

TOWN OF BAILEY MEETING MINUTES 8/19/2019

The Regular Meeting of the Bailey Town Board was held in the Bailey Town Hall on August 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

The following members of the Bailey Town Board were present: Mayor Thomas Richards, Joel Killion, Shelley Bullard, Dwan Finch, Ervin Powell and Allen Daniels.

Called the meeting to order:

Mayor Richards called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the August 2019 Meeting at 7:00pm.

Approval of financial statement and minutes:

Approval of minutes and financial statement. Commissioner Finch liked Debbie's check report and made a motion to accept the July 15th Meeting Minutes and the July 2019 financial statement. Commissioner Killion seconded motion passed.

AGENDA:

Bruce Naegelen, Department of Commerce stated I am the Community Economic Developer with the Main Street Planning Center. We will do two things tonight. First, is the Downtown Strong Community Report. Second, is the proposal to implement it. Downtown strong helps communities develop an economic strategies to transform downtown. Many buildings are in decay, this does not hinder the Town's pride but does hinder the Town's development. There is a partnership with East Carolina University to manage the County Doctor Museum, this is Bailey's number one attraction. There is a group of younger residents that would like to have things like a farmer's market. Inquiry about commercial buildings are daily, but there is a lack of available buildings. And there is the sewer moratorium. The county does not seem to be paying attention to Bailey, however Susan Phelps, the County Retail Economic Developer is with us tonight. She is very active and interested in Bailey. Mr. Naegelen read over his finding that were in his report. Next are some of the things that need to be done. The priority is to improve the business potential for Bailey. First thing is to establish a Downtown Development Committee with sub-committees. Second thing is to market and promote Downtown Bailey. The third opportunity is to develop opportunity for business in Downtown Bailey. The goal is to have all of these things accomplished by June 2020. Final Comments, Downtown revitalization does not just happen it takes vision and participation from everyone in this room. The appropriate action if you are ready is for the Board to adopt the report.

Commissioner Finch stated that participation is going to be difficult, what have you done in the past about this.

Bruce Naegelen replied usually by asking, putting stuff on Facebook and in the paper. Be specific about what you want and the time frame. A lot of time it is just having a plan, knowing the plan and just asking them. Now I will go with the proposal it is establishing a Downtown organization. Mr. Naegelen went over his proposal. We would start sometime in September and the cost of that is a whopping \$150 for mileage. With that being said you have two things to do, adopt the report and accept or approve the proposal. There is a memorandum of understanding. Then the Mayor has to sign.

Mayor Richards next is Cecil Hawley, President of the Bailey Chamber of Commerce.

Cecil Hawley, President of the Bailey Chamber of Commerce stated if you don't know we have new business coming on Main Street the cake bakery, herbal life, Sallie Grimes, event deco. There is discussing about an alcohol use permit being signed. There was discussion about the alcohol served in Bailey. I need the Police Chief and Gina to stand, the Bailey

Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize all you do with this plaque. Vince made this. Ms. Joan Lawson is here she has models to present. It was decided to let her present during closed session.

Mayor Richards stated Matt from Envirolink is next.

Matt Littell, Envirolink read the Envirolink monthly report. Clerk, Kellie Glover asked for a map of the specific zones in order to assist the residents when they call in to inquire about grass cutting.

JP McCann, Envirolink stated I will start with the hydrant that was hit by a truck it has been repaired and is back working. Main Street and Benson is operable, it needs to be taken apart and lubricated, it is on the schedule. The Vance Street and Benson hydrant is bagged and needs replacement. The Reid Street needs replacement. Pine Street/Green Street needs replacement and Pine Street/ Benson that also needs to be replaced. Out of 7 hydrants, one has been repaired, one has been exercised and lubricated the other four need to be replaced.

Commissioner Daniels questioned a \$1600 quote, asking can we go back to that quote. The Town should just go to the vendor not through Envirolink. JP McCann stated he would contact Commissioner Daniels before doing any work with more information about the cost.

Mayor Richards stated the one you bagged today is the one that has been having a problem for the last year. It was turned off at the street and when the fire department went around to test it they figured out it was turned off at the street. I just don't know who would have turned it off. Long story short it was bagged today and it has been an issue for over a year.

JP McCann comment that in the Spring they were looking for other things to do before the Town Administrator left we had a list of these things with all of the original quotes I had given them to him in 2018. He was holding those to see what needed to be done at the Waste Water Plant. He was waiting to see what other money could be spent on hydrants. We have been down this path once I don't know if you have that history. I just wanted to share it with you. You authorized me to put a stem replacement in the pump. We are not really happy with how that has worked out with pump number one. I am collection quotes right now for a pump at Green Street replacement. I will get that to you as well. There was other discussion about Pine Street hydrant in which JP McCann stated he was pulled away and now he is back and there was a gap in which he could not answer for. There was some discussion about the Jordan Street hydrant. JP stated I have a quote for that. I also gave the quote for May's Mini Storage to Kellie to give to Vince.

Commissioner Finch asked about the leak at the Feed Mill. Is there any report on that?

JP McCann stated it just needs to be capped.

Commissioner Finch asked how long will that take?

JP McCann stated we will do it at night, not during business hours.

Mayor Richards asked Walter did you have anything for tonight?

Walter Wells, Bailey Planning Board stated I will give a brief report on the Planning Board Meeting in which nothing that needed to be brought to the Board for action.

Mayor Richards stated I don't have anything for old business, does anyone else have anything before we step into new business.

Cecil Hawley stated there is a water valve at Main Street and Benson popping out of the hole. Someone is going to run over it and it is going to wreck a car or shoot out. I have put it back twice. The Police has done it twice also. And the grass on O'Neil Street is three feet tall.

Mayor Richards stated next we are going to move onto new business. I have this resolution for the CDBG. This is for the block surveys. There was a street left off so I have to read it again. Mayor Richards read the CDBG resolution. Commissioner Finch made a motion to accept this resolution. Commissioner Killion second, motion passed.

Commissioner Finch made a motion to adopt both the Downtown Strong Report and to adopt and facilitate the proposal. Commissioner Killion second, motion passed.

Mayor Richards stated we are going to move into Department Head remarks, Kellie.

Kellie Glover, Town Clerk thanks to the Board for allowing me to attend the Summer Clerk Academy. I learned a lot and made a lot of contacts. I attended the 2020 Census Kick off meeting at Nash Community College. I am on the Complete Count Committee which meets once a month. I am going to share some information that is on the Census flyer. I will share more information as I get it. I will attend the NC Rural Water Leadership meeting the end of the month. We did receive the Town credit card. Debbie has more information about that. There are two families that would like to sell their cemetery plots back to the Town, Daphnne Wooten and Wanda Sue Whitley. I have a list of issues from the library. I will give you the report. Thursday, August 22 Joe from Southern Software will be hear at 10:30 am to have a kick off meeting.

Chief Boraski, Bailey Chief of Police stated thank you for the plaque that was really nice. Chief discussed his monthly report.

Mayor Richards thanked the chief for his report and for setting up the National Night Out it was a huge night. Thank you for all of the donations. Next, Vince.

Vince Sievert, Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcer stated I have a quote for a long tap for May's Mini Storage, there is no action from the Board on that. The ball is back in Mr. May's court now. Bonanza Grill can redo the sign on the North side of the building. She can paint over it and put Bonanza Grill over it. I would ask that you send two people to training, we do have the funding. The class is on September 10, if we can make a decision on that tonight. There is a request for information about a liquor license. There is only State guidance, if the Town does not support that idea then the Planning Board needs to put something in the ordinances about that. The types of alcohol license were discussed. All of the inquires have been about beer and wine. I have nothing new about Hardee's at this time. Tony Stone purchased what used to be Lamm's trailer park, he believed there to be 7 sewer taps there. He wanted to transfer the sewer taps to another location. The three acres on the other side of Main Street he wants to sub-divide it and put 10 homes in there. We are working on that. There was one permit issued to build a new home there. Now the Hardware building, Monday they are going to start the work. He is anticipating two to three days. I am going with 4 days. That is all for zoning. For Code we have been busy. Finch Road put up a fence, 12 foot high. I sent them a letter. The place next to Shampouche is tiring to lift the building. I sent a letter about all of the signs on Dean Street, it is a safety concern. We had a complaint about bushes on Vance Street obstructing vision. This is Woodrow's property and he took care of it. A piece of property on Vance Extension has extended the porch, I have called the County about that. That is all I have.

Mayor Richards replied thank you, Vince. Shelley do you have anything?

Commissioner Bullard stated on purchasing the cemetery plots back, we have done that in the past. So I make a motion that we buy back the five plots from two separate people in the amount to one hundred dollars each. Commissioner Killion seconded, motion passed.

Commissioner Daniels commented thank you, Vince for all you do and Kellie and Debbie. I know we did not give you all a plaque. I have been very satisfied and I thank you. That is all I have.

Commissioner Finch stated first I would like to make a motion that we send two people to the zoning class, Vince and someone else. Commissioner Killion seconded, motion passed. I want to provide some clarity about the grant we are applying for. I want to identify the problem the previous engineer noted that the Town needs to work on the INI. That is in agreement with the engineer that is doing the AIA and the engineer that has done our reports for the first grant we submitted. They both agree we have a problem with our INI. What is that, it is basically saying that our pipes, the system that takes it to the field to be treated are clay pipes, they are old before 1970. Bailey is pretty level so the water goes into the collection system so we are treating more water than sewer. So we can focus on the spray field that will not correct the pipes. So the rehab is focusing on changing out the pipes. So I just want to be clear on the rehab part. So this has been know since 2002 it has been documented in the minutes that we have a problem with the INI. This Board is really focused in on getting those pipes cleaned out. That is why we reached out the the COG, Upper Coastal Plain of Government, at the first of the year because we have been a member for many years. The consultants have been very instrumental in applying for these grants. Let me just make a note the grant we applied for in the Spring and did not get we were number two out of thirty. We scored really high, we are going to reapply this Fall, they are taking care of it. We are hoping to get five hundred thousand. There is not a loan involved it is just money we get from the State. We will know Spring 2020. The next thing is the grant we are woking on now with the income surveys. This grant is through the HUD. It is Federal money. This survey is a lot of demographics. Kellie and I went to a workshop by the DEQ down in Greenville a few weeks ago. So we want to make sure we are applying correctly. I gave each Commissioner and the Mayor a map and five surveys. This is a community block grant. I am begging the Commissioners up here to help me get these surveys filled out. Mr. Wells asked about the area identified there are more houses up there that is why the consultants identified that area. About the vacant properties, it will not count against us in the tally. I recommend the elected officials go out because people like to see their elected officials. The grant is for two million dollars. The s444treets we talked about in the resolution has to be what we focus on. Will that get us off the moratorium, I don't know. I have been told that the State looks favorable toward Towns that are trying to change out the pipes. They may say Bailey is doing everything they can with their INI, so that is the hope and the direction we are going in. There is discussion on realigning. A question on the surveys asks if there are jobs available are you interested. So it is about community and economic development. I have been out with someone from the Upper Coastal Plains the problem is that most people are home after four and on the weekends. I need some help with that. I have a family member that is fluent in Spanish and we will get the Spanish speaking residents. I just need you all to help me. People are really thankful and glad to see us. If you live in this area get the residents to help us. If the residents decide not to participate it will be automatic over income and it will count against us. I have samples of the surveys so you know how to do it. Kellie and Debbie can collect them in the office also. Bailey is a perfect location. I have talked to the Millennials and they like it here.

Commissioner Killion stated I have nothing but I do want to thank the Chief for his hard work. Thank you Commissioner Finch that was great information.

Commissioner Powell commented I do have a question for the Board, I remember some time back we tried to hook up to Wilson through Sims, is that still a possibility?

Commissioner Killion replied that on National Night Out Mayor Rose was there and he started a conversation about it. He was saying with a new Mayor and a new Board the dynamics of the group is different. He gave me a name and number and I passed it on the Mayor. He gave me an in, a person to talk to about this.

Mayor Richards stated with that being said even the Upper COG talked about going there several times. They talked about if Bailey does not get their pipes fixed even if you go with Sims or not you are still going to have a problem. All of the pipes have to be replaced. It just has to be done.

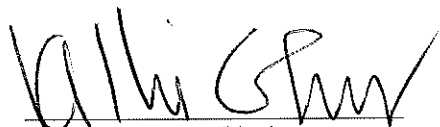
Commissioner Daniels discussed the issue about what the last engineer did with the pipes and that did not get us off of the moratorium. Then the engineer talked about the spray field, that did not happen. I know we spent over two hundred thousand dollars trying to get off the moratorium.

Commissioner Finch commented with some of the minutes I have read from 2002 to 2010 even then the engineer said that Sims and Wilson was concerned with the INI and with the pipes.

Vince Sievert stated that when Mack Gay gets done with the AIA, smoke testing will be part of that. They will be able to put a camera in the pipes, they have all of our historical information.

Mayor Richards commented we had Bruce Naeglene here tonight with the Downtown Strong program. There needs to be a committee there, I have been told some people want to be on this board. I want Walter Wells to lead this with Lisa Matthews, David Evans, Cecil, Ms. Lawson and Vince. The other people that were a part of this in the beginning are welcome to be on it. I am going to let Water head this and get it going. At this time we are going into closed session. Commissioner Killion made to motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Finch seconded, motion passed.

Mayor Richards welcomed everyone back. Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Killion seconded, motion passed.


Town Clerk


Mayor Thomas Richards

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