

TOWN OF WILSON'S MILLS
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 16, 2024

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

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Carolyn Dobbin

CONVOCATION: Mayor Byrd declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Byrd gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Byrd asked for any additions or corrections to 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 MINUTES: Mayor Byrd asked for any additions or corrections on the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2024.

Regular Town Council Meeting – August 19, 2024:

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett and seconded by Councilmember David McGowan to approve the minutes for the Regular Town Council Meeting for August 19, 2024 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session Meeting Minutes August 19, 2024:

Mayor Byrd asked for any comments or corrections on the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tim Brown and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett to approve the minutes for the Closed Session Meeting for August 19, 2024 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Work Session Minutes – August 26, 2024:

Mayor Byrd asked for any additions or corrections on the Work Session Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2024.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett and seconded by Councilmember David McGowan to approve the minutes for the Work Session Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2024 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1st OPEN FORUM Mayor Byrd opened the 1st Public Forum at 6:36pm.

With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Byrd closed the 1st Open Forum at 6:37pm.

REGULAR BUSINESS

MAYOR FLETA BYRD:

Mayor Byrd said she attended the Mayors meeting this month as well s the meeting with the Triangle East Chamber State of the Region. She said she is working with staff to get the town branding and logo ready to present at the

Council work session next week.

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

Ms. Worley said the new sign at the Community Park has been constructed and we are waiting on the computer to be installed so the digital part of the sign can be completed. She said she is working with the Wright family in order to have them in attendance when we unveil the new sign. Councilmember David McGowan asked if staff will be able to access the digital part of the sign from Town Hall. Ms. Worley said there will be certain staff members that will be able to access and control the digital portion of the sign.

Ms. Worley said she will be meeting with Lindsay from Central Pines Regional Council to complete the Request of Qualifications for the Town Campus Master Plan. She said at the work session next week the new branding and logo for the town will be presented to Council and there are founding families invited as well. This meeting is also open to the public.

Ms. Worley said the Administrative/Finance Assistant position is still available in the Administrative department.

**PLANNING
DEPARTMENT – Wendy
Oldham:**

Planning Director Wendy Oldham said this property is located on Highway 70 Business. She said it is currently zoned single family residential and commercial and the owner is requesting it be rezoned to mixed use.

**Call for Public
Hearing – Rezone of
Parcel ID 05I06028:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Tim Brown and seconded by Councilmember Randy Jernigan to call a public hearing for the rezone of parcel ID 05I06028 on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Wilson's Mills Elementary School cafeteria. Motion carried unanimously.

**Call for Public
Hearing – Rezone of
Parcel ID
17K08051V:**

Planning Director Wendy Oldham said this property is also located on Highway 70 Business. She said it is currently zoned single family residential and the owner is requesting it be rezoned to mixed use.

A motion was made by Councilmember Randy Jernigan and seconded by Councilmember Tim Brown to call a public hearing for the rezone of parcel ID 17K08051V on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Wilson's Mills Elementary School cafeteria. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCILMEMBER
COMMENTS:**

Councilmember David McGowan suggested in their next Work Session that Council discuss rewriting the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to make it more restrictive.

Mayor Byrd said any changes would need to go to the Planning Board first. Ms. Worley said Council's next work session will primarily focus on the new branding and logo for the town, but it can be discussed at the October work session. Mayor Byrd said the Planning Board can start looking at the UDO at their meeting next Monday.

Mayor Byrd had a meeting with Ms. Holland and Ms. Young at the Elementary school, and they were pleased with Councilmember David McGowan's efforts to supply food for the students and families at the school. Councilmember McGowan said that Public Works Director Patrick Moore has been a huge help with that as well.

Councilmember Tim Brown asked about the town hall upfit. Ms. Worley said they had finished the location of utilities on the property. She also said someone came out to look at HVAC and someone is coming to look at the attic on

Wednesday. She said we are on schedule so far.

2nd OPEN FORUM

Mayor Byrd opened the 2nd Public Forum at 6:59pm.

Donald Byrd of 755 Powhatan Road said he is not sure if the Planning Board will be able to discuss the UDO at their meeting next week since the agenda has already been set.

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

ADJOURN:



ATTEST:

A motion was made by Councilmember Tim Brown by Councilmember David McGowan Councilmember Randy Jernigan to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.



FLETA A. BYRD, Mayor



EMILY MATTHEWS, CMC
Town Clerk