

TOWN OF WILSON'S MILLS
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
July 21, 2025

PRESENT: Mayor Fleta Byrd, Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett, Councilmembers David McGowan, Carolyn Dobbin, and Tim Brown.

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Administrator Leighanna Worley, Town Clerk Emily Matthews, and Town Attorney Gabriel Du Sablon.

ABSENT Councilmember Randy Jernigan

CONVOCATION: Mayor Byrd declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

PLEDGE Mayor Byrd led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

INVOCATION: Mayor Byrd gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Byrd asked for approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Byrd asked for approval of the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Mayor Pro -tem JC Triplett to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Byrd said this public hearing will need to be continued until August 11th.

Ordinance to Extend Corporate Limits – Gordon Road – Parcel ID 05105021E: A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Councilmember Carolyn Dobbin to continue the public hearing for the annexation of Parcel ID 05105021E until August 11, 2025 at 6:30pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance to Amend Zoning – Gordon Road – Parcel ID 05105021E: Annexation Mayor Byrd said this public hearing will also need to be continued until August 11th.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett and seconded by Councilmember Carolyn Dobbin to continue the public hearing for the rezone of Parcel ID 05105021E until August 11, 2025 at 6:30pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor asked those in the audience to come back on August 11th for the public hearings.

1st OPEN FORUM Mayor Byrd opened the 1st Public Forum at 6:34pm.

With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Byrd closed the 1st Open Forum at 6:35pm.

REGULAR BUSINESS
MAYOR FLETA BYRD:

Mayor Byrd said she attended the Johnston County Mayors meeting in Pine Level recently. She said she also attended the staff retreat last Friday and enjoyed being able to be there with staff.

**TOWN
ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT – Leighanna
Worley:**

Town Administrator Worley said the staff retreat was on Friday and there were 16 staff members in attendance. She said the staff focused on community engagement and how to apply that in the future. She said we will be using the “Make Your Mark” logo campaign in the future on social media. She also said we would find other ways to reach out to those in the community that do not have social media.

**PUBLIC WORKS –
Patrick Moore:**

Mayor referenced bids for the paving of various roads in town. She said all these roads are in one subdivision and the paving of the roads will be paid for with Powell Bill funds.

**Award Bid – Re-
pavement of Shearin
Road, Renee Drive,
and Lowell Court:**

Councilmember Brown asked which subdivision these roads are in and Public Works Director Patrick Moore said it is off Jones Road. Councilmember Brown asked if these are already paved and Mr. Moore said they are paved but are in need of re-pavement. Councilmember McGowan asked what determines if a road needs to be re-paved and Mr. Moore said there have been complaints about these roads as well as the roads have not been paved in about 25 years and the life of the roads have expired. Mayor Byrd asked if the cul-de-sac at the end of Renee Drive will also be fixed and Mr. Moore said yes. Councilmember Brown asked about maintaining the road leading to Town Hall and Ms. Worley said the driveway leading to town hall is not considered a road but any maintenance would be taken care of by the town since it is our property. She said further discussion on the driveway can be discussed at Council’s work session next week. Councilmember Brown asked if the tree trimming at Town Hall is considered part of the current construction and Ms. Worley said it is not part of the current construction but the tree trimming was included in the budget for this year.

Mayor Byrd said it is the staff recommendation to choose to award the bid to Williams Paving which is the lowest bid.

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Councilmember Carolyn Dobbin to award the bid for paving of Shearin Road, Renee Drive, and Lowell Court to Williams Paving. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCILMEMBER
COMMENTS:**

Councilmember McGowan congratulated Doris Riley on her decision to apply to run in the upcoming election. Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett agreed and said he is looking forward to working with those that will be elected to Council in November.

2nd OPEN FORUM

Mayor Byrd opened the 2nd Public Forum at 6:42pm.

With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Byrd closed the 2nd Open Forum at 6:43pm.

**MOTION TO GO INTO
CLOSED SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Councilmember Tim Brown to go into Closed Session at 6:43pm pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) “...consult with attorney...” Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO COME
OUT OF CLOSED
SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett to come out of closed session at 7:36pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett and seconded by Councilmember Tim Brown to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.



ATTEST



EMILY MATTHEWS, CMC
Town Clerk



FLETA A. BYRD, Mayor