

TOWN OF BAILEY

The Regular Meeting of the Bailey Town Board was held in the Bailey Town Hall on August 21, 2017 at 7:00pm.

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

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 financial statement for July 2017 and the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of July 2017, were unanimously approved upon a motion by Commissioner Bisette and seconded by Commissioner Conner. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

Agenda items:

Braswell Memorial Library; Katie Roche from Braswell Memorial Library wanted to thank the Board for its appropriation of \$5000.00 for the upcoming fiscal year and provided some statistics regarding the Bailey branch. She indicated that there were over 400 cardholders and since the beginning of the year there have been over 2000 items checked out. She also stated that there were to be additional resources added to the library for patron use. Ms. Roche then talked about a new system that is being looked at call NC Cardinal that will in effect join other library systems with Braswell Memorial Library and its affiliates. This partnership will allow for cardholders to have access to over 6 million resource items throughout the state. She then presented the Board with a written request for \$2500 of the \$5000 allocated. The letter was received and then held until next Board meeting for approval.

Bailey Chamber of Commerce; Cecil Hawley, President of the Bailey Chamber of Commerce updated the board on the approved projects the Bailey Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber gave supplies to Bailey Elementary School for 30 classrooms. He advised that the Miss Bailey Pageant would be held in November and that they already had 15 girls signed up so far. He then stated that the Christmas Tree lighting would occur on December 1, 2017 at 6pm with the parade on December 2, 2017 at 2pm and that he would be back later with a sponsor participation form. He indicated that there was an incident report that he would be getting from Chief Bullock in reference to the sign that was damaged at the trestle that he would be getting to file towards the insurance to replace it. His final statement was about a new Facebook page titled Abandoned Bailey where it implies that the Town Commissioners and the Chamber of Commerce are not doing enough for Main St. He wanted to make it very clear that it was not anyone associated with the Chamber that started this and that it was posted to the page that everyone was welcome to come the open meetings of both the Town of Bailey and the Bailey Chamber of Commerce with ideas and suggestions.

Envirolink; Dean Holmes, representative of Envirolink, was present and had nothing to report. He did introduce JP McCann. Mr. McCann will be taking over Dean's position with Envirolink and will become the point of contact for the Town of Bailey. Dean also wanted the Town to be aware that one of the effluent pumps needed to be replaced or repaired. He provided photos of the pump to the Board. Administrator Johnson stated that there would need to be three quotes provided to the Town in order for it to appropriate funding for this item. Dean also stated that there was a problem with the flow meter printing the required information that is needed at the WWTP. He advised that he would be getting the company that test and calibrates the meter to come out and check on it to see what was wrong with the printing mechanism. Administrator Johnson advised the Board that the information provided by Mr. Holmes in reference to the hydrant that was hit by a vehicle was needed in order to submit to the insurance company for repair/replace. Mayor Pro Temp Carroll was there anything else for Envirolink and Administrator Johnson did state that he would like for Mr. McCann to come into the office so that they could go over and get a handle on the outstanding work orders in Legatto. Mr. McCann stated that he would get with me to see when we could meet during the week.

Public Comment:

Mayor Pro Tem opened the public comment section. With no comments made the public comments section was closed.

Old Business:

New Business:

Anthony & Tabb PA Engagement Letter and Audit Contract - Mayor Pro Temp asked Administrator Johnson what we needed to do. Administrator Johnson stated that the 1st thing was accept the audit engagement letter and then the 2nd thing would be to accept the audit contract with Anthony & Tabb. Mayor Pro Tem asked if there was a motion to accept the audit engagement letters with Anthony & Tabb PA. A motion to proceed with the audit engagement letter was made by Commissioner Conner and seconded by Commissioner Wescott and was unanimously approved. (5 affirm); (0 nays). Mayor Pro Tem asked if there was a motion to accept the audit contract with Anthony & Tabb PA. A motion to proceed with the audit contract was made by Commissioner Wescott and seconded by Commissioner Daniel and was unanimously approved. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

Alcohol sales ordinance beginning at 10 a.m. on Sundays; Town Administrator Johnson advised that the document that was provided to the Board was a draft document. This had been asked for the Board to be reviewed. If the Board wanted to entertain this option then Administrator Johnson stated that he would need to advise the ABC commission. Cecil Hawley asked if this was for only off-premise sales and Administrator Johnson stated that no this would allow for on and off-premise sales. Mayor Pro Tem Carroll asked the Board if they were going to act on it tonight or table it until next month. Administrator Johnson stated that it was simply a draft document but that the Board would need to decide if they wanted to move forward with the ordinance. Commissioner Conner stated that he thought that they should wait until the next meeting to decide. Commissioner Bisette then spoke up to say that he was not in favor of this option and that if a person couldn't wait until 12 p.m. to take a drink then they had a problem. Commissioner Conner asked if the county had approved this and Administrator Johnson advised that he was not aware if the county had taken this up because it was left up to the individual communities on what they wanted to do. Mayor Pro Tem Carroll stated that she felt with the discussion that we should proceed with a motion. A motion to not proceed and disallow the sale of alcohol prior to 12 p.m. on Sundays was made by Commissioner Bisette and seconded by Commissioner Wescott and was unanimously approved. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

Truck; Mayor Pro Tem Bullock asked for Chief Bullock to speak about the totaled police truck. Chief Bullock stated that the truck was parked in front of the police department and an individual hit the back of the truck. Administrator Johnson stated that the insurance company came back with an offer of \$9100 and they take the truck and \$8400 dollars if we keep the truck. Administrator Johnson confirmed with Chief Bullock that it was still drivable and Chief Bullock confirmed that it was. Commissioner Conner asked wouldn't we need to know how much it would cost to get it fixed before we make a decision. Commissioner Daniels stated that if it was him that he would let the truck sit there and take the money. Then take it somewhere to see about getting it fixed or sell it because he knew there were people that would be more than willing to give more than \$700 for that truck. Commissioner Bisette stated that the reason we had the truck was not for patrolling but for pulling things and delivering things around town. He felt that we should take the money and keep the truck and if we wanted to fix it then fix it. A motion to proceed with accepting offer #2 for \$8400.00 and keeping the truck was made by Commissioner Bisette and seconded by Commissioner Conner and was unanimously approved. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

Commissioner's remarks:

Commissioner Conner asked why the Bailey Police Dept had not yet been painted. Administrator Johnson advised that she was at the building power washing it now.

Commissioner Conner asked if there could be bids for paving Vance St on the other side of 581. The rest of the Board wanted to know if the corner of Jordan/Williams could also be included in the bid.

Commissioner Bissette stated that even though Mrs. Ward came in to ask about the other trees on William St to be cut down that there are other trees on the list provided to us by the NC Forestry Service that needed our attention. He asked that we get bids for tree #12 and tree# 16. Administrator Johnson was asked to have bids for next meeting.

Commissioner Daniels asked if the Town needed to surplus the PD truck in order to sell it and Administrator Johnson said that no there was an ordinance in place that allowed for him to sell the equipment if it was under \$30,000.00. Commissioner Conner wanted to know where we were on the equipment. Commissioner Daniels stated that this was his busy time of the year and that he would be getting back to the equipment in the fall.

Mayor's remarks:

Mayor Pro Tem Carroll wanted to advise that she had talked to Glynn Whitley about the crush and run that had been brought out to the cemetery. She stated that it was a bust because of miscommunication. She stated that due to the person delivering the rock and the fact that Envirolink did not have the equipment needed that the desired outcome was not achieved. She stated that because this was not done the way she wanted it to be done and the fact that at the new section there have never been any roads put in only car paths that have been driven on she had Harris Perry go out with her to the cemetery. She stated that she showed him what she wanted done but that he went out of town before he could provide her a quote. She stated that she knew that it would be approximately around \$10,000.00. She wanted to know if the Board would be willing to appropriate a certain dollar amount and if so could she go ahead and get the work done. There was no motion made by the Board at this time to appropriate without a quote. Commissioner Bissette then stated that as long as we are talking about the cemetery that there needed to be something done about the way it was looking. He stated that he had received a lot of complaints about the way it looked and that we needed to do something and see about an ordinance that would make it easier to handle these type of issues.

Department Heads Remarks:

Chief Bullock wanted to discuss mutual aid agreements. He stated that since we do not have a mutual aid agreement with Wilson County and other cities in Wilson County that there issues that originate in Bailey that end up over in Wilson County that we cannot assist with or vice versa. Administrator Johnson stated that since he was now Chief that all of the mutual aid agreements would need to be renewed. Chief Bullock stated that was correct but that he wanted to discuss also adding additional agreements where we did not have any with the Board. Commissioner Daniel stated that if it were to help get a drug dealer off the street he was all for it.

Administrator Johnson stated that he had invited Mr. Todd from VWS to come to the meeting because we were having a problem with the recycling center. Mr. Todd provided information regarding individual bins versus individual carts to the Board. The reason this was brought up because VWS indicated that there was a problem with the cans being picked up because every load that was going to the recycling center was considered contaminated. Mr. Todd wanted to thank the Board for the opportunity to provide service to the town. He stated that he put together the proposal for the Town after Administrator Johnson contacted him. One of the offers was for an 18 gallon recyclable bin and the other offer was to provide 96 gallon cart. This cart would be the same size as their household garbage carts. The service would be for pickup every other week and that the cart would be blue in color. Commissioner Daniels wanted to know if this could be mixed service for choice. Administrator Johnson stated that for value the 96 gallon cart would be more efficient. Commissioner Bissette agreed because the price difference was only \$.60 from the 18 gallon to the 96 gallon offer. Commissioner Conner asked if items needed to be cleaned or washed out. Mr. Todd stated that they did not and that they have a great working relationship with the recycling centers that they use. He stated that their goal was to have 100% clean but that they knew this was a goal. Commissioner Daniel asked what we currently charge for recycling. Administrator Johnson stated 1 dollar. Commissioner Daniel asked what rate we would consider for the 96 gallon can and Administrator Johnson stated that it would be something from \$3.25 to \$3.50 per month. Commissioner Bissette stated that this was far less than what he had been expecting. Mr. Todd stated that he wanted to take this as a good faith gesture and that even with the startup cost that would not be recouped for several years that he wanted

to build the relationship with the town. A motion to proceed with accepting offer #2 for the 96 gallon recycling can and billing the residents \$3.25/month for every other week pickup was made by Commissioner Daniels and seconded by Commissioner Bisette and was unanimously approved. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

Administrator Johnson stated that last month Commissioner Bisette had brought up the issue with Harris Perry's quote for an additional \$1250 for work to be done at the WWTP. Administrator Johnson advised that the original \$3000 was FEMA approved funds and that the request for only the \$1250 to fix the ruts that had occurred with additional rain damage after Hurricane Matthew. Commissioner Bisette wanted to know if we could see about getting all of the work done with the \$3000 FEMA provided. Administrator Johnson stated that he contacted Shondala Foster with FEMA and she stated that yes we could do that but that any money left over would be required to either prevent any future damage or that it could be used for Hazard Mitigation training. Those funds would need to be carved out and kept in a separate fund so that if the Town was audited they would know where the funds were at and accounted for. A motion to proceed with accepting the additional quote from Harris Perry for \$1250 was made by Commissioner Bisette and seconded by Commissioner Conner and was unanimously approved. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

Administrator Johnson advised that the ground lease for the Senior Center was provided and that we would be getting together with the Town of Middlesex either by a special meeting or by meeting at one of the others board meeting to go over the ground lease agreement and to also discuss the Bailey Middlesex Community Park funding request.

Administrator Johnson stated that last meeting the Board had brought up the issue over vehicles in someone's yard that did not have valid tags. He was told that the ordinance was changed to say that if there was a vehicle that met this description then it had to be put in storage. After reviewing the ordinance he stated that there are three types of vehicles. The first type is a nuisance vehicle which means no windows, no doors, no tires, grass growing out with vermin, snakes, and mosquitos. If the vehicle meets this definition then the Bailey PD has the authority to make the property owner remove the nuisance vehicle and if they do not do it within the time line that the Bailey PD has stated then they have the right to remove it and we advise the property owner what that charge will be and we can collect it from the property owner. Then there is the second type and that is an abandoned vehicle. By definition that is any vehicle that is left on town property, public right-of-way, and a person's property however they have time limits that exist by each location that must be followed before the vehicle can be removed.

The final type of vehicle is classified as a junked vehicle. He stated that the ordinance reads as follows: Junked motor vehicles are current vehicles that do not display a valid license plate lawfully and that meets one of the other following conditions: (1) partially dismantle or wrecked, (2) cannot self-propel or move any direction that was intended, (3) if 5 years old and appears to be worth less than \$100.00. So after some discussion Administrator Johnson was asked to send this back to the Town Attorney for review and see if it could be modified to what the Board was originally wanting and that was if there was no tag that it had to be stored or the Town could remove the vehicle at the owner's expense.

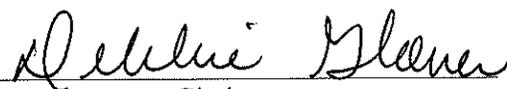
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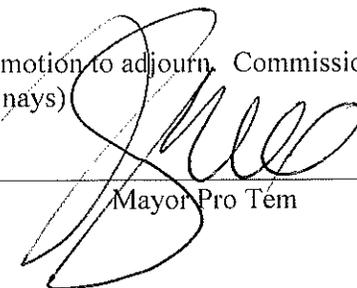
Commissioner Conner made a motion to go in to closed session as permitted by NCGS 143-318 (a) (6) to consider the qualification competence and performance of an employee. Commissioner Wescott seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

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

Adjournment:

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


Clerk


Mayor Pro Tem