - 1,718 permits were issued for new single family homes in Union County in 2013. Of that 144 were issued in Weddington. Thirty six more were added so far this year in Weddington. This brings total permits in Weddington for approved single family lots to 824 as of March 31 – according to the article which referenced our Town Planner Julian Burton. Yesterday, I drove around Weddington and searched the Internet looking for where these lots were being developed. Let me list by name the developments that are either selling homes or have signs announcing homes are coming. It may surprise you - it did me. In no particular order: Skycroft, Devonridge, Weddington Trace, Atherton Estates, Lake Forest Preserve, Rose Hill, Stratford Hall, Highgate, Arbor Oaks, Bromley, Hadley Park, Vintage Creek, Potter Creek, Part of Longview, Highclere, The Meadows and Beulah Acres. There are developments on Rea Road but I do not know if they are Weddington or not. Regardless, I state this because I had no idea that there was so much building currently going on in our Town. Also, I bring this up because some will say that approved lots may not be built on but it would appear that many of these 824 lots are being developed and when they are that will add either 2,500 or 3,300 more residents depending upon three or four per household. That means we grow 25 to 30 percent on what has already been approved to be built.

Again I state this as a mere fact...All communities face growth but Western Union County including Weddington are ill prepared to handle it based again on resources that we have available.

Mr. Lockerman due to time running out was not able to finish his comments so the following comments were provided in writing:

The Observer Article I cited previously also quotes Union County Transportation Planner Joseph Lesch. When asked what was funded for road improvements, he stated, “The funding was approved for Monroe Road from Matthews to Wesley Chapel Stouts Road.” No real impact for Weddington here. He also stated that the planned Rea Road Extension will help alleviate problems and that the widening of Providence Road to New Town Road will probably emerge as a priority. This is not encouraging. I do not believe the final route of Rea Road Extension is complete and when it is it will just dump traffic onto an already small congested roadway and when you are talking about probably emerging as a priority... then I am thinking five years minimum to start the project. At least Providence Road as it exists does provide our residents with a good north and south connector – albeit congested. No such connector exists for east and west. Highway 84 is the primary road and it is the best option in terms of the road surface and it is straighter than other options. However, it is single lane and the High School is located on this road. The other east/west options are farm paths that have been covered with asphalt and if you drive on New Town, Beulah Church and especially Antioch Church Road you know what I speak of. In that order are the conditions of the roads. All narrow with no shoulders and deteriorating surfaces. Antioch Church Road has many areas where on edge the pavement is missing completely. So I state to you that the road resource is inadequate for growth and unfortunately this Council is helpless to do anything. In terms of schools: All the builders tout the award winning Weddington School District and why not - it is why we moved here eleven years ago as well as several of our neighbors and maybe you yourselves. Mr. Mayor - on our Weddington home page you penned a nice letter stating the Town’s efforts to work with the school board during redistricting. I commend you all on the fact that the majority of Weddington residents were able to stay in Weddington schools and I encourage you to continue to have dialogue because based on the lack of funding for new schools as presented at Union County School Board meetings earlier this year this will not be the last. Even with your efforts some Weddington residents were forced into the Sun Valley District and this is a shame.

Mr. Mayor you also state in the letter that the ordinances unique to our Town do not preclude other municipalities from having high density permitting regulations and this is a huge problem; however, unless school leaders announce additional schools our own Town alone will outgrow the Weddington Cluster based on buildable land in our Town. If you look at where the current developments are going on all but two will be in the Weddington Cluster and this will add many hundreds of students to the cluster. This is without approving a single new development. In addition the large Hollister Subdivision not in Weddington proper will add kids as will developments up near the Mecklenburg County Line. The Franklin Meadows Subdivision in Stallings just hung a sign that states homesites now available in Union County - Award Winning Union County Schools. So I state that the schools are an inadequate resource for growth and again you are helpless to do anything to build

additional schools. Finally the water - at Town Council Meetings last summer and fall regarding the water tank location several residents from Rose Hill and Stratford Hall spoke of having almost no water at times and the fire department reported that many fire hydrants were dangerously low on water pressure in the western part of Weddington. This is a public safety issue. The solution of course is the water tower or underground tank which has not been resolved. But more homes will continue to tie into the existing inadequate system. I understand and agree with the argument of putting the water tank below ground. But regardless no tank has been added and water pressure will continue to worsen. So again I state the water resource is inadequate for growth and until the tanks are added there is nothing the Town can do about it. But there is one action that I believe you should strongly consider and seek to implement and I believe you will need Mr. Fox's legal advice on this. Based upon the lack of roads, schools and water the Council should act to defer or put a moratorium on permitting any new developments until such time that these basic resources are satisfied. Based upon the recent primary election results and unrest from the redistricting it would appear there will be new leadership this Fall at the Union County School Board and County Commission. It would seem almost a certainty that schools will be addressed as this is the platform that so many are running on. In addition it is likely that by late Fall the water issue may have a plan for completion. Does it not make sense to let the new Union County leaders announce their plans for schools and to have a final plan in place for water before more homes are permitted? In conclusion, I liken our situation if you will to an aquarium. You take an existing aquarium with a good ecosystem and you add thirty or maybe 50 percent more fish but you provide no extra food, no additional space and no additional oxygen - the entire aquatic community suffers. You add people but no roads, schools and water and your Weddington residents suffer. I encourage you to protect your current residents. Keep their kids in the Weddington cluster, keep them safe on the roads and provide them with adequate water. For all these reasons please pursue a legal means to stop any new permits from being approved in our Town for a period of time.

"Weddington was no stranger to this new growth, but something was different here, the residents were proud of their rural atmosphere and "down home" feel. The leaders of the community wanted to ensure the things which made Weddington unique were preserved for the future, and with the prospect of possible annexation by the City of Charlotte looming, local residents took action. The process of petitioning the NC General Assembly for official incorporation began in earnest."

Much has changed about Weddington since 1983, but one thing remains certain, our Town remains committed to keeping the spirit and character of Weddington alive for those who are here now, and for those who come after us. I'm certain that Reuben Boswell and his grandson would be proud.

Item No. 5. Additions, Deletions and/or Adoption of the Agenda. Councilwoman Pamela Hadley moved to delete Item I. under New Business. Councilwoman Hadley moved to adopt the agenda with the one amendment. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
NAYS: None

Item No. 6. Approval of Minutes.

A. April 14, 2014 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Barbara Harrison moved to approve the April 14, 2014 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
NAYS: None

Item No. 7. Consent Agenda (Public Hearings to be held June 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Weddington Town Hall).

A. Call for Public Hearing to Review and Consider Annexation Agreement between the Town of Weddington, Village of Marvin, City of Charlotte and the Town of Stallings. The Town Council received a

copy of the proposed Annexation Agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Don Titherington moved to call for a public hearing to review and consider an Annexation Agreement between the Town of Weddington, Village of Marvin, City of Charlotte and the Town of Stallings. The public hearing is to be held June 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Weddington Town Hall. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
NAYS: None

B. Call for Public Hearing to Review and Consider a Text Amendment Proposal – Conservation Subdivision Sideyard. The Town Council received a copy of the proposed text amendment. Mayor Pro Tem Titherington moved to call for a public hearing to review and consider the conservation subdivision sideyard text amendment. The public hearing is to be held June 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Weddington Town Hall. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
NAYS: None

C. Consideration of 2014 National Day of Prayer Proclamation. Mayor Pro Tem Titherington moved to approve the 2014 National Day of Prayer Proclamation:

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2014
P-2014-04**

WHEREAS, because of the faith of our many founding fathers, public prayer and national days of prayer have a longstanding and significant history in American tradition; and

WHEREAS, since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through our history; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 legislation adopting the first Thursday in May of each year as National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans and it is a day that transcends differences, bringing together citizens from all backgrounds and all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and

WHEREAS, the 63rd Annual National Day of Prayer will take place on Thursday, May 1, 2014 where millions will unite in prayer at thousands of events from coast to coast; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2014 is ONE VOICE, UNITED IN PRAYER, emphasizing the need for individuals to place their faith in the unfailing character of their Creator, who is sovereign over all governments, authorities and men, and was inspired by Romans 15:6: *“So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ”*; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in the Town of Weddington when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our State and Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Town Council of Weddington does hereby proclaim May 1, 2014 to be designated as **“A DAY OF PRAYER IN WEDDINGTON”** and encourages the citizens of Weddington to observe ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

Adopted this the 12th day of May, 2014.

All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
NAYS: None

D. Consideration of 2014 National Police Week Proclamation. Mayor Pro Tem Titherington moved to approve the 2014 National Police Week Proclamation:

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2014
P-2014-05**

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of all Union County Law Enforcement Agencies;

WHEREAS, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including three members, one each from Monroe, Wingate and Waxhaw;

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, 286 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 100 officers killed in 2013 and 186 officers killed in previous years;

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 26th Annual Candlelight Vigil on the evening of May 13, 2014;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 11-17.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Weddington, do hereby proclaim May 11-17, 2014 as

“NATIONAL POLICE WEEK”

and call upon all citizens in the Town of Weddington and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 11-17, 2014 as “National Police Week” with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Weddington do further call upon all citizens in the Town of Weddington to observe May 15, 2014 as “Peace Officers Memorial Day” in honor of

those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Weddington to be affixed this the 12th day of May, 2014.

All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
NAYS: None

E. Consideration of Contract to Audit Accounts – Tinsley and Terry. The Town Council received a copy of the Contract to Audit Accounts from Tinsley and Terry. Mayor Pro Tem Titherington moved to approve the contract with Tinsley and Terry to audit the Town's accounts. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
NAYS: None

Item No. 8. Old Business. There was no Old Business.

Item No. 9. New Business.

A. Review and Consideration of the Preliminary Plat for the Bard Property. The Town Council received the following memo from Town Planner Julian Burton:

Carolina Renovated Properties, LLC submits a subdivision preliminary plat application for a 15 lot Conventional Subdivision on 22.06 acres located on Hemby Road.

The Town Council deferred the original Bard Property preliminary plat application on March 10th, 2014, citing concerns about the location of the subdivision entrance. In response to the concerns, the applicant reconfigured the subdivision design. On April 14th, 2014, the Town Council recommended that the revised plan be reviewed by the Planning Board. The Planning Board recommended approval with conditions on April 28th, 2014.

Application Information:

Subdivision Name: Bard Property

Date of Application: January 21, 2014

Applicant/Owner/Developer Name: Carolina Renovated Properties, LLC

Parcel ID#: 06-147-004 (7.06 acres), 06-147-004B (11.23 acres) and 06-123-127A (3.78 acres)

Property Location: Hemby Road, between Weddington Woods subdivision and the Bromley subdivision

Existing Zoning: RCD

Proposed Zoning: RCD

Existing Land Use: Residential Conservation

Existing Use: Vacant Land

Proposed Use: Single Family Residential Subdivision

Parcel Size: 22.06 acres

Project Information:

The Bard Property Subdivision is a proposed 15 lot subdivision on 22.06 acres comprised of three parcels. The subdivision is located on and accessed by Hemby Road and is being developed by Carolina Renovated Properties, LLC as a conventional subdivision.

A conventional subdivision is permitted by right in the RCD zoning district per the *Weddington Zoning Ordinance*. A conventional subdivision requires a minimum of 40,000 square foot lots with a minimum of 10%

open space.

Background Information:

- Public Involvement Meetings were held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 on-site from 12:00pm-2:00pm and Monday, February 24, 2014 at Town Hall from 4:30-6:30pm.
- The Zoning Administrator approved the Sketch Plan on December 9, 2013.

Preliminary Plat Information:

- The minimum lot size is 40,000 square feet. The smallest lots proposed are lots 13, 14, and 15 at 40,100 square feet.
- The applicant is required 10% or 2.16 acres of open space after dedicating .50 acres of right-of-way to NCDOT. The applicant has provided 16.00% or 3.45 acres of open space.
- The open space is listed as “lots” 18-21 on the site plan.
- The applicant has also provided a 50 foot required thoroughfare buffer along Hemby Road. This buffer is not included in the open space calculations.

RCD Minimum Yard Regulations:

- Front Yard Setback—50 feet
- Rear Yard Setback—40 feet
- Side Yard Setbacks—15 feet
- Lot Width—120 feet as measured at the front yard setback
- Applicant has met all required setbacks per the *Weddington Zoning Ordinance*.

Additional Information:

- The Sketch Plan has been approved by the Zoning Administrator. Following approval of the Preliminary Plat, the applicant will have two years to apply for the Final Plat. The Final Plat can be submitted in multiple phases.
- The Bard Property is to be served by Union County Public Water and Sewer.
- There is an existing stream and wetlands towards the rear of the site. The applicant has provided a 100 foot stream buffer and has also stated that the wetlands will remain. The pond at the rear of the site will not remain.
- The applicant shows two new fire hydrants along the main road (Whistlerway Circle).
- The applicant will dedicate 25 feet of right-of-way along Hemby Road in accordance with the LARTP and MUMPO Thoroughfare Plan. There will also be a 50 foot thoroughfare buffer along Hemby Road in accordance with the *Weddington Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances*.

The Bard Property Conventional Subdivision Preliminary Plat has been found to be in general compliance with the Town of Weddington Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances with the following conditions:

1. Development subject to review and approval/permitting of construction documents, driveways permit(s), etc. by NCDOT;
2. Development subject to review and approval of construction documents by Town’s Engineering Consultant, US Infrastructure;
3. Development subject to review and approval/permitting of construction documents by Union County Public Works;
4. Development subject to review/approval from the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources (NCDENR) for all erosion and sedimentation control plans.
5. Road names to be approved by Union County E911;
6. Plans for subdivision entry monument to be approved by the Planning Board

The Town Council also received the following information:

- Cover Sheet
- Site Plan

- Application
- Aerial Map

Councilwoman Hadley - Subject to review and approval by NCDOT - I know that we are working on new standards to be set hopefully to higher standards. I was wondering how that would play into this particular project. Do the standards we are discussing have the possibility of affecting this project?

Town Planner Burton – Our approval of this would be today. It would be grandfathered as it is.

Mayor Deter questioned a road in the subdivision and whether it had enough homes off of it to be accepted for maintenance by NCDOT.

The applicant advised that there are five lots there and a minimum of four driveways will access that road. He stated, “That was one of the comments that the Planning Board brought to our attention. That note is on the cover sheet and site plan.”

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington - The swell on Lots 3 and 4 - I did not see the documents showing that.

Applicant – It is on the grading plan. There is a swell that starts here and goes to this property line to divert the water to the low end.

Councilmember Michael Smith moved to approve the Preliminary Plat for the Bard Subdivision with the conditions noted. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES:	Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
NAYS:	None

B. Review and Consideration of Modification from the Subdivision Ordinance – Gruhns Tract. The Town Council received the following memo from Town Planner Burton:

Town Administrator Amy McCollum swore in the following individuals wishing to give testimony: Julian Burton, Jim Lineberger and Hy Nguyen.

Jim Lineberger has requested a modification from the subdivision ordinance to create a culs-de-sac in excess of 600 ft, as shown in the schematic site plan provided in your packet. Shagbark Ln. already exists as a 600 ft. culs-de-sac, and the request is to extend the culs-de-sac past its current length. If approved, the extended culs-de-sac will likely be used to access a future major subdivision.

“The Town Council may authorize a modification from the Subdivision Ordinance when, in its opinion, undue hardship may result from strict compliance with these regulations. Such a modification shall be granted only to the extent that it is absolutely necessary and not to an extent, which would violate the intent of this ordinance.” (Sec. 46-15) Modifications specific to culs-de-sacs are referenced in Sec. 46-76.g.1, which states, “permanent dead-end streets shall not exceed 600 feet in length in conventional subdivisions unless necessitated by topography or property accessibility and if the town grants a modification per Section 46-15.”

Application Information:

Subdivision Name: N/A

Date of Application: April 22nd, 2014

Applicant/Owner/Developer Name: Jim Lineberger/William Bryant & Kathryn Gruhn

Parcel ID#: 06147020G, 06147019, 06147005

Property Location: Hemby Road

Existing Zoning: R-40

Findings of Fact:

The Town Council will use the following five findings of fact when granting or denying the modification from the subdivision ordinance. The applicant has responded to all five findings of fact within their application. Those responses are also copied below in quotation marks.

- a. That there are special circumstances or conditions affecting said property such that the strict application of the provisions of this ordinance would deprive the applicant of reasonable use of his land:
“If the street was required to be extended to connect with Stirrup Ct., the new street would be +/- 1.4 times the proposed extension length with a loss of +/- 3 proposed lots, and a loss of the existing house. Street connection would require +/- 46’ of additional grade change, double the asphalt and crossing an existing draining swale that could require a bridge.”
- b. That the modification is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the petitioner.
“Without consideration for the modification, development of this site for R-40 use is economically unviable.”
- c. That the circumstances giving rise to the need for the modification are peculiar to the parcel and are not generally characteristic of other parcels in the jurisdiction of this ordinance.
“Existing access point is off an existing culs-de-sac. Other adjacent tracts are already subdivided.”
- d. That the granting of the modification will not be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare or injurious to other property in the territory in which said property is situated.
“Proposed modification is compatible and in character with adjacent area which already contains other longer culs-de-sacs. Access to this tract will remain at existing entry point. Existing traffic patterns will remain unaltered.
- e. That the modification will not vary the provisions of the Town of Weddington Subdivision Ordinance applicable to the property.
“The proposed new portion of culs-de-sac street extension is less than the 600’ length in the subdivision ordinance.”

Town Council Action:

Approve Modification/Approve with Conditions/Deny

The Town Council also received the following information:

- Modification Application Packet
- Schematic Site Plan

Mr. Jim Lineberger – The reason that we need the modification is based on a few issues with the property. We would like to extend this cul-de-sac out 515 feet from the existing 615 foot cul-de-sac. It is in character with the surrounding Weddington Manor cul-de-sac which is over 900 feet and Stirrup Court is over 2,000 feet. We think this would create less asphalt than if we had to do any type of connector road into Stirrup Court and if you notice on the plan there is a significant drop in elevation.

Mr. Hy Nguyen – If you look at the proposed cul-de-sac the elevation is around 682 feet and if you look towards the beginning of Lot 11 towards Stirrup Court that elevation is 640 feet. That is roughly 42 feet.

Mr. Lineberger – There is a 4,500 square foot house that would have to be taken down to extend that cul-de-sac as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – As you are looking at putting this in you would need to look at drainage because all that property heads down stream and hits houses that are on Stirrup Court and heads down to the lake. Have you thought through the drainage and how to do that when putting in the road?

Mr. Nguyen – We are at the schematic phase and Jim is looking at getting a variance first for this cul-de-sac length before we go into any further discussions. We have not done detail design yet but we know there is a draw right there.

Mr. Lineberger – We are going to keep the existing house and incorporate into the subdivision.

Mayor Deter – Instead of having a cul-de-sac if they ran the road straight through to Stirrup Court then they would have to take out the house.

Mr. Lineberger – Correct.

Mayor Deter – You are asking for an extension to have a cul-de-sac that is 1,100 feet.

Mr. Lineberger – The existing cul-de-sac is 615 feet and we are adding 500 feet.

Mayor Deter – The ordinance is 600 feet.

Mr. Lineberger – We are going over the existing.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – My biggest concern and granted it might be early because we have not done the study but I am not aware of a culvert on Stirrup Court and you have existing houses there and with that kind of drop how will you make sure that when you put that in if there is any runoff that it is captured and does not create any problem for the folks that are there.

Mr. Nguyen –The Town does not have detention requirements for 40,000 square foot residential. We would need to get a water quality permit from the State. That would be the process we would have to go through. The stormwater would be handled at that time.

Mayor Deter – Is Shagbark Lane a NCDOT approved road in the Town? I do not want a situation where we have a road that is not DOT approved and then you extend it 600 feet to NCDOT standards.

Mr. Nguyen – We can confirm with NCDOT whether it is maintained by NCDOT.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – It is not on the list. You would be in a situation of taking a private road and extending it.

Mayor Deter – My concern is NCDOT accepting this extended cul-de-sac if the first 600 feet of it does not meet NCDOT standards.

Councilwoman Hadley – It probably is not an issue because there are not enough driveway cuts because it does not qualify but with the extension it would probably qualify then they would have the required amount.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – But is the 600 feet built to NCDOT standards?

Councilwoman Hadley – Would it be up to the developer to bring it up to code?

Mr. Lineberger – Right now all we are wanting to know is if you would approve the extension then we could look into NCDOT requirements.

Mayor Deter – I would not want to approve the extension until I know that this will be a road accepted by NCDOT. I don't want to slow you down but that is an issue that has to be addressed.

Town Planner Burton – The burden would be on them if it is private road then they would be in charge of maintaining it.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – But you have existing homeowners that are part of that development on that street. You have other folks that use that as their entrance to their house.

Town Planner Burton – Unless they were all brought in under the same HOA. Another way to look at it is – we are talking about in theory if we are going to approve an extension off the cul-de-sac. Maintenance of that cul-de-sac and whether that subdivision gets built at all is a completely separate issue. Maybe the subdivision does not get built if there is an issue with the road. The road does not exist just because we approve the extension.

Mr. Lineberger – I understand your concerns but we still have to go through site plan approval after this.

Mayor Deter – Will that be covered through the Planning Board when they come back? Right now they are just requesting approval to get an extension.

Town Planner Burton – Site plan, stormwater review and the maintenance plan and all that would be taken care of in the site plan and addressed by the Planning Board.

Councilwoman Hadley – There is a reason that having a 600 foot cul-de-sac is in the ordinance. Are there negative consequences of increasing it?

Town Planner Burton – I think the main concern was connectivity and you don't want tons of cul-de-sacs.

Mayor Deter – I think it is public safety as well. If you have a fire at the end of an 1,100 foot cul-de-sac and that is the only way you can get there and the tree falls across the road.

Councilwoman Hadley – If it is a hardship to connect, then they have met that.

Councilwoman Hadley moved to approve the modification from the Subdivision Ordinance for the Gruhns Tract. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES:	Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
NAYS:	None

C. Review and Consideration of Updating the Schedule of Fees. The Town Council received the following memo from Town Administrator Amy McCollum:

Please find attached proposed amendments to the Town's Schedule of Fees. A complete review of the Schedule of Fees has not been done over the last 10 years - only small amendments have been approved as needed. Planning Board Chairman Dorine Sharp reviewed our fees against other towns in Union County and in North Carolina. A lot of the fees have increased since there has not been an overall increase in several years and there have been a few items added based on recommendations from the Town Planner and Chair of the Planning Board.

The Town Council received a copy of the proposed Schedule of Fees and Town Administrator McCollum shared with the Council a letter she received from the pastor at First Baptist of Weddington regarding his concerns with one of the fees.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington moved to approve the updated Schedule of Fees. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES:	Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
NAYS:	None

D. Review and Consideration of Proposal for Consultation Regarding Streets and Stormwater Policies.

The Town Council received the following memo from Town Administrator McCollum and a copy of the Proposal for Professional Engineering Services – Consultation Regarding Streets and Stormwater Policies:

Please find attached a proposal from US Infrastructure that I requested. There are three different tasks that you could pick and choose which ones you would like to pursue, if any.

Task 1: USI will review the Subdivision Ordinance with regards to bonding requirements for future roads and make recommendations on any revisions - \$820.00.

Task 2: USI will make recommendations for proposal typical street cross-sections and pavement design standards that would exceed current NCDOT standards for residential streets. USI will develop standard details for the recommended streets sections and associated storm drainage to be utilized in future development. Recommended standards would be consistent with other local municipalities and industry standards - \$3,154.00.

Task 3 – USI will review the current Zoning Ordinance and make recommendations regarding storm water management policies, specifically with regard to storm water detention requirements. The Town currently requires detention for commercial development only. USI will provide relevant information from State and local municipalities and other resources to assist the Town in determining if additional management requirements would be beneficial to the Town. USI will make recommendations for policy revisions based upon feedback from the Town - \$3,320.00.

Total for all three tasks is \$7,394.00.

Finance Officer Gaylord advised that there is some money available now for some of the work.

Councilwoman Hadley questioned if the Town gets comparative bids for this type of work.

Town Administrator McCollum – No, I have not because our engineer is familiar with our ordinances and I would assume the process would be a little easier.

Councilwoman Hadley – I would like to include specific recommendations for a policy that ensures that the bonds are not paid before the roads are actually taken over.

Councilwoman Harrison – I am concerned with who looks to make sure the stormwater facilities are put in correctly as to the plat. My concern is that we never follow up with developers on whether the storm drains are where they said they are going to be and where they actually happen.

Mayor Deter questioned how much longer the roads would last if the Town went with Option 2?

Town Administrator McCollum advised that she did not know but that would be a question for the Town engineer.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington moved to approve all three tasks regarding streets and stormwater policies and to work with the Finance Officer on the appropriate budget year to complete the work. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES:	Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
NAYS:	None

E. Review and Consideration of Providence VFD Loan Closing and Reconsideration of Prior Agreements – Mayor Deter. Mayor Deter presented the following options:

<p><u>Per the Contract</u> \$884,192 10 Year Lease 10 Year Fire Suppression Agreement Town Owns Building</p>
<p><u>Deter/Harrison Proposal</u> \$914,940 10 Year Lease 10 Year Fire Suppression Agreement Town Owns Building Town Owns Furnishings</p>
<p><u>PVFD Proposal #1</u> \$986,203 10 Year Lease 10 Year Fire Suppression Agreement Town Owns Building Town Owns Furnishings</p>
<p><u>PVFD Proposal #2</u> \$796,126 1 Year Fire Suppression Agreement Renegotiated 1 Year Lease PVFD Owns Building PVFD Owns Furnishings</p>

Mayor Deter – We have been working with Providence VFD to try to get to a closing for the renovation of the fire department. The contract stipulates we go through the costs. The costs total up to \$884,192, give or take a little on interest depending on when we get to the closing. Every month we delay closing costs the Town about \$1,500 in interest. We have missed two months and that is \$3,000. We miss another month we are up to \$4,500 in interest. Barbara and I got together with Providence VFD and met with them twice for about five hours in total to try to come to some kind of meeting of the minds that would take some of the burden off of Providence because of money they spent per the contract that would not be covered. We came to a number of roughly \$915,000. What is in that is furnishings which were not part of the original contract, there were some other items and some legal fees that we would compromise and said that we would pay half of that. While we have not made an official proposal Barbara and I were representing the Council to come to a proposal. Our first discussion with Providence was on April 14. We then had a follow up meeting on April 24 and at that time Providence came back rejecting the \$915,000 proposal and came with a counter proposal - actually two of them. One being the \$1 million dollar deal and they threw out another proposal which says if the Town will pay for the BB&T Loan plus the \$206,000. The primary difference is that all the other scenarios we had a 10 year lease and 10 year fire service agreement and the Town owns the property. Under this past proposal, it would be a 1 year fire service agreement and to be negotiated same with the lease and Providence owns the buildings and the furnishings. That is where we are. We are not making a lot of progress but we are trying to work with Providence to come to a solution that is good for them. I think part of their concern was that they spent money out of their checking account which they thought would be reimbursed per the contract. It isn't. Barbara and I went back and came up with a number of \$70,000 that we would reimburse. As of right now we are just floating around and trying to get to a closing date. I think the \$914,940 is a good proposal and would like to throw that on the table for the Council.

Councilwoman Harrison moved to offer the \$914,940 proposal to Providence VFD with a contingency that the Town would like to have an answer to Amy McCollum by the close of business on May 27, 2014.

Finance Officer Gaylord asked to tweak the motion that the price would be adjusted based on actual interest costs.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington - A lot of hard work has been put into trying to come to these compromises and I am very concerned that we have a date looming of August 15 and we need to try to get this thing closed. I would like to make the friendly amendment that the Town rescinds the 10 year lease agreement that was previously approved since we missed two closing dates with the intent to work to renew the lease agreement once a closing date has been set.

Councilwoman Harrison accepted the friendly amendments.

Councilwoman Hadley - When this was initially implemented and the previous Mayor and Daniel Barry brought to the table to purchase the real property I was of the opinion that if we did do that I would only agree if there was a long term lease involved because this motion includes the deletion of a 10 year lease I will have to vote no.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

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

F. Review and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget. The Town Council received a copy of the preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and the non-operating expenditures worksheet.

Finance Officer Gaylord - You have in your packet the compilation of all the numbers that we have discussed in previous meetings and have finalized them into a balanced budget. We are looking at revenues totaling \$1,880,500 with corresponding expenditures of \$1,880,500 primarily being driven by ad valorem taxes and general government expenditures. The items that we discussed are included in the back of the spreadsheet as your non-operating expenditures. Some of those items are just estimates such as the renovation of the deputy office, garage repairs and things like that. They would all come back before the Council before any money would be spent but I put it in there for a placeholder. If you have any questions about what is in there let me know and I can try to tweak. We need to call for the public hearing tonight so I need to try to get the numbers as good as we want them.

Mayor Deter – I would like to get some high level budget things to make sure I am correct here. I know we started off last year projecting a \$171,000 deficit. A lot of favorable things have happened some due to growth and a few other things that have been done by the Council we are now projecting to end the year with a \$180,000 surplus excluding the purchase of the fire department. That is a \$350,000 swing. To me that is a good thing.

Councilwoman Hadley – Did the \$171,000 include the purchase of the fire department?

Finance Officer Gaylord – \$80,000 of it would have been for the interest of it.

Mayor Deter – So instead of a \$350,000 swing it is \$270,000 swing – still in my mind a good thing. The budget as it stands right now we are projecting an \$84,000 surplus.

Finance Officer Gaylord – It is a replenishment of the Fund Balance.

Mayor Deter – We have taken money out of our rainy day savings account.

Finance Officer Gaylord – We have a surplus this year but we are spending \$800,000 and we want to put some of that back.

Mayor Deter – It is replenishing money that we have spent.

Councilwoman Hadley – So going back through the income is lower because of being conservative. Is that correct?

Finance Officer Gaylord – The main reason is a lot of that is from subdivision fees. I only budget what we have in the pipeline right now and that is a conservative estimate. That would be the primary difference between the actual and the budgeted for next year.

Councilwoman Hadley – The events and publication increase is that because we were thinking about going from 4 to 6?

Finance Officer Gaylord – Yes.

Councilwoman Hadley – The community events increase?

Finance Officer Gaylord – That is for the Litter Sweep expenses to buy safety signs and possibly hire some deputies.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – Thank you to the people off of Antioch Church Road for your help with Litter Sweep. We heard you loud and clear that was kind of scary doing your civic duty. That is what this is about to see if there are things we can do for signage or off deputy deputies to help provide security.

Councilwoman Hadley – The admin salaries show a decrease.

Finance Officer Gaylord – There is a special line item in there called COLA Merit adjustments. You have not approved specific rate packages and instead of going in and allocating I just estimated what it would be and it should be about the same or a little bit more when you take that into account. I put in a 3% overall increase.

Councilwoman Hadley – I was looking back on the increase that we gave the Mayor and Council last year as being a \$4,200 increase and I would like to go ahead and have it submitted in public record that previous Councils went and researched the staff salaries and found that there were discrepancies with staff's salaries and brought them into line. So then last year with Barbara's research we researched the Mayor and Council and found that the Council was way low and the Mayor was way high and so to bring that into what was being paid in the market comparatively we changed ours from \$250 to \$400 and then the Mayor's from \$700 to \$600 which increased it \$4,200.00. I know that was an issue for a lot of people at the time. I just put a pencil to it and said if we wanted to bump that back and take the Mayor from \$600 to \$500 and Council from \$400 to \$325 that would be a \$4,800 savings if you want to consider that since there were a lot of comments about giving ourselves a raise that if we wanted an opportunity to bring it back into line that we could do that.

Councilwoman Harrison – I already have the scars from doing it. They are not going to get better by taking it down.

Mayor Deter – The Council put the Mayor and the Councilmembers salaries in line based on a survey. You caught a lot of political heat over it now so you want to put out a political statement that we can always take it back.

Councilwoman Hadley – Correct.

Mayor Deter – That is fine. We are killing a little bit of time at the Council meeting but go ahead.

Councilwoman Hadley – Transparency. The contract labor went from \$3,500 to \$13,000.

Finance Officer Gaylord – Website.

Councilwoman Hadley – You have repairs and maintenance for Town Hall at \$20,000.

Finance Officer Gaylord – That is the deputies office and the garage plus general maintenance, parking lot lines and shelving. There is \$10,000 in general building maintenance and we put in \$10,000 for renovations and upgrades.

Councilwoman Harrison – Remember when you advised that Union County came in and said that we had a lower tax value.

Finance Officer Gaylord – They sent us the wrong tax estimate. They sent us numbers off of a current year report rather than projected numbers for next year. The projected numbers for next year were much more reasonable. It came in just under \$2 billion.

Mayor Deter – I have a separate item to request to add to the budget. I would like to see about bringing in a third party fire consultant. Someone who is familiar with fire department operations to help review the operating budget for Providence. What we struggle with is what is good? We don't know if we have good or not so. I think bringing in a consultant to look at that would help us determine what is good and also give us some insight long term what is the direction in terms of providing the long term protection for the community. I had Amy do a little bit of checking. These are rare consulting firms that specialize in that. She has found one and their estimate is \$10,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – Is that for Providence, Wesley Chapel and Stallings?

Mayor Deter – It is basically for the Town. I think there is an advantage of bringing in an outside set of eyes to discuss it and come to us with a plan. What is good for our Town? They may say what you are doing is great keep doing it but they may say something else. It is getting a third set of eyes from people with professional experience in that area. I would like to throw in \$10,000 in the budget for it.

Councilwoman Harrison – I like it because I look at it as a benchmark. We may think we are paying a lot of money and find out that we are right there at the end or we are up high or underpaying.

Finance Officer Gaylord – I will add to the consulting line item and drop the Fund Balance replenishment line down by that amount but it will not change the total.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington asked Ms. McCollum to try to get some more quotes if possible.

Councilwoman Hadley discussed the amount received from Daryl's Lawncare and advised that she asked him to review our existing contracts to see if we need to have an increase moving forward.

Councilwoman Hadley discussed the contract changes and the items within the landscaping budget that were separate items.

Finance Officer Gaylord thought that she had included enough in the budget to absorb the difference.

Mayor Deter – Did we get squared away the territory issues that Pam and Mike were working on and we were going on the assumption that it was a wash from a budget standpoint?

Councilmember Smith – There was an area that Wesley Chapel VFD had been covering that they brought to us during the retreat that they were not being compensated on and we had Leslie look into that. What was the number that you came up with?

Finance Officer Gaylord – Based on the way that I calculated how they were being compensated for what was in their contract price the amount that I came up with for the additional territory was \$11,185.00 and Stallings was currently servicing that area and we are paying Stallings approximately \$15,000 to service that same area.

Councilwoman Hadley – Stallings is not currently servicing that area.

Finance Officer Gaylord – Yes it was in their contract so we are paying them based on their contract area.

Councilmember Smith – The other issue was that there was another adjacent area to it that came into question as to who was the closest fire house. Was it Stallings or Wesley Chapel? Pam and I did some looking at the maps and talked to the 911 Center and went to the County GIS Department. The best that we can figure out is that Wesley Chapel at the furthest point is 2 miles closer.

Councilwoman Hadley – 1 to 2 miles closer.

Councilmember Smith – At the furthest point is 2 miles closer than Stallings so they are closer to this area and it is just a matter of what we want to do about it. The municipal fire district was based on the closest fire house. At this particular point do we want to correct that or leave it as it stands? Right now it is being serviced by Stallings however they are not road miles closer to that area. We did work out some numbers as to what that compensation would be.

Finance Officer Gaylord – That was approximately \$16,500 in addition to the \$11,000. If you modify the contracts for the changes it would be a budget wash. If you do not modify the contracts then you are still contractually obligated to pay Stallings for the entire area.

Mayor Deter – I am assuming that we would want to get contracts with territories aligned so if I lived in this area I know the closest fire department is going to be at the door. Multiple ones may come but we do not have a citizen living someplace and we are saying not the closest fire station but one that will be there very shortly.

Councilmember Smith – From what I can tell there are no conditions existing that would be the exception to the rule of closeness. My recommendation would be that we go to the closest and pay that area over to Wesley Chapel. We just have to redo the contract to reflect that.

Councilwoman Hadley – So we are currently paying Stallings minus this \$17,600?

Finance Officer Gaylord – If you added it all up it would be \$27,800.

Councilwoman Hadley – So \$48,000 minus the \$27,800.

Finance Officer Gaylord – Yes.

Mayor Deter – So we are basically shifting money from this bucket to this bucket but the total bucket is the same.

Councilmember Smith – Yes.

Councilwoman Harrison – Yes.

Mayor Deter – Who handles the process of getting the contracts correct?

Finance Officer Gaylord – From my perspective from a budget point I am okay but you do have some contract adjustments to make.

Mayor Deter – What is the process to make those contracts and maps straight? Does that fall on Amy?

Town Administrator McCollum – It can and I can work with a Councilperson on this and I put on the agenda for next month as well.

Councilmember Smith – I can work with you.

Councilwoman Hadley – I would like to make sure the map is correct.

G. Review and Consideration of Proposal from Miracle Amusements for the 2014 Weddington Festival – Councilwoman Harrison. The Town Council received a proposed contract from Miracle Amusements to provide assistance during the 2014 Weddington Festival. The contract is in the amount of \$5,650.

Councilwoman Harrison - I have a contract in front of you for Miracle Amusements who I have used for the last two festivals. It is very hard to get a company that has all of the insurance that the Town needs.

Councilwoman Harrison discussed what was included in the contract. She stated, “I have to put in a deposit of \$1,400.00. I am asking the Town to loan me the \$1,400 and write the check to Miracle Amusements. The past two festivals I have been able to get enough sponsorship that the Town has not spent a nickel of taxpayer dollars for the festival. My goal is to do the same thing this year.”

Councilwoman Hadley -Have you gotten competitive bids for this?

Councilwoman Harrison - I have not found anyone else that has the insurance and the worker’s compensation.

Councilwoman Hadley - Does Anthony write a contract for this?

Councilwoman Harrison – No this is the contract that we sign.

Councilwoman Hadley – I noticed it was talking about cancellation. What happens if you have to use a rain date?

Councilwoman Harrison – He knows the rain date is the next date and he is okay with that. He gets all of the Union County permits so we do not have to worry about that. He also staffs the event so I do not have to worry about getting volunteers.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington moved to approve the contract with Miracle Amusements. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES:	Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
NAYS:	None

H. Review and Consideration of Renewal of Contract for Engineering Services with US Infrastructure. The Town Council received the following memo from Town Administrator McCollum and a copy of the Renewal of Contract for Engineering Services:

Please find attached a request from US Infrastructure for renewal of their contract for engineering services through the 2016 calendar year. USI has served as the Town’s engineer for over 12 years. They provide miscellaneous engineering services to the Town on an as-needed basis. A more detailed description of the engineering services they provide is listed in the attached contract. Our last agreement with USI was approved January 9, 2012. A majority of the engineering services provided by USI are reimbursed by the developer, etc. I have attached the current schedule of fees with USI.

Councilwoman Harrison moved to renew the contract for engineering services with US Infrastructure. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
NAYS: None

I. Review and Consideration of Proposals for Painting of Interior and Exterior of Town Hall – Councilwoman Hadley. This item was removed from the agenda.

J. Consideration of Seeking Intern to Assist with Town Historic Projects – Councilwoman Harrison. The Town Council received the following Historian Job Description:

WEDDINGTON HISTORIAN JOB DESCRIPTION

Basic Job Description:

Research, analyze, document, and interpret Weddington's past as recorded in sources, such as government and institutional records, newspapers and other periodicals, photographs, interviews, films, and unpublished manuscripts, such as personal diaries and letters. Be able to give presentations to the Weddington Town Council, school and civic groups and create a historic wall for the Town Hall.

Job duties and tasks:

- 1) Organize, catalog, file and document data that has relative significance to the Town of Weddington.
- 2) Gather historical data from sources such as archives, court records, diaries, churches, news files, and photographs, as well as collect data sources such as books, pamphlets, and periodicals.
- 3) Conduct interviews with former Weddington Council members, Planning Board members and generational families of the community in order to gather information about historical events and to record oral histories.
- 4) Conduct historical research as a basis for the identification, conservation, and reconstruction of Weddington's historic past.
- 5) Speak to various groups, organizations, and clubs in order to promote the Town of Weddington's rich past.
- 6) Prepare exhibits that will be displayed at Town Hall or at the Weddington Country Festival or be used when speaking to the Weddington Town Council, and/or school or civic groups.
- 7) Document and catalog historical accounts in terms of individuals or families or social, ethnic, political, economic, or geographic groupings.
- 8) Organize information for publication and for displaying on the Town's Webpage and Facebook page.
- 9) Create a library to display Weddington's papers, manuscripts and significant historic documents at Town Hall.
- 10) Identify and create pamphlet and pictures of all dwellings and/or houses within Weddington that have historical significance.
- 11) Making recommendations to the Town Council on how to display and preserve the past and current history of the Town.

Abilities:

- 1) **Reading Comprehension** -- Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents.
- 2) **Active Listening** -- Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.

- 3) **Writing** -- Communicating effectively in writing as appropriate for the needs of the audience.
- 4) **Communication** – Can communicate orally with customers, Town Staff or Council Members, or the public in face-to-face one-on-one settings, in group settings, or using a telephone.

Knowledge/Experience/Education

Looking for an individual that has a Bachelor of Arts Degree, can work with minimal supervision, excellent computer skills, people skills and writing skills.

Councilwoman Harrison - When we started getting in applications for the Town Planner one of the things that became very consistent on the resumes was that almost every Planner had done an internship with a municipality. I asked Amy if the local colleges might have some type of internship for a historian. She did find that we could post at some locations. I am looking for someone that can jump start and develop a plan for us on how we can move forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington moved to approve allowing staff to seek an intern to assist with Town historic projects. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
NAYS: None

K. Call for Public Hearing to Review and Consider Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget and to Set the Tax Rate. Councilwoman Harrison moved to call for a public hearing to review and consider the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget and to set the Tax Rate. The public hearing is to be held June 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Weddington Town Hall. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
NAYS: None

L. Review and Consideration of Litter Sweep Signage – Councilwoman Harrison. The Town Council received pricing on signage to be used during Litter Sweep. Councilwoman Harrison discussed several options for signage. Councilmember Smith moved to purchase the signage discussed to be used for future Litter Sweep Events. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
NAYS: None

Item No. 10. Update from Town Planner. The Town Council received the following update memo from Town Planner Burton:

Staff has received a Sketch Plan application for the Falls at Weddington major conservation subdivision, located off of Antioch Church Rd. Staff will walk the site on May 15th, and PIMs will likely be scheduled following the site walk.

- The following items were on the April 28th, 2014 Planning Board agenda:
 - Review and Consideration – Weddington UMC CZ Application
 - Review and Consideration of Text Amendment Proposal – Conservation Subdivision Sideyard
 - Review and Consideration of the Preliminary Plat for the Bard Property
 - Public Hearing – Drumstrong Temporary Use Permit Application
 - Review and Consideration of the Gruhns Tract: Modification from the Subdivision Ordinance
- The following items will be on the May 19th Planning Board agenda for discussion:
 - Weddington United Methodist Church CZ Application
 - Minor Subdivision: David Harrington

- Review and Consideration of Atherton Estates Final Plat Map 1
- Review and Consideration of Text Amendment: Homeowners Association and street maintenance (within checklist)
- Review and Consideration of Text Amendment: Notification submitted to Facilities Director of UCPS of all proposed major subdivisions (within checklist).
- The following items may be on the June 9th Town Council agenda:
 - Weddington United Methodist Church CZ Application
 - Review and Consideration of Atherton Estates Final Plat Map 1
 - Call for Public Hearing to Review and Consider Text Amendment: Homeowners Association and street maintenance (within checklist)
 - Call for Public Hearing to Review and Consider Text Amendment: Notification submitted to Facilities Director of UCPS of all proposed major subdivisions (within checklist). – Mayor Pro Tem Titherington advised that it was the desire of some of the current school board members to be copied on this information as well.

Item No. 11. Update from Town Administrator. Town Administrator McCollum informed the Council that she had given them an updated worksheet from the retreat and to let her know the status of any of the items that needed to be changed.

Item No. 12. Public Safety Report.

PROVIDENCE VFD

Union County:

Fire	21	+	EMS	18	=	Total	39
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Mecklenburg County:

Fire	01	+	EMS	02	=	Total	03
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Training hours: 232

Joshua Dye, Chief
Providence VFD

The Town Council also received the Income and Expense Budget Performance and Balance Sheet for Providence VFD.

Weddington Deputies – 754 Calls

Wesley Chapel VFD – 24 Calls

Stallings VFD – 2 Calls

Councilmember Smith reported that the public safety items from the retreat have been assigned to members of the Public Safety Advisory Committee and they plan to meet in June to report on their items. Mayor Pro Tem Titherington asked that grant money be explored for an early storm detection system.

Item No. 13. Update from Finance Officer and Tax Collector.

A. Finance Officer's Report. The Town Council received the Revenue and Expenditure Statement by Department and Balance Sheet for 4/1/2014 to 4/30/2014.

B. Tax Collector's Report.

Monthly Report –April 2014

Transactions:	
Adjustments <\$5.00	\$(21.97)
Balance Adjustment	\$(27.05)
Discoveries	\$442.08
Penalty and Interest Payments	\$(98.21)
Taxes Collected:	
2011	\$(287.70)
2012	\$(602.65)
2013	\$(37,605.10)
As of April 30, 2014; the following taxes remain Outstanding:	
2002	\$82.07
2003	\$129.05
2004	\$122.90
2005	\$252.74
2006	\$56.80
2007	\$144.42
2008	\$1,456.08
2009	\$1,586.05
2010	\$1,905.68
2011	\$2,944.41
2012	\$8,735.49
2013	\$25,647.80
Total Outstanding:	\$43,063.49

Item No. 14. Transportation Report. Councilwoman Barbara Harrison gave several transportation updates.

Item No. 15. Council Comments. Councilmember Smith – Thank you for coming and for the public comments. Bob, thank you for sharing your concerns. Barbara, thank you for all the work you do on the events – it brings the community together. Thank you to Bill for how he is running the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Titherington – Bob, I agree with you and I hope people keep having conversations with Union County Public Works and the County Commissioners. Also to the people that have been working with the Town and the County around the water tank option - I think that is great community involvement and spirit to look for options and hope to come to some agreement on that. There has been a lot of work that has been done behind the scenes.

Item No. 16. Adjournment. Councilwoman Hadley moved to adjourn the May 12, 2014 Regular Town Council Meeting. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Harrison, Hadley, Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Titherington
NAYS: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Bill Deter, Mayor

Amy S. McCollum, Town Clerk

