

TOWN OF BAILEY MEETING MINUTES 07/19/2021

The Regular Meeting of the Bailey Town Board was held in the Bailey Town Hall on July 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

The following members of the Bailey Town Board were present: Mayor Thomas Richards, and Commissioners Joel Killion, Shelley Bullard, Dwan Finch, Ervin Powell, and Allen Daniels. Also in attendance: Jeremy Crawford, Town Clerk, and Interim Police Chief Cathy Callahan.

Called the meeting to order:

Mayor Richards called the meeting to order, welcomed all guests, and asked Commissioner Powell to lead us in a word of prayer.

Mayor Richards asked everyone to stand and join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Thank you all. I am going to call this meeting to order.

Approval of financial statements and minutes:

Commissioner Finch requested to have an itemized credit card statement included in all future monthly financial documents. Commissioner Finch made a motion to approve the financial statement for June 2021, the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on June, 2021. Commissioner Killion seconded. Motion passed.

Commissioner Finch made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from June 21, 2021, and both public meetings from June 28, 2021. Commissioner Killion seconded. Motion carries.

Agenda:

Mayor Richards announced The Wooten Company as the first up on the Agenda. Town Clerk Jeremy Crawford assisted Dave Malinauskas with bringing up their visual presentation on the two monitors.

The Wooten Company. Dave Malinauskas introduced himself and thanked the Board for giving The Wooten Company the opportunity to present their information during tonight's meeting. Dave further added his appreciation to Commissioner Finch for her involvement and sharing vital Town information. Dave introduced Brian Johnson, the company's Engineering Officer, and George Collier, the funding group representative. After the introductions Dave offered to progress through the slides, but as the presentation was being provided through the Clerk's laptop, Jeremy offered to manually click through the slide each time Dave was ready. Dave stated the main focus tonight was to share Wooten's experience, knowledge, and background in various fields related to sewer and waste water systems. Additionally, Dave reminded the Board that there is no contractual obligation or agreement between the Board and Wooten at this time.

Dave called Brian Johnson forward to provide his portion of the presentation. Brian thanked the Board for allowing him to speak, and he provided some historical information about Wooten's history, which extended back to 1936. Brian added he is proud of the number of repeat clients Wooten has enjoyed

over the years, and the trust each of them have expressed in Wooten. Brian further added that his team has offices across the southeast and many of their clients are in public enterprise.

Brian attempted to clarify Wooten's reputation for water and sewer work by adding that Wooten has a lengthy history of resolving public enterprise challenges in all areas – water, sewer, lighting, civil design, building systems, funding strategies, and more. Additionally, while Bailey might be a municipality, Wooten's client base includes many other public entities, educational institutions, and private industry organizations. Brian could not recall prior involvement with the Town of Bailey, directly, but he had direct knowledge of work with other clients in the Nash County area, which he felt should speak to Wooten's understanding of the area.

Brian then moved into the realm of funding, adding that so many entities have big plans for correcting their problem systems but without the proper funding plans go nowhere. Brian says Wooten is capable of providing Bailey with access to funding resources that may help Bailey meet its goals. With that, Brian turned the presentation over to Dave Malinauskas.

Dave thanked the Board again for giving him the time to speak. Dave apologized for the small size of the text, reminding the Board that the text always looks bigger when you're making the presentation than when it is displayed on a monitor for the room. Dave further reminded everyone in the room that there is no current obligation between the Town of Bailey and The Wooten Company as it relates to this project. This is still a planning level, advisor-like phase. What Wooten is really trying to accomplish at this point is to provide Bailey with some insight on how to increase the sewer capacity by at least a partial replacement of the existing waste water treatment plant (WWTP). Dave clarified "partial," by saying that there could be a study to see if the existing WWTP could remain in place and still provide some degree or volume of service in the future. Even with a partial approach in mind, there could still be an acceptable plan in the future to take a flow to the City of Wilson via pump stations. Looking at the slide, Dave pointed out that the third bullet highlights the key planning and design elements, which include finding the right balance of pump station and force main sizing.

Dave's next slide showed the Wilson, Bailey, and Sims areas or Nash and Wilson Counties. Dave again apologized for the lack of clarity in the slide, as it was too small for the audience or Board to see the detail. Dave claimed if the map were bigger, the Board could see the piping route for the project, and it might be more clear that the piping would leave Bailey, go through Sims, and terminate in Wilson, all while clearing various pumping stations along the way.

Dave mentioned that his team knows that any project to pump flow to Wilson must include buy-in from Wilson. This means that Wilson must approve the basis for design to ultimately approve the concept. Finally, Dave added that the Town's vision for the future will have a big impact on the design for any final project.

Dave summarized his portion of the presentation with by saying that Bailey needs to define its vision ahead of launching the project. Knowing what the Town wants from the project will guide everything from pipe sizing, pipe routing, pump sizing, pump station location, force main sizing, and many other vital component characteristics. Dave concluded his portion by restating Wooten's experience and

capabilities within the water and sewer arena, and he offered to continue serving as a conduit of information for the Town.

Dave introduced, George Collier. Dave added that George was going to go through several slides that would reveal several "potential" options for Bailey as the Town looked for funding options.

George Collier thanked the Board for allowing him to speak, and gave some context regarding his connection to Nash County and its residents. George highlighted his 15 years of experience in financial strategies and quickly moved into his portion of the presentation. George discussed three key US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) programs. These funding sources were titled USDA, SRF, and CDBG-1. While the content of each program is complex, lengthy, and varies by program participant, George verbally provided some highlights directly from his slide notes. The basic approach is to stay in tune with the available sources when Bailey is ready to move forward. George is going to provide a detailed leave-behind that answers all of the Town's questions about the three programs shown on the slides, and the context is available for inclusion into the Minutes, should the Board allow. Simply stated, the USDA program provides up to 45% of the project's costs based on USDA criteria and availability. The SRF program max PF is \$500K towards project costs, and the CDBG-1 100% grant funding up to \$2-million max, but the program has very limited funding. George continued by addressing the PROS and CONS of the various programs, clarifying the terms, and identifying the timelines associated with proper filing.

After the USDA and DEQ Program slide discussion, George reviewed the contact information for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Representative, Marquis Crews, and mentioned the new ARP page showing now on the NC League of Municipalities site. George pointed out these two sources because they are great resources for local municipalities looking to access state level funding for recovery funds. Currently, 24 entitlement cities have obtained \$672K, 527 non-entitlement cities obtained \$681K, and 100 counties obtained \$2M+, bringing the state total to nearly \$5.276 Billion in funding.

George added, that water, sewer, construction, observation, grant administration, and many other tasks are covered by ARPA, and the funds can be used for these projects if the funds are obligated by 12/31/2024, and if the project is completed and all funds expended by 12/31/2026. The current funding landscape coming from the state is approx. \$500M from the Viable Utility Reserve, mostly as it relates to Bailey's place on the Distressed Unit List. Please note, while the money has gone up from \$9M to \$500M, the money is likely to go to the Towns that are prepared to put the money to work when the state releases the funds.

The Senate is currently proposing \$50M in Downtown Transformation Grant funding, split \$25M to Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) and \$25M to Community Dev. Enhancements. George closed out his portion of the presentation with a slide showing the contact information for all of the Wooten team members. Additionally, George added that he would email the entire presentation to Jeremy for distribution to the entire Board or recordkeeping.

Mayor Richards introduced Alex Shelton from American Tank Maintenance.

American Tank Maintenance (ATM). Alex Shelton thanked the Board for allowing him to speak, and he mentioned that the purpose of his visit was to review the proposal he built for the Town of Bailey.

Alex mentioned that he has worked with Kellie and Debbie over the past 12-15 months to collect data about the Town's water tank infrastructure and challenges. Additionally, Alex sought to learn more about the Town's plan for the tanks going forward. Alex believes the proposal before the Board provides for the required short-term repairs and maintenance, and it address a service schedule that keeps the tank in a serviceable condition for many years to come. Alex stated that ATM focuses on being proactive, not reactive. With their maintenance program, they are able to make the repairs up-front and then spread out the cost over ten years. Should the Town decide to terminate the contract after the repairs are made, they can, but the bill for all service rendered will be due and payable. ATM believes their ten-year approach gives small towns more time to cover the high cost of repairs.

Alex added that ATM performs all maintenance according to state requirements. Their pricing schedule for the next ten years takes into consideration a 3.2% increase for inflation. ATM's approach is to lock in a set price now instead of dealing with high/low variations that might come from rising and falling consumer price index (CPI) changes.

Commissioner Finch asked Alex to confirm when the tanks would be visually inspected. Alex replied that the tanks will be visually inspected every year, and a report will be provided for the Town at that time. This report can then be forwarded to the state. This annual inspection allows you to take action faster. Alex added that every-other year the interior inspection is performed, and photos are taken.

Commissioner Finch questioned the exterior servicing schedule of the tank, and Alex stated it is every 8-10 years. Alex then added the interior servicing schedule is 8-12 years. Further, unlike a two-year warranty on a standard paint job, ATM will monitor the paint on a yearly basis and correct any discrepancies in the condition of the paint. This means that Bailey is getting the benefit of constant upkeep and repairs of the paint included within the same annual fee, while a contractor who only provides the paint job would not return 3-10 years later and paint for the same fee charged in year one.

Example, if the paint flakes in year 5, ATM will repaint the tank for no additional fee.

Commissioner Finch asked Alex if ATM will provide detailed pictures of each inspection. Alex answered yes. We provide pictures for each service interval from wash-outs to paint.

Commissioner Finch asked who is responsible for sampling and permitting after a tank has been placed out of service for service or a major repair? Alex stated ATM will work with us on the process but the responsibility for the sampling and reporting falls on the Town.

At this point, Alex reminded the Board about the pricing schedule and how ATM has spread out the initial maintenance costs across ten-years, and they built in the fixed inflation costs at 3% per year.

Commissioner Finch asked if ATM had any contract provision as it relates to working with cellular providers, especially if the tanks were used to mount cellular antennas or other electronic devices. Alex responded that it's the Town decision when it comes to working with cellular providers. All ATM asks for

is that they get to be involved in the process and have access to “red-lining” the plans before the plans are approved by the Board. ATM has no interest in any portion of revenue coming from the Town’s contract with that provider, but they will want to make sure that the physical attachment(s) to the tank does not interfere with or cause harm to their processes and components.

Commissioner Killion asked Alex about ATM’s location(s). Alex stated that he lives in Mooresville, NC, near Charlotte, and that he covers all of NC. Their contracts crews cover NC, and the HQ is in middle GA.

Commissioner Killion, Finch, and Mayor and Alex all gave brief thanks for the time and questions.

Mayor Richards introduced Walter Wells from the Bailey Planning.

Town Planning Board. Walter Wells welcomed everyone to the meeting. Walter informed the Board that the Planning Board did not have a meeting in July 2021, and the next meeting is set for August 3rd, which is going to be preceded by a Board of Adjustments Meeting at 6:30 PM. The Board of Adjustments meeting will discuss the adoption of 160D by NC and how that will impact the area going forward.

Walter went on to discuss the fair amount of open space, both inside the Town and outside, that people want to develop but cannot due to the moratorium. Walter encouraged the town to be looking at the open spaces and be prepared to consider ways to help develop any open spaces possible. The Town needs to know what is there and have a vision for how best to foster growth as we move away from the restrictions caused by the moratorium. The way the economy has been going, it may be that Bailey sees some positive growth over the next few years. With no questions posed by the Board, Walter closed his presentation.

Mayor Richards thanked Walter for his comments.

Mayor Richards mentioned Nick Green of the Bailey Chamber of Commerce was next on the Agenda, but Nick was not present to comment. Mayor Richards moved on and introduced Dave Strum from Envirolink.

Dave provided his report. Dave stated Well 2 is almost finished, with the start expected to be at 2:00 PM this coming Wednesday. The next step is to recommend upgrading to the SCADA system. The current system is a pressure system, which senses pressure across the system’s components, but since well 2 is more powerful than well 1 the variations in pressure often causes conflict in well 2 overpowering well 1. The SCADA system would eliminate the pressure system problems and would allow for remote programming from the town’s main site. Additionally, the SCADA system would call out alarms or alerts if it detected problems, thereby providing for faster response times to any pre-set threshold.

Dave mentioned he believes he provided some quotes related the Vance Street main, from the lateral to the clean out. Commissioner Finch acknowledged that she received the quote, and she would share a copy with the Board tonight.

Dave stated he could not recall the address, but a resident in town had a location with two meters. At that time Dave looked around and a female gestured for his attention. Dave asked for her name and she

identified herself as Debbie Morton. Dave continued with his comment that Envirolink is looking at installing a tap the line that parallels Deans Street, but after looking through GIS and various maps, they cannot tell what the lines are made of. This makes it difficult to correctly order the parts. Dave would prefer not to dig up the line just to identify the line. So, for now, they are going to pot-hole the water main to find out what it's made of. That is being done on Wednesday. Once they know more they will order the parts. Mike Tolsen, GIS, will be updated with the correct info at that time.

Commissioner Finch provided a copy of the Vance Street quote to the Clerk, and he left the Board room to make copies. In his absence, Commissioner Bullard asked Dave if he could respond regarding the status of the fire hydrants. Dave responded that they have called in locates for the Vincent locations and took pictures. He does not feel it's going to be possible to replace them based on the condition and that some may need to be moved further down. This may cause a concern since those locations are supposed to be for the school. Additionally, moving those hydrants would involve tearing through the roadway, capping old lines, creating new lines, installing new valving, and moving fire connections further away and making corrections to GIS systems.

Commissioner Bullard asked where Dave thought the hydrant needed to go. Dave stated that if his back were towards the school and he were looking down Benson; the hydrant would need to be further down Benson on the left side of Benson. Commissioner Finch asked if Dave had a plan to gather costs estimates for the work. Dave stated he is working on it but the locates were just done Monday and they don't have the estimates completed yet. It will take a bit longer.

The Clerk returned with copies of the Vance Street quote and shared with each Board member. The quote shows \$3,805.64 for 6601 Vance Street.

Commissioner Finch asked Dave to explain better the cost regarding 6601 Vance Street. Dave responded that site has had problems for a long time prior to Environlink's contract with the town. Basically, you cannot repair the steel pipe since it is corroded. The only repair is a full replacement with plastic. The pipe has also shifted, which is impacting the flow of sewage.

At this point in the Meeting's recording, Commissioner Daniels begins to speak but his voice is barely discernable. Sitting closer to the recorder, Dave commented about the lining of the main and that he did not believe that the main was lined. Dave added that they are replacing from the clean-out to the main for the Vance Street location. Further stating, the price is to replace from the man-hole to the clean-up. Commissioner Daniels can then be heard asking about how much street will need to be torn out to make the repair. Dave responded that he did not believe the street would need to be torn out to make the repair. Commissioner Daniels' speech again fell discernable as Dave explained the line's location next to the property's wall.

Commissioner Finch asked about when the work could be done. Dave said he could not give an exact date, but he felt it could be within a month. Commissioner Finch made a motion to accept the Authorization to Proceed (quote) to replace the sewer lateral for 6601 Vance Street for \$3,805.64. Commissioner Killion seconded. Motion carries.

Mayor Richards opened up the meeting for public comments and gave the instructions. The audience was informed that if they signed up to speak they had three minutes available to speak. Additionally, if there was more than one person present to speak on the same topic then the group of people present to address the topic would have to pick a spokesperson who would do the speaking for the group. That group spokesperson would have three minutes to address the Board.

Mayor Richards introduced the first attendee from the sign-up sheet, Deborah Morton, a resident of 5839 Deans St, Bailey, NC.

Deborah Morton started by identifying her address. Deborah directed her comments to Dave Strum of Envirolink when she asked him about the pending service work at her address. Her question to him was what if the work Envirolink performs does not work. Dave stated the reason where going there is that other customers on your road are complaining and the two meter boxes are located on your property but we do not know why, it's called a split-tap. At this, Deborah added in that the house behind hers has been empty for two years, and the one that's for sale [near hers] is empty now. Deborah continued by saying, that the work that was done to the meter next to Deans Street resulted in gusher of water leaking into her yard the other day, and the crew couldn't figure out how to shut it off. Deborah added that the crew told her husband that the work that was done to put the meter box in near Deans St was done wrong. Dave responded and said he was there that day and that it wasn't done wrong, to which Deborah said well, that's what they told my husband.

Deborah asked Dave why Envirolink could not hook up to the meter closer to their house. She stated the house was built in the 50's and...at this point Commissioner Daniels interrupted by saying that the water line past the meters, towards the house, are not the town's responsibility. Commissioner Daniels added that once the town gets the water to the meter it's up to the resident to get it to their house or get a plumber and get it to their house. Deborah repeated her question, asking the Board to explain what they would do if they had to deal with the same problems she is dealing with. Commissioner Daniels replied by restating his earlier comments, and he apologized that the town could not do more.

Mayor Richards introduced Matthew Coble and Brayden Gibson of Troop 12.

Matthew Coble stated he would be speaking for the Troop. Matthew started by asking how much longer it would take the Town to get over the moratorium, which resulted in chuckles and laughter from many within the audience. Mayor Richards stated we should include the issues with the moratorium in our prayers tonight, and he continued that he could not answer directly when it would end. Commissioner Bullard stated she felt it might be sooner than later. Mayor Richards went on to say that there have been hints that some money is coming our way that can help resolve the matter.

Matthew's next question was whether or not Bailey, as a small town, would stay a small town. Mayor Richards stated he did not know. So much goes in to whether we grow or stay the same. Acres of farmland are being developed. Those working in Raleigh are looking further out for homes. We are open to growth but still look for a small town atmosphere. Most people like the small town, which drives people to move to the small towns and increases the town's size.

Commissioner Killion added that the beautiful thing about democracy is that it's dependent upon the younger generations. The current members are not always going to be on the board. The upcoming men and women are going to be Bailey-ites and be the ones making decisions about what happens here and whether we grow, improve, or fail. We want to build a Bailey that kids don't want to run away from.

Mayor Richards recalled the changes in population, differing to Mrs. Kay Folsom and her knowledge about the Town's changing landscape; to which Kay Folsom provide the audience with various highlights from years' past.

An unidentified male leader within Troop 12 apologized for his interruption and requested that his Troop be allowed to depart the meeting for another engagement. Mayor Richards accepted the request, wished them well, and invited them back any time they wanted to attend.

Mayor Richards introduced Kay Folsom, a resident of 5915 Bissette St, Bailey, NC.

Kay Folsom thanked Envirolink for removing the leaf and limbs from her property, although the caveat was that it took 6-8 weeks to occur. Kay Folsom went on to ask the Town leaders and Envirolink to continue pushing for improvements with our fire hydrants. Her concern is that our upcoming insurance assessment will reveal major issues with the hydrants and that the findings will drive increases in home owner's insurance rates. Kay Folsom then moved on to the topic of wanting to know who is responsible for keeping the sidewalks free of grass and debris in the Town. In her recent trip to The Dessert Cake Company on Main Street, Kay Folsom observed weeds and grass in the area and felt it was not right that a company that brings revenue into Bailey should have to have its customers traipsing over or through grass debris – "it's a hazard and it looks bad". Kay Folsom then described the weeds near the Fire Department, and stated someone needs to take responsibility for the appearance and condition of the Town.

Mayor Richards directed a question towards Commissioner Daniels, asking if Top Notch could give the Town a quote on the areas Kay Folsom described, to which Commissioner Daniels responded that no quote is needed because those areas are already in the contract. Commissioner Daniels went on to say that Top Notch has been slack about honoring all aspects of their contract. They make the cemetery look good, but they drop the ball on the town. Commissioner Daniels stated that he has had talks with Top Notch and told them that if he needs to get someone else to cover the town areas he will, Top Notch just needs to do their job or tell the town to get someone else to cover the town.

Mayor Richards introduced Vicky Griffin.

Vicky Griffin introduced herself as a representative of the VFW Auxiliary. Her presentation tonight was to address the VFW's project to donate as many books as possible to the Wesley Privette Memorial Library. The books had to have high quality content, demonstrating patriotism, and highlighting key historical events and personnel. The upcoming dedication is set for 5:30 PM on August 3rd at the Bailey Library. Vicky is requesting the Board's approval to post a flyer in the Town Hall, on social media, and offer an invitation to those who can attend the dedication ceremony. Mayor Richards canvassed the

Board and the entire Board agreed to Vicky Griffins' request. Commissioner Killion offered to post about the event on the Bailey Facebook page, as well.

Old Business:

Roof quotes

Mayor Richards asked about putting the topic out for bids. Commissioner Daniels responded by stating that with the roof shifting, should we instead be looking at putting a metal roof on the structure instead? Mayor Richards asked Commissioner Daniels if he could take the lead on making the calls starting tomorrow, and he said he would.

Side Line Signs Email Invoice

Commissioner Bullard asked Interim Chief Callahan if she checked on the reports to see who hit the sign above the railroad crossing. Interim Chief Callahan said she talked to Kellie and Callahan believed that Erie Insurance had already accepted liability for their insured. Commissioner Bullard countered by saying she felt there may some confusion as the signs in this area have been hit so many times that it's hard to keep track of which damage came from which incident. Clerk Jeremy Crawford stated that Kellie shared some documentation from Erie Insurance regarding damage to the sign, and that he felt it might be what the Board is looking for. Jeremy offered to step away to his desk to retrieve the documents so the Board could review the current status while they were in session tonight.

Commissioner Daniels made a motion to pay Side Line Signs \$750 to repair the sign at the railroad crossing. Commissioner Killion seconded the motion. Motion carries.

New Business:

Approval of Water AIA and Sewer AIA by Resolution

Mayor Richards read aloud the Resolution to Approve Water System Asset Management Plan, dated May 17, 2021 (see Attachment A). Mayor Richards read aloud the Resolution to Approve Sewer System Asset Management Plan, dated May 17, 2021 (see Attachment B).

Commissioner Finch made a motion to accept both Resolutions with the understanding that Mr. Tolsen will return in the fall, at the Town's request. Commissioner Killion seconded. Motion carried.

American Tank Maintenance Proposal

Commissioner Daniels commented that the Town had two proposals before the Board, one from Southern Corrosion (SC) and one from American Tank Maintenance (ATM). Commissioner Daniels feels the proposals are similar in many ways as it relates to the painting, inspections, and repairs contemplated. He then asked Dave Strum what his state requirements are, as they relate to the water towers and Dave replied that they provide an annual inspection and the results are pushed to the state office. Commissioner Daniels went on to state that two area contractors have offered proposals of \$60K to \$70K to repaint the interior and exterior of the 125K gallon tank, but that includes no maintenance or repair work. He added that, looking at the proposals from SC and ATM, SC is cheaper by about \$500 per year and he cannot tell a difference. At this point, Commissioner Daniels asked Jim Dotson, the SC Rep in

the audience, if their pricing schedule extended out to six year, to which Jim responded it did. Commissioner Finch asked to have the question clarified, and Commissioner Daniels stated the response meant that SC's contract could be broken in six years if the Town wanted out. Commissioner Daniels stated the only difference he could see in the two proposals was the ability to cancel contract. Commissioner Daniels then gave Jim Dotson a chance to speak since Alex Shelton from ATM was given the chance to present earlier in the meeting.

Jim Dotson stated that the former Town Clerk, Kellie Glover, asked him to provide some pricing on their services about four months ago. This month she asked him to attend the meeting. Today, Jim visited the site and he believes his services are in line with the needs of the town. Jim went on to provide some historical background of SC and himself. Jim highlighted SC's service to many area municipalities that border Bailey who might express enjoyment with SC's services.

While talking about the proposal features, Jim wanted to point out a concern about the tank. He noted it has a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch overflow pipe but the inlet is fed by a 4 inch pipe. This is a major problem since the tank would receive so much more flow than it could ever possibly get rid of through an overflow. This would lead to a rupture in an emergency situation, and it needs to be rectified.

Getting back to the proposal, Jim stated that Kellie shared ATM's proposal and that SC would need to provide an apples-to-apples proposal of their own. Jim highlighted a few points of comparison between ATM's proposals and their proposal. Commissioner Finch asked Jim to repeat what he said about the inside of the tank. Jim repeated the interior maintenance tasks, which included that SC performs the sampling and testing of the tank after repair and maintenance functions. Jim added that they perform all cellular equipment installs when the Town decides that they will work with a cellular provider.

Commissioner Finch thanked Jim for his comments and time.

Alex, from ATM, asked for another opportunity to address the Board, which was granted by Mayor Richards. Alex highlighted ATM's cancellation policy, stating that Bailey could cancel even after year-1, so long as all fees were paid for services rendered. Additionally, ATM's fees have a fixed rate of inflation, and SC would have to limit any future increase to less than 1.2% if their future prices were to stay below ATM's prices. Since SC's pricing schedule indicate their future pricing will be set at the previous year's premium + CPI (consumer price index), Alex felt it was unlikely that the CPI would be below the 1.3% threshold SC would need to provide a competitive price to Bailey. Simply stated, Alex felt SC is a better price in year-1, but by year-3 ATM becomes and remains the more cost-effective option.

Mayor Richards stated that the Board did not need to vote on this tonight, and Jeremy added that it might be good for the Board to gather SC's pricing projections for years 2-10. Commissioner Daniels asked Jim to provide a response on his pricing for year 2+, and Jim restated that all years from 2 and beyond are based on the previous years' premium plus CPI. Jim said Alex got it right when he projected CPI at 3% but he did not know how Alex got Jim's prices.

Mayor Richards said the Board was not going to decide on the matter now and that they would table it until next month.

Judy Roger Sewer Issues

Mayor Richards mentioned the issue was addressed earlier in the meeting and it will not be address here again. Mayor Richards then introduced the new Town Clerk, Jeremy Crawford.

Department Head Remarks:

Town Clerk, Jeremy Crawford

I don't have anything ground-breaking, at this point; I just hope that I can make a positive contribution for the Town of Bailey.

Interim Chief of Police, Cathy Callahan

For the month of June, we didn't have any crimes. We made 30 traffic stops for speeding. There were 15 calls for service, 105 business escorts, and 75 business contacts. A town resident has volunteered to head-up a community watch program, and to participate in the Citizens on Patrol Program if we ever get that up and running. I conducted numerous traffic stops for speeding and found that the most common reason for speeding was "I always go 10 MPH over." Interim Chief of Police Callahan offered the idea that maybe if we drop the speed limits down, even if they still speed we might still achieve getting people to drive slower. Mayor Richards stated there has to be consequences. We need them to know they will be held accountable. Interim Chief Callahan countered by saying that the court is dismissing the tickets based the overloaded court docket.

Commissioner Killion asked about the portable speed bump idea, and Interim Chief Callahan stated they cost \$200 a piece. Commission Killion and Mayor Richards both suggested the speed bumps are a viable option and Callahan could approve the purchase of two units at the Department level. Clerk Jeremy Crawford urged caution when adding any devices to the roadway. Known as traffic calming devices, speed hump, speed bumps, and speed tables, can have both a positive and negative impact on slowing vehicles down. Most importantly, traffic calming devices can cause a liability for the Town if improperly installed, maintained, or marked. Clerk Jeremy Crawford suggested using rumble strips, to which Interim Chief Callahan countered that NC Department of Transportation (NC DoT) prohibits rumble strips on state-maintained roadways. Mayor Richards added that Bailey has several miles of roads the state does not maintain; maybe rumble strips are the solution that will work. Mayor Richards tasked Interim Chief Callahan with finding out if Bailey can add rumble strips to non-maintained roads inside Bailey town limits.

Commissioners' Remarks:

Commissioner Killion announced that one applicant applied to the part-time position for Police Officer, and he is present awaiting his interview for tonight. Mayor Richards acknowledged the pending interview and stated that when the Board goes into closed session they will bring in the applicant.

Commissioner Killion then took the time to praise Commissioners' Finch and Bullard for their service to the Town of Bailey, and wished them well as they march toward the end of their term. Commissioner Bullard has served Bailey for 26 years and her impact will be felt for many years. Commissioner Finch has made such an impact on moving the moratorium towards completion. Without her, this would not be where it is today.

Commissioner Bullard had no comment.

Commissioner Finch had no comment.

Commissioner Powell had no comment.

Commissioner Daniels asked Dave Strum from Envirolink why there continues to be struggles with residents getting their leaves and limbs picked up. While he did acknowledge that some people are bringing stuff into town and not paying for it, the bigger problem is that actual residents are not getting their stuff hauled away and the front office staff has to hear about it all the time. Dave did not respond.

Commissioner Daniels went on to discuss the continued challenges with fire hydrants. It seems even though they had assistance with getting hydrants ordered in the past, the info wasn't correct, COVID was impacting staffing, communications were impaired, and time has passed. Commissioner Daniels wanted to know where we stand now. He offered that we can pass this off to another company if Envirolink cannot perform the work, the town just needs to know what Envirolink can do. Commissioner Daniels added that if the Town gets dinged for the discrepancy during an inspection, it's likely that it will cause a half-point reduction in the rating, which may not have a big impact on someone's home owner's insurance rates or policies. Commissioner Daniels ended by saying the work just needs to be done, and it should be done within the next 30-days.

Commissioner Killion asked if there should be a motion made on the work, and Commissioner Daniels said he did not think so because it should just be a repair order similar to a repair order for a water tap. He added, we have their prices and they just need to get it done. It's an unofficial bid. It should be a repair and not a replacement. Commissioner Killion asked if there were any other thoughts? Commissioner Finch added, asking so are we going to have Envirolink do it or someone else? Commissioner Daniels said I say we make a motion that if Envirolink cannot do it in 30 days we go with Keen Plumbing. Commissioner Killion asked if we should go with Keen Plumbing now?

Commissioner Powell mentioned that if we go with Keen Plumbing, this is only one estimate. Should there be more than one? Commissioner Bullard stated her understanding is that if we remain with Envirolink it would be a repair, but if we step away from Envirolink, it would require three estimates and a new contract. Commissioner Daniels repeated his position that Keen Plumbing is reputable and the only provider he knows that performs this kind of work, which requires a backhoe and an excavator.

Commissioner Powell stated he has no problem staying with Envirolink but they have had time and had not done the work. His greatest concern is that if we do something now that doesn't follow the right process, and it lets Keen perform the work, then that process will have to be used to allow others in next time. It just opens the door for problems. Commissioner Daniels repeated his position a fourth time.

At this point, Dave commented that if you look at the current contract, it's not technically called a repair; it's a relocation – which is not covered by the contract. Dave further stated that they would have to bill the town for the labor for all of the work. Mayor Richards stepped in and stated he would call two

utility plumbers to provide the town with a quote for the work. Dave pointed out to Mayor Richards that any quote would need to address paving, as well, and Mayor Richards acknowledged the point.

Mayor Richards stated that without knowing when the next ISO inspection would occur, there is a belief that we may have some time to get this problem solved. Commissioner Killion added there is a sense of security in going through the proper process, and after continued complaints from citizens it's time to move on from Envirolink.

Mayor's Remarks:

Mayor Richards had no additional comments.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Killion seconded the motion. Motion carried.

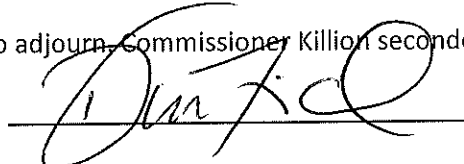
Mayor Richards stated the meeting was going back into open session.

Commissioner Killion discussed the current state of the police department job postings. Currently, and aside from the applicant who attended tonight's interview, no other applicant has applied to the patrolmen position and four applicants have applied to the chief position. Commissioner Killion made a motion to hire Mr. Steven Joyner, part-time for \$15.00 per hour. Commissioner Daniels seconded. The vote is two "ayes" and two "nos." The motion is rejected.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Killion seconded. Motion carried.



Jeremy Crawford, Town Clerk



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