

**TOWN OF ANGIER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Minutes**  
**Special Meeting-Budget Visioning Work Session**  
**January 28, 2008**

The Town of Angier Board of Commissioners met in special session on Monday, January 28, 2008 in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 28 North Raleigh Street. Mayor R.H. Ellington presided, calling the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. As the meeting opened, a quorum was established as the mayor and four council members were present.

**Commissioners Present:** Commissioners Joe Pleasant, Billy Surles, Stanley Carney, Craig Honeycutt, and Mayor R.H. Ellington.

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Staff Members Present:** Coley Price, Town Manager; Justin Merritt, Finance Director, Joyce Valley, Town Clerk, Jimmy Cook, Public Utilities Director, Derrick McLean, Recreation Director, Amanda Davis, Library Director, Police Chief Jay Dudley, Betty Pearson, Planning Clerk and Mike Hill, Code Enforcement Officer. Attorney Ray Pleasant was not in attendance

**Facilitator/Guests Present:** **Facilitator Rick Bain, Angier Independent Reporter Kim Lambert and Planning Board Member Ted Holmes.**

**2 and 3.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting opened with an invocation by Commissioner Stanley Carney.

Mayor Ellington welcomed everyone and stated the purpose of the meeting was to hold a work session to begin the budget process for the upcoming fiscal year. He encouraged everyone to participate and yielded to Town Manager Coley Price.

Town Manager Price welcomed everyone to the budget visioning work session and stated that brainstorming various aspects of the needs of the Town of Angier would begin the budget process. He began by offering an overview of the projects completed to this point which included receipt of a PARTF grant in the amount of \$500,000 for the renovation of the Jack Marley Park, a \$390,000 grant for the sewer project in Clearfield Subdivision, renovation of the Depot and caboose, a new Public Works facility, newly paved streets through the use of Powell Bill funding, new windows in the front of the municipal building, renovation of Williams Grove School, restoration of the caboose, the town's selection by the NC Department of Commerce as a participant in their Small Town Main Street program which will bring revitalization to downtown, plans to build a \$16 million school with construction beginning next spring, the purchase of a boom truck and leaf truck which have been tremendous assets for the town. He added that the Town Board would need to decide if they wish to proceed with Phase II of the park project during the next fiscal year. He added that the long range plan was to create a "walkable" town. He stated that Joe Langley addressed the Town Board at their regular January meeting to discuss the formation of a YMCA in Angier and that there have been planning meetings to further discuss the YMCA plans with the Executive Director of the YMCA.

Town Manager Price highlighted various projects which have benefited the town such as the community newsletter, the town's website, new brochures, Leadership Harnett and plans to encourage a "fit community".

Town Manager Price recognized Rick Bain, who has been very instrumental in helping the town with various projects a former Rural Center representative, who was asked to facilitate the budget visioning session.

Mr. Bain stated that he would like to keep the informality of the meeting and create a brainstorming atmosphere whereby the goal would be to reach a common goal for the Town of Angier.

Various points were highlighted by the Town Board and Staff as a vision for the Town which is listed as follows:

Property Investment/Town Center-Great to have traffic one block over, create niche component, how to build off town center, upgrade housing, UDO

Sidewalk/Social Infrastructure-human connectivity-Campbell, cultural resource center

Village Core-how to create village core, unique aspects, drawing cards such as Barclay Village, upgrade vacant buildings, create a walkable, living town center

First Impression-access from a number of different corridors, create lasting impressions, installation of more lighting throughout town, upgrade property within the town

WI FI-how to create knowledge core, library is wi-fi ready, website is drawing card, survey town to see how they access internet

Commercial/Industrial Park-core of businesses/industries, offer proper incentives such as land, workforce and utilities, keep in mind health of children, adults and seniors

Mr. Bain stated that if the Town Board and Staff could envision these ideas, they could make them happen.

After discussion, Town Manager Price stated that another session would be scheduled near the end of February and that this session was a beginning point of understanding and meeting the project and budgetary goals of the Town Board.

Town Manager Price asked for the Board's direction regarding the EMS building and creation of a Unified Development Ordinance for the next fiscal year and was directed to proceed with bringing those items to the budget work sessions.

Mayor Ellington expressed gratitude to everyone for attendance and with no further business coming before the Town Board, motion by Commissioner Pleasant, seconded by Commissioner Carney to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

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**R.H. Ellington**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Joyce H. Valley, MMC**  
**Town Clerk**





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