

**TOWN OF WILSON'S MILLS
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
November 18, 2024**

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

CONVOCAATION: 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 Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett and seconded by Councilmember Carolyn Dobbin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Byrd asked for any comments or corrections to the minutes for the Regular Town Council Meeting for October 21, 2024.

**Regular Town
Council Meeting-
October 21, 2024:**

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Councilmember Tim Brown to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2024, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Work Session
Minutes - October
28, 2024:**

Mayor Byrd asked for any comments or corrections to the minutes for the Work Session for October 28, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Dobbin and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett to approve the Work Session Minutes for October 28, 2024, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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 recently attended the Mayors meeting and she and other mayors in Johnston County discussed water and sewer within the County. She also has attended meetings at Town Hall regarding the upfit of the council chambers. Mayor Byrd expressed her condolences in regard to the recent passing of Town of Benson Mayor. She thanked all of the staff and citizens that were able to attend the unveiling of the new park sign at the Phillip R. Wright Community Park.

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

Town Administrator Worley referenced the holiday schedule in Council's packets and said in 2025 we will be following the state's holiday schedule as we have done in the past. She said the floating holiday for Juneteenth which was recently passed by Council is not on the holiday schedule because it is part of the personnel policy.

**Council Approval of
the 2025 Holiday
Schedule:**

Councilmember McGowan mentioned he would like to see some kind of events for Memorial Day and Veteran's Day next year as well.

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Councilmember Carolyn Dobbin to approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Council Approval of
the 2025 Dates and
Times for Council
and Planning Board
Meetings:**

Ms. Worley referenced the meeting schedule in Council's packets which lists the dates and times for each Council meeting, Planning Board meeting, and Council Work Session in 2025. She said some of the meetings are shifted to Tuesday rather than Monday due to a holiday.

Errors in the meeting schedule were pointed out by Councilmember Carolyn Dobbin and Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett. Town Clerk Emily Matthews made a note of these changes to be changed prior to the posting of the schedule at Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tim Brown and seconded by Councilmember David McGowan to approve the 2025 Dates and Times for Council and Planning Board Meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER:

Ms. Worley said the December Work Session is scheduled for December 30th but there are several staff members out of office that day. She asked if Council would like to have the departmental reports at their regular meeting on December 16th and cancel the work session.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett and seconded by Councilmember Tim Brown to cancel the December 30, 2024 Work Session and receive the departmental reports as part of the Regular Council Meeting on December 16, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Worley said last year Council approved for the town to have an ad in the Triangle East Livability publication. She asked if it was the pleasure of Council to purchase an ad again this year for the price of \$6630 for a full page ad which could feature our new logo. Councilmember McGowan asked about a half page ad and Ms. Worley said that would be \$4450.

Councilmember Brown said to save the money and use it elsewhere and Councilmember McGowan agreed. Ms. Worley said maybe it would be a good idea to do it again when we have more commercial in town. Councilmember McGowan asked if we could utilize our social media to talk about what is happening in the town and Ms. Worley said the town's social media presence has grown over the last year and we try to post on our platforms as much as possible.

Ms. Worley said the family the Town has adopted for Christmas this year is from Western North Carolina, and we are currently taking monetary donations for any community members who would like to contribute.

**COUNCILMEMBER
COMMENTS:**

Councilmember McGowan stated he would like the Town to plan to help needy families in town next Christmas.

Councilmember McGowan thanked the staff for their dedication to the town.

Councilmember McGowan said 4 years ago there was an increase in the amount the Mayor and Councilmembers are paid each month. He proposed to raise the Mayor's pay to \$250 a month.

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett to raise the salary for Mayor Byrd to \$250 a month.

2nd OPEN FORUM

Mayor Byrd opened the 2nd Public Forum at 7:00pm.

With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Byrd closed the 2nd Open Forum at 7:01pm.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Councilmember Carolyn Dobbin to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.




EMILY MATTHEWS, CMC
Town Clerk


FLETA A. BYRD, Mayor