

TOWN OF BAILEY MEETING MINUTES 11/18/2019

The Regular Meeting of the Bailey Town Board was held in the Bailey Town Hall on November 18, 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 November 2019 Meeting at 7:00pm.

Approval of financial statement and minutes:

Commissioner Finch made a motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2019 and the October 2019 financial statement. Commissioner Killion seconded, motion passed.

Mayor Richards added Bruce Neagelen as item D to the agenda.

AGENDA:

Walter Wells, Chair, Bailey Planning Board stated Thank you for your willingness to serve. Congratulations, I look forward to working with you. I would like to present the proposed text amendment to the Town of Bailey Zoning Ordinance. Walter Wells read the proposal. The Planning Board will review the Corridor Overlay and present the Board with the findings. The Planning Board respectfully requests a joint planning session to be conducted between the Town of Bailey Board of Commissioners and the Town of Bailey Planning Board to enhance and guide the Zoning and Planning direction and future needs for the Town of Bailey.

Commissioner Daniels stated could you run the idea of septic tanks by the Planning Board. I talked with some Towns that have ordinances about septic tanks. Could you look into that and let us know your thoughts, having it in place before building.

Cecil Hawley, President, Bailey Chamber of Commerce stated today we put up two Christmas trees for the Chamber and for the Town of Bailey. There is a tree in front of the Police Station it is going to be a memorial for fallen police officers in North Carolina. It will be lit on December 1st at 2:30. There are over 500 tags to be placed on the tree. We need help to put them on the tree. On December 6th at 6pm we will have the Christmas tree lighting. Ms. Bailey and her court will lite the tree. That night we will have Santa and Mrs. Clause, cookies, hot chocolate and gifts for the kids. On December 7th will be the parade at 2pm. From 10am until 5pm we will have vendors. The fire department will have hot dogs and a cake raffle after the parade. The Boy Scouts will have chicken plates. The Town of Bailey usually donates a fifteen hundred dollar check, will that happen this year? And you all need to be in the parade.

Matthew Littell, Envirolink read the report for October 2019.

Commissioner Daniels asked if someone could meet with me and look at all of the fire hydrants. I don't have a list. Let's look at the ones that are bagged and make a decision about what we need to. If we need extra parts I can order them.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Richards stated the only thing I have is power washing. I have three quotes. Vortex Power Washing \$2485.62 to wash the sidewalks on Main Street. It is eighteen hundred square feet. I tried to get another quote, that person said he could not get to it. Tim Wilson quoted \$1800. They are not going to be sealed. They said you can seal them if you want to they still wash the sidewalks that are sealed. The goal is to get it done before the parade. Commissioner Powell made the motion to go with Tim Wilson for \$1800. Commissioner Killion second, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Richards stated no new business, except the check for the Chamber for the parade. Commissioner Finch made the motion to give the Bailey Chamber \$1500 for the Christmas parade. Commissioner Killion seconded, motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REMARKS;

Kellie Glover, Town Clerk commented the holiday schedule needs to be approved for 2020. I gave you our schedule and the State of North Carolina Holiday Schedule. I did attend Clerk Academy last week it was really good. I learned a lot and made a lot of contacts. I really appreciate you letting me go. There is a Clerk Certification coming up soon, it is \$2600 for all four weeks. I will apply for scholarships. Joe from Southern Software will be calling on Tuesday at 10am to get our software up and running. Our server was worked on remotely and while being worked on we needed a new fire wall. Back in 2015 the Town got a virus in their server at that time the Town purchased ASA 5505 firewall. This keeps the bad guys from getting your information. The thing with municipalities is that bad guys will hack in and get your information. They will encrypt it and hold it for ransom. When updating our server Computer Central found that ASA 5505 was out of date and no longer supported. By law municipalities have to have a fire wall. They installed the new fire wall it was \$949 and with labor is came to \$1100. Computer Central did not tell me about this because no one knew the fire wall was out of date until they were updating our server. I am bringing this to you for approval, Computer Central understands I did not bring this to the Board for approval, so they are giving us time to pay this. This is for twelve months period of time. It is \$79 a month, it has to be paid yearly. Commissioner Killion asked that about a VPN. Mayor Richards asked for more information to be brought to next month's meeting.

Corporal Callahan, Bailey Police Department stated I am subbing for the Chief tonight. I will go over the report. She read the report.

COMMISSIONER’S REMARKS:

Commissioner Bullard had no remarks.

Commissioner Daniels stated that I would like to advertise the Zoning Administrator and Code Enforcer position in the paper for the next meeting. I talked with Robbie today about not having enough bricks. I talked with Mr. Green he stated he took down plenty of bricks by Audrey’s building, so there should be plenty of bricks there. Mr. Green also gave a quote to the owner of 6181 Main and the owner agreed to pay it per Cecil so he is going to fix the building. We are going to have to spray something to kill the tree growing inside the building.

Commissioner Finch stated Rural Water is working on getting the the flow meters at the spray field calibrated. I am going to be meeting with NC Rural Water on Wednesday here at the office. I would like to say a personal thank you to all of the Veterans. Thank you for your service.

Commissioner Killion commented I have spoken with the Clerk and it has been several years since Town Meeting Minutes have been put on the website. We are going to start uploading those starting back in January 2017 to present. And from here on out get them on there. I want to echo what Commissioner Finch said about the Veterans, thank you so much for your service. Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Powell stated I have an estimate for the tree on Pine and Jordan. One is \$6500, one is for \$7500. One is for \$3500 that one is Reliable Tree Service with removing the stumps and everything. He would top out the tree on Williams Street and grind up two stumps for another \$900.

Cecil Hawley told Commissioner Powell about a tree on O'Neal at the stop sign coming from Main Street. There was discussion about getting permission from the homeowner to remove branches that block the stop sign. There was also discussion about other stumps in Town that need to be removed, they are on School Street.

Commissioner Powell made the motion for \$5000 for Reliable Tree Service to remove trees and stumps. Commissioner Finch seconded the motion, motion passed.

Commissioner Powell stated I talked with Commissioner Finch when we were doing the surveys. I have quotes for paving the next three streets on the list. I know you all told me we had to go with the lowest quote. Sometimes the lowest is not the best. I like Williams myself. I know we need to get these stumps taken care of before we can pave the streets. There was discussion about the smoke test, the grants and how that effects the paving of the streets. The street paving was tabled for this meeting.

Commissioner Powell asked why is it we have to have three quotes. The reason I asked is because I talked with a man out of Rocky Mount trying to get a quote for the trees. He told me he did not want to come to Bailey for the simple fact that he was not going to get the job. He has had that happen before. My thing is if you are using someone and you are satisfied with their work and what they have been doing, then why not use them again. Town Clerk will get an answer on that. There was discussion about the Ethics for Elected Officials.

Walter Wells, Chair, Bailey Planning Board stated I told Bruce to head back home. He was just moral support. As far as the Downtown Strong and the 501C we want to partner with the Town to keep the information flowing. There is no resolution needed by the Town. We are ready to move forward. At the last meeting I requested some funding from the Town to help get us started. If the Town was interested in a two to one match up to \$5000. If the Planning Board raised \$2500 for the 501C then the Town would match that amount for the initial funding. That is our request to the Town.

Mayor Richards asked how are you going to approach people about giving money.

Walter Wells answered initially we would go to the business owners that already sit on this committee. Once we get formed we will be approaching businesses here in Bailey. We want to have a Vision Planning session after the first of the year for everyone to participate in.

Commissioner Finch stated I have a few questions for you. How many people have been attending these meetings and how many people are interested in this.

Walter Wells replied it varies sometimes five to six and as few as four.

Commissioner Finch asked is that a core group?

Walter Wells replied Cecil, David, Joan and her granddaughter, Bruce and Susan.

Commissioner Finch asked what is your charter, what is your mission?

Walter Wells replied all of the information you have has our mission statement in it, that is also part of the 501C funding.

Commissioner Finch stated so when you talked with Mr. Neagelen, from the State's preceptive, is that their only option a 501C for the Downtown Initiative. What other options are there?

Walter Wells stated the majority of these organizations in the state are a type of 501C nonprofit organization. Not all of them. And it works very well.

Commissioner Finch commented I will tell you right where I stand, this is me. I am not comfortable creating a 501C at this point in the revitalization process. I would like to see more people involved other than the ones you have, especially if you are asking the Town for five thousand dollars of tax payer dollars. I would like to see more things such as the Farmer's Market, I never heard anything else from that. Why can't we just start simple and revisit this a year after there are more people involved.

Walter Wells replied I understand what you are saying, but the longer you delay things it is more difficult. You mentioned the Farmer's Market, it is hard to find that core group to do things. That is the difficult part. It is going to take a lot of leg work to find out what the businesses need here in downtown. I understand that five thousand dollars is a lot of money to ask for but from the downtown aspect this is one method of manner to move downtown forward.

Commissioner Killion stated what if we did the vision planning before we give the tax payers money. Kind of put a finger in the air to get a sense of what they want to invest their money in.

Walter Wells replied the Town can take this and move in whatever direction they want to. We can get Bruce involved. The longer you drag this out the less results you are going to see.

Commissioner Finch stated back to the presentation in October there are four standing committees organization, design, promotion and economic vitality and implement the revitalization work. They are all volunteers coming to four different meetings. I have been on a lot of committees that do nothing. This is a lot for little Bailey that is still on the sewer moratorium. It just seems like a lot right now.

Walter Wells stated again you have to have planning. But you have to have some early wins and direction. That is just some organization of the 501C. This is coming from the State.

Commissioner Finch commented point number seven, the Board could empower the nonprofit to "manage" the downtown revitalization effort. Manage is a broad term to me. Is that taking away the authority from the Town Board?

Walter Wells stated no it is not. If something came up that the Town does not have time to look at, then you can empower the committee to look at it and provide feedback to the Board. These directions came directly from the State.

Commissioner Finch commented with that being said another thing that bothers me about a 501C-3 is that how do we know it is not a way to get special privilege to developers. I would

like everyone to have an opportunity in Bailey. I don't want anyone to be restricted by a 501C-3.

Walter Wells stated there will be a member of the Board sitting on this committee so they will be in communication with the Town. So if something like that was to happen the Board would know about it.

Commissioner Daniels stated you are asking for five thousand dollars it is \$600 to incorporate. What is the other money for. At this time how many board members will vote to spend the tax payers money.

Walter Wells answered I am going to disagree with the \$600 figure. There will be guide lines on the number of members of the Board right now five to eight. According to the by-laws and we don't have by-laws yet. It is not going to do any good to set this up and not have funding to do anything with. We have to look at planning. Anything you do like the Farmer's Market takes money and planning. We are not trying to hide or take anyones money. The Town has been given one hundred thousand dollars for downtown development. If the Town is serious about downtown development, we are asking for some of the funds to do this with.

Commissioner Killion stated I am curious we want to have the government to put money into an organization when we don't even know where the individual tax payers or business owners stand on this. Seems like we have not heard a lot from the business owners. Seems like we are putting the cart before the horse.


Walter Wells commented we were charged with putting this together. If the Town thinks we have the cart before the horse, we probably did when we went to the State talking about this downtown development. Maybe we should have had a better plan before we went to the State.


Mayor Richards stated that is my fault, Walter. They sent me the email about Downtown Strong. When I first got involved I thought it was going to be a way to get some help with more grants. Some of these business owners here will put in for some of this stuff they will get the same opportunities. I am willing to donate money to this Downtown Strong. We have that hundred thousand dollars, that is for Main Street revitalization and we have been doing that. We have to spend the money by June 30th. I think everyone wants to see people get involved. These are legitimate questions that are being asked. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving next week.

Commissioner Killion made the motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Finch seconded, motion passed.

Commissioner Finch made the motion to give full time and part time Town of Bailey employees a Christmas bonus of \$250. Commissioner Killion seconded, motion passed.

Commissioner Daniels made a motion to Adjourn, Commissioner Killion seconded, motion passed.


Town Clerk


Mayor Thomas Richards