

## TOWN OF BAILEY

The Regular Meeting of the Bailey Town Board was held in the Bailey Town Hall on July 17, 2017 at 7:30pm.

The following members of the Bailey Town Board were present: Commissioners Howard Wescott, Allen Daniels, Troy Conner and Jerry Bisette, Mayor Pro Tem Shelley Carroll and Town Administrator Timothy Johnson.

### **Called the meeting to order:**

Mayor Pro Tem Carroll called the meeting to order and opened the meeting and welcomed all guest who were attending the meeting,.

### **Approval of minutes and financial statement:**

The Public Meeting minutes regarding the Proposed Budget for the Town of Bailey in reference to the 2017 - 2018 fiscal year, were unanimously approved upon a motion by Commissioner Conner and seconded by Commissioner Wescott. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

The regular meeting minutes and financial statements for the Town of Bailey Board of Commissioners for the month of June 2017 were, unanimously approved upon a motion by Commissioner Wescott and seconded by Commissioner Conner. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

### **Agenda items:**

**Cecil Hawley – Bailey Chamber of Commerce President;** Asked if he could get the incident report from the Bailey Police Dept in reference to the accident that damaged the sign. Chief Bullock stated that after the meeting he would get with Mr. Hawley and get the incident report to him. Mr. Hawley was thankful and agreed to meet with the chief after the meeting.

**EnviroLink;** Dean Holmes, representative of EnviroLink, was not present to comment.

### **Public Comment:**

Mayor Pro Tem Carroll opened the public comment section. Susan Ward of 6545 Williams St stated that she wanted to talk about the trees. She stated that as we all know a tree had fell on her home and that the other trees on Williams St were in poor condition and rotten. Mayor Pro Tem Carroll asked if there were any other comments and since there were no further comments from the public the public comment section was closed.

### **Old Business:**

**Debt Service Water, Water & Sewage Usage rate increase with new Utility Policy –** Administrator Johnson stated that the Commissioner's had not approved when the new debt service and the new incremental water and sewer usage rates would go into effect when they voted on approving the rate increases in last month's meeting. Administrator Johnson recommended to the Board that they consider waiting until the September meeting when they will have a complete new utility policy that will indicated the new rates and official start date so that utility customers could be notified all at one time of the new utility policies and new rates at one time.

### **New Business:**

**PARTF Grant Issue;** Administrator Johnson advised the Board to remember during the Budget Workshop that he had stated that he would be removing the \$250,000 budget line item because both Mayor Lewis of Middlesex and Administrator Johnson were approached by PARTF to advise that Phase II you have had three years to raise the money and you both have had two extensions granted for a maximum of five years. PARTF stated that they could not see a way for both towns being able to completing Phase II by December 31, 2017. PARTF then suggested that we come to an agreement with the Town of Middlesex and turn the PARTF monies that we were awarded back in so as not to damage the town's for any future PARTF grant applications but to state that we were not able to complete the

proposed Phase II due to certain constraints. Then come back and re-apply to the PARTF but choose a different course of action by choosing a more active phase plan rather than the inactive phase plan that was currently awarded. Administrator Johnson did state that both Boards would be getting together in the next couple of months to vote on if they were going to return the monies back to PARTF prior to the December 31, 2017. Administrator Johnson stated by doing this it would not look like bad for either towns that these monies were being held hostage and not being utilized to their fullest extent. Commissioner Bissette wanted to know if we could not raise the money in these five years then how would the towns be able to raise the monies if we did re-apply for PARTF funds. Commissioner Bissette then just wanted to say that if Nash County would be willing to take that park and finish it then he would be willing to give them the Town of Bailey's part in it. He stated that he did not know how the rest of the Board felt about that but that he could not see how that much money could be raised in order to finish what was started over there. Commissioner Conner stated that the only way that it will ever be completed would be to do that. Administrator Johnson advised that he knew that there were questions regarding the park being proposed in the Cooper's community but that park would be an ADA park. Commissioner Bissette asked what that meant and Administrator Johnson stated that ADA stood for American Disability Act approved park. Since it would be an ADA park the county could obtain PARTF funds in order to build and complete the park. Commissioner Daniels asked if PARTF funds were supposed to be only for towns when this first started. Administrator Johnson stated that was correct unless a county was building an ADA park. Commissioner Daniels then stated that the grant was \$500,000 and Administrator Johnson stated that it was \$1,000,000 because it was a match grant. Commissioner Conner added that both towns had put in \$250,000 a piece in order to get the matching portion of \$500,000 of the PARTF grant. Commissioner Bissette then asked what monies were the fund and Administrator Johnson stated what was showing in the financials for this meeting and a recent deposit of \$12,000 from Snack – N – More. Commissioner Bissette stated that Vester had a commitment as well and Administrator Johnson stated that they did but that pays in October of each year.

**Commissioner's remarks:**

Commissioner Conner wanted to know why the building had not been painted. Administrator Johnson stated that the person who had been contracted to do the work had been notified the night she was awarded the bid and that she had not submitted a bill. Commissioner Daniels stated that he would follow up with the contractor on this issue. Commissioner Conner also wanted to know about the stump on William St. Administrator Johnson stated that he was waiting on Al's Tree Service to come grind up the stump and remove the debris. He stated that he had been in contact with them and that they had stated they were finishing up a few jobs but would there within the next few weeks to perform the work.

Commissioner Bissette wanted to know about gravel to fill the hole that was left from the stump that the Town took up at the corner of Jordan and Williams. Commissioner Daniels stated that would also need to be done where the tree stump would be taken up. Commissioner Bissette agreed. Administrator Johnson stated that it was in the quote for the repair of the street with Williams Paving. Commissioner Bissette stated that the crush and run had never been placed down at the Jordan and Williams street corner. Commissioner Bissette stated that he had discolored water every weekend. Commissioner Daniels asked was he on the end of the line. Commissioner Bissette stated that he was. Commissioner Daniels stated that he had to flush his line every week because he was on the end. Commissioner Bissette stated that he did as well but that he could not understand why he was having discolored water every weekend. Commissioner Bissette also stated that the property at the corner of Oak Ave and Pine St needed to be dealt with. He stated that it appears that property is not being kept up. He said that this goes along with the property on Benson and Main. Administrator Johnson stated that he had contacted the Lendon Ganey about the Benson and Main property and that he would also contact in reference to the Oak Ave and Pine St property as well. Commissioner Bissette also wanted to know why Envirolink was not coming to the meetings anymore. Mayor Pro Tem Carroll advised that she had spoken with Dean and that he indicated that there was something that he had to get taken care of. Commissioner Bissette stated that he did not know any particulars but that he thought somebody from Envirolink should be here at the meetings. Administrator Johnson stated that he would follow-up with Heather Adams regarding this issue.

Commissioner Daniels wanted to know if there was a list of trees. Mayor Pro Tem Carroll stated that she had the list. Commissioner Daniels asked Commissioner Bissette if he had any trees that were numbered that he wanted to get taken care of. Commissioner Bissette stated that he did not. Mayor Pro Tem Carroll stated that the trees in question were numbered on the list from the NC State faculty member that came into town to inspect the trees. Commissioner Daniel wanted to know if he needed to get a quote. Commissioner Bissette stated that trees on Williams St that we took down were the ones that were listed for immediate removal. Commissioner Daniels stated he just wanted the list so that he could look at what trees needed to be taken care of. The only other item that Commissioner Daniels brought up was the cars in people's yard with no tags. He stated he is still seeing kids bringing vehicles into their parent's yard with no tags. He stated that there is an ordinance that requires it and it was done 10 to 12 years ago and that he had mentioned something in the last board meeting about it. Administrator Johnson asked if it was by vote of the Board or if an ordinance was passed. Commissioner Bissette indicated that if they were not licensed that they were supposed to be sheltered. Mayor Pro Tem Carroll and Commissioner Daniels stated that it was by ordinance. Administrator Johnson stated that he did not see the ordinance change that they had indicated. Commissioner Conner advised Administrator Johnson to check on this for the Board. Administrator Johnson stated that he would.

Commissioner Wescott had no comments.

**Mayor's remarks:**

Mayor Pro Tem Carroll asked about the crush and run for the cemetery. Administrator Johnson advised that he had two responses so far and that was Owens Construction and for (4) truck loads which is 80 tons it would be \$1600 and Bunn Trucking and for (4) truck loads which is 80 tons it would be \$1800. Mayor Pro Tem Carroll advised the Board that this would be used to build up the roads of the cemetery because they had ruts and were washed out. Commissioner Bissette asked again if that was for 80 tons and Administrator Johnson stated yes. Mayor Pro Tem Carroll stated that the Town had used Bunn before and she needed a motion on which one the Town wanted to use. Administrator Johnson said that he confirmed with Bunn trucking that the crush and run used did not have a grade of 57 in the mix but that he could not get a confirmation of that with Owens Construction. Jerry Bunn Trucking was approved upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Conner. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

**Department Heads Remarks:**

Administrator Johnson – Administrator Johnson stated that he needed the Board to approve the additional quote for \$1250.00 for the WWTP so that he could get all of the work done at one time. If the Board remembered that a quote from Harris Perry regarding the culvert to the spray field where the creek lies needed to be repaired due to storm damage from Hurricane Matthew. Commissioner Bissette questioned the quote and then stated that he knew for a fact that we did not have to use the contractor from the quote because he had done work himself and FEMA paid him instead of the quoted individual. Administrator Johnson stated that he would reach out to Shondalon Foster with FEMA to see what options were available to the Town on how this could be handled. Mayor Pro Tem Carroll asked for the issue to be tabled until the next meeting.

Administrator Johnson provided the Town Board with the agreement from DEQ on the approval of funding for the filtration project. He also provided the Town Board with the AIA agreement with Envirolink on the waste water system that needed to be approved before the work could begin on the detail inspection of the waste water system. This was to show that the contract was for \$150,000 with \$5,250 of in-kind services added by Envirolink. He just needed the authority from the Board to sign the agreement.

Administrator Johnson advised the Town Board that he had discussions with VWS in reference to the recycling center here in town. VWS has stated that the recycling bins are being contaminated with regular household garbage and non-recyclables. They are also being contaminated with bulky waster like kitchen tables, chairs and other items that are clearly not recyclable. VWS agreed that because of the open air bin that this led to the problem that they were having with contaminated loads. However when they placed the small containers on site this continue to be an issue. VWS knows that they are locked into a five year agreement with us but that in

the long run they will have to pass this cost back to us when the contract is renegotiated because they cannot continue to take on additional charges from contaminated containers. Administrator Johnson stated that we could not monitor and police the recycling center so he was going to speak with VWS about recycling bins or carts for each paying customer knowing that this would increase rates for the citizens of the town but that it would eliminate the issue of bad containers for VWS. They could then monitor each location for contamination and refuse pick-up until it is corrected. The goal is to stop contamination but understand that there would be pricing provided by VWS that would potentially increase cost to the citizen.

Interim Chief Bullock – presented two candidates for consideration, Officer Adarin Torress and Officer McCullon Wiggins Jr, who would be auxiliary officers for the Town of Bailey. Interim Chief Bullock also stated that there was a new issue with the 2011 Dodge Charger with the left side rocker arm now causing problems. He would investigate to see if Dodge would get this repaired as well but he could not guarantee the Board that they would. Finally Interim Chief Bullock stated that he wanted to address an employee issue closed session.

**Closed Session:**

Commissioner Conner made a motion to go in to closed session as permitted by NCGS 143-318 (a) (6) to consider the qualification competence and performance of an employee. Commissioner Wescott seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

Commissioner Conner made a motion to return to the regular session meeting and Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion and the motion pass unanimously. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

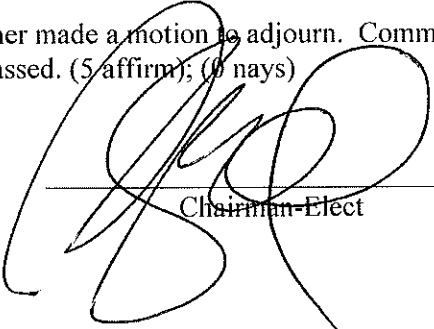
Mayor Pro Tem Carroll stated the following once back into open session:

Commissioner Conner made a motion to promote Interim Chief of Police Corey Bullock to Chief of Police and Commissioner Wescott seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

Commissioner Conner made a motion to accept Adarin Torress and McCullon Wiggins Jr as auxiliary officers for the Town of Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Wescott and the motion passed unanimously. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Commissioner Conner made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wescott seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

  
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Chairman-Elect

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