

**Town of Angier
Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
Angier Municipal Building
28 North Raleigh Street
Minutes**

The Town of Angier convened during a regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, in the Board Room inside the Municipal Building at 28 North Raleigh Street.

Members Present: Mayor Bob Smith
Mayor Pro-tem Loru Boyer Hawley
Commissioner Jim Kazakavage
Commissioner George "Jr." Price
Commissioner Alan Coats

Members Excused:

Staff Present: Interim Town Manager Richard Hicks
Town Clerk Veronica Hardaway
Planning Director Randy Cahoon-Tingle
Captain David Adams
Planner I Abby Manning
Finance Director Hans Kalwitz
HR Director Melissa Wilder
Parks & Recreation Director Derek McLean
Public Works Director Jimmy Cook
Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr.

Others Present: Tom Woerner, *The Dunn Daily Record*

Call to Order: Mayor Smith presided, calling the Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Smith led the pledge of allegiance.

Invocation: Mayor Smith offered the invocation.

Approval of the March 7, 2023 meeting agenda: The Town Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: Mayor Pro-tem Hawley

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

Public Comment

Pamela Powell Yanez, 49 North Street, spoke about concerns of Highway 55 traffic. Cars are constantly turning around her dead-end street to avoid traffic on Highway 55. Mayor Pro-tem Hawley inquired if barriers can be placed at the end of the street to prevent this situation until a permanent solution can be found. Mayor Smith deferred this to the Town Manager.

Brian Hawley, 49 Kerrylane Drive, presented the Board with the ABC Financial Audit showing their increase in net position. The ABC Store General Manager, Maggie Sandrock was introduced and welcomed. Mr. Hawley discussed disbursements as follows: \$80,000 to General Fund; \$20,000 in escrow for Police to be used for a training facility at the firing range; \$1,000 to *Sold Out Organization*; \$18,734.64 in escrow for the Angier Library; \$9,371.32 for the Police Department; and \$12,120.00 for *Good Hope Hospital* mental health programs.

Commissioner Price thanked ABC Board member Howard Babbitt for proposing the idea of giving the Police Department the additional \$20,000.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. February 7, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- b. February 21, 2023 – Work Session

2. Amended Classification Grade Table FY2022-2023

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion: Commissioner Price

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

New Business

1. Budget Amendment #6

Finance Director Hans Kalwitz explained that Budget Amendment #6 pertains to the General Fund, Parks & Recreation Field Rental/Donations Fund, Powell Bill Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, System Development (Buy-In Method) Fund, and System Development (Incremental Cost) Fund.

The General Fund is amended to recognize the monthly rent expense for 58 N. Broad Street where, at onset of FY 2023 Budget process, it was recognized within the Police Department. Knowing that the Planning & Inspections Department utilizes this location, this amendment allows the associated expenditure line to absorb the expense.

The Water & Sewer Fund experienced nominal civil penalties and, to pay this penalty, the Sewer Sales revenue line will be budgetarily increased to accept revenue that has exceeded anticipation and the associated expenditure line will be increased for allowable spending.

Other aforementioned funds are merely to amend revenue lines that have exceeded anticipation and increased allowable spending to various expenditure lines.

The Board inquired as to the civil penalty the Town incurred. Interim Town Manager Richard Hicks explained that several months ago Mary Circle experienced a manhole overflow. The Town is required to notify the State Department of Environmental Quality to assess the situation. Typically, when there is a spill, a civil penalty is placed to cover NCDEQ's investigation into the matter.

The Board requested to know when the building lease at 58 N. Broad St. is set to expire. Mr. Hicks responded the Town should be receiving a new lease agreement soon that will be on a month to month basis.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to approve Budget Amendment #6 that pertains to the General Fund, Parks & Recreation Field Rental/Donations Fund, Powell Bill Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, System Development (Buy-In Method) Fund, and System Development (Incremental Cost) Fund.

Motion: Commissioner Kazakavage

Vote: 4-0; unanimous



Town of Angier

Board Approved Budget Amendment # 6

General Fund (10 Fund)				
Police Department	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
RENT FOR 58 N. BROAD STREET	10-5100-6075	33,625	(33,625)	-
Total Budget Expenditures for Dept 5100		1,952,695	(33,625)	1,919,070
Planning & Inspections Dept	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
LEASE FOR 58 N. BROAD STREET	10-5400-6075	-	33,625	33,625
Total Budget Expenditures for Dept 5400		874,694	33,625	908,319
Parks & Recreation Field Rental/Donations Fund (18 Fund)				
P&R FIELD R/D Revenue	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
P&R FIELD RENTAL/DONATIONS	18-3018-6280	2,000	2,510	4,510
Total Revenue Budget		35,272	2,510	37,782
P&R FIELD R/D Dept	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
FACILITY REPAIRS & MAINTENAN	18-6200-3275	272	3,106	3,378
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	18-6200-4250	2,000	(596)	1,404
Total Budget Expenditures for Dept 5190		35,272	2,510	37,782

Powell Bill (20 Fund)				
Powell Bill Revenue	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	20-3020-3050	-	2,083	2,083
STATE STREET - AID	20-3020-5705	138,642	32,898	171,540
Total Revenue Budget		158,414	34,981	193,395
Powell Bill Expenditures	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
CAPITAL OUTLAY	20-5700-5000	-	34,981	34,981
Total Budget Expenditures for Dept 5700		158,414	34,981	193,395
Water & Sewer Fund (30 Fund)				
W/S Fund Revenue	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
SEWER SALES	30-3030-8305	1,308,803	904	1,309,707
Total Revenue Budget		3,487,803	904	3,488,707
Sewer Department	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
CIVIL PENALTIES	30-8300-4375	-	904	904
Total Budget Expenditures for Dept 8300		889,501	904	890,405

System Development Fee (Buy-In Method (61 Fund))				
SDF Revenue	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	61-3061-3050	-	12,193	12,193
SDF (WATER BUY-IN METHOD)	61-3061-8710	68,000	6,693	74,693
SDF (SEWER BUY-IN METHOD)	61-3061-8715	201,000	32,300	233,300
Total Revenue Budget		269,000	51,186	320,186
WWTP Expansion Dept	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
HARNETT COUNTY WWTP EXPA	61-8710-8110	269,000	51,186	320,186
Total Budget Expenditures for Dept 8710		269,000	51,186	320,186
System Development Fee (Incremental Cost Method (64 Fund))				
SDF Revenue	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
INTEREST EARNED	64-3064-3050	-	103	103
SDF (WATER INCREMENTAL MET	64-3064-8305	2,050	398	2,448
Total Revenue Budget		2,050	501	2,551
Unauthorized Substance Tax De	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
TRANSFER TO CAPTIAL PROJECT	64-8705-8305	2,050	501	2,551
Total Budget Expenditures for Dept 8705		2,050	501	2,551

2. Vaughn Farms Proposed Development Agreement

Public Works Director Jimmy Cook explained that Vaughn Farms Subdivision, that was approved by the Board several months ago, is in the process of completing construction drawings. The proposed Developer Agreement is to upsize approximately 2,000 LF of water line from 8" to 12" along NC 55 South from Cambridge Subdivision to Vaughn Farms Subdivision.

The Town has a 12" water line that dead ends at Cambridge Subdivision. The Developer is proposing to extend the water line from Cambridge Subdivision to Vaughn Farms along NC 55 South. The Developer's hydraulic study only requires Vaughn Farms to install an 8" water line to serve the subdivision, by upsizing the water line from 8" to a 12" line allows the Town of Angier to prepare for future growth to the South along NC 55. Estimate of financial impact by staff is between \$75,000 and \$100,000. The Town of Angier would only have to pay for the material price difference to upgrade the water line from an 8" to a 12" line. The Developer will not receive payment until the line is installed.

Mr. Cook explained he is currently researching to see if System Development Fees can be applied to this project; however, explained this may have to be included in the upcoming FY budget.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to proceed with the Developer Agreement with Vaughn Farms Subdivision to upgrade the water line from an 8" to a 12" water line.

Motion: Commissioner Coats

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

3. NCDOT Transportation Improvement Projects

Planning Director Randy Cahoon-Tingle introduced and welcomed the new Planner I Technician, Abby Manning.

Mr. Cahoon-Tingle explained upcoming proposed NCDOT improvement projects. At the intersection of NC 55 (N. Raleigh) and Rawls Church Road, NCDOT is addressing two issues: pavement being torn away by right turns off of N. Raleigh St. (NC 55) onto Rawls Church Road; weak shoulder south of the same intersection (in front of Dr. Lane's Dental Office). NCDOT intends to remove pavement from the south side of Rawls Church Road adjacent to Dr. Lane's Dental Practice; and add pavement on the north side adjacent to Boost Mobile.

NCDOT is concerned about current traffic volumes on two sections of NC 210/Depot Street. The driveway of Red Barn is wider than allowed, and this section of the State-owned highway will be more functional with dedicated turns established. The changes are intended to allow free flow of traffic in one lane while left turns onto N. Broad Street are in a separate lane. Down at Willow St. a striped barrier will better define where turning is permitted. Restriping Depot Street in front of Truist Bank; creating true turning lane onto Willow St.; addition of sidewalks and a narrowing of the driveway of Red Barn. NCDOT also plans to restripe the area in front of First Citizen's Bank.

No action was taken on this item as it was for informational purposes only.

4. Resolution #R005-2023 – Support of Medicaid Expansion

Mr. Hicks informed the Board that Mr. Joe Langley has requested that the Angier Board of Commissioners adopt a Resolution supporting the expansion of Medicaid by the North

Carolina General Assembly. There would be no financial impact to the Town. Some residents within the corporate limits may benefit from the expansion, which might in turn generate additional spending within the community.

Joe Langley, 298 Kirk Adams Road, stated that despite going through the House and Senate, this issue still has to go before the Governor for approval. This is a project that Mr. Langley has been personally working on for several years with a group called *Care 4 Carolina*. There's no single thing this state could do that would do more for mental health than Medicaid expansion. With over 8,300 people uninsured, individuals will finally have the health insurance they need. These individuals fall into what is called a coverage gap; which means they make too much for traditional Medicaid but not enough to access subsidies in the Affordable Care Marketplace.

Mayor Pro-tem Hawley requested that it be put in the record that she supports mental health and treatment programs; however, considers there to be hidden agendas by this proposal.

Board Action: The Town Board voted to approve Resolution #R005-2023 in Support of Medicaid Expansion.

Motion: Commissioner Coats

For: Commissioner Price; Commissioner Kazakavage

Opposed: Mayor Pro-tem Hawley

Vote: 3-1; motion carried

Resolution No.: R005-2023

Date Submitted: March 7, 2023

Date Adopted: March 7, 2023

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MEDICAID EXPANSION TO CLOSE THE HEALTH INSURANCE GAP

WHEREAS, healthy citizens and access to affordable health care are key to the Harnett County economy; and

WHEREAS, closing the health insurance coverage gap would extend insurance to approximately 8,302 uninsured individuals in Harnett County and close the gap for more than 600,000 across the state; and

WHEREAS, closing the health insurance coverage gap would drive \$51,000,000 in new business and healthcare activity in Harnett County, generate \$1,455,900 in new county revenue, and create 344 new jobs; and

WHEREAS, closing the health insurance coverage gap would provide access to behavioral health care to address the opioid epidemic as reflected by 37 deaths and 134 emergency department visits related to opioid addiction in 2019, and offset the hospitalization costs of the \$555,826 that Harnett County spent on inmate health; and

WHEREAS, federal funding from taxes that North Carolinians have already paid will cover 90% of costs for states closing the health insurance coverage gap to citizens who need access to affordable health insurance; and

WHEREAS, In Medicaid expansion states, the uninsured rate for opioid-related hospitalizations plummeted by 79 percent, from 13.4 percent in 2013 (the year before expansion implementation) to 2.9 percent in 2015.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IT:

The Town of Angier Board of Commissioners urges the North Carolina General Assembly to close the health insurance coverage gap in North Carolina with Medicaid Expansion.

This Resolution shall be effective on and after its passage and shall be shared with the members of Harnett County's General Assembly delegation.

Old Business

1. Participation in Lead for NC Fellows Program

Mr. Hicks explained that the Board authorized the filing of an application to host a Lead for NC Fellow starting in August of 2023. The application pool was very competitive with over 82 local governments applying to host. They were impressed with the Town's proposed work plan and the commitment to seeing the fellow succeed. The cost to participate in Lead for NC is \$53,000. This includes the fellow's payroll, health insurance, graduate credits, AmeriCorps costs, and employment taxes. The fellow will be a UNC Chapel Hill employee and Hans will serve as the supervisor for the position. Thanks to donations from State Employees' Credit Union, State Farm, Z. Smith Reynolds, and AmeriCorps, they are able to subsidize this experience for Angier. The Town's anticipated cost is \$13,000 and the Town will be invoiced on a quarterly basis by the UNC School of Government. The Town needs to let them know by March 10, 2023 if we plan to participate in the fellowship program. The three major projects we listed in the application were to help staff maintain compliance with ARP regulations, assist in preparing the necessary documents for the FY 22/23 Audit, and to assist the finance office in maximizing the new financial software package.

The Town would have to budget the \$13,000 in the FY 23/24 budget that will be adopted in June of 2023. The Town Manager requested authorization to participate in the Lead for NC Fellow program at an estimated cost of \$13,000 and to authorize him to execute any and all documents required by the UNC School of Government.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to authorize the Town Manager to participate in the Lead for NC Fellow program and to execute any and all documents with the UNC School of Government.

Motion: Commissioner Kazakavage

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

2. Selection of Site for New 500,000-Gallon Water Tank

Mr. Hicks explained that after extensive review of Town records and prior Board actions, he believes there are 3 options for the Board to consider for the location of the new water

tank and each option has specific pros and cons. This action item provides you with additional information on each option to help you better evaluate those options.

Option 1. Consider existing Dora Street Tank Location

1. Construction of the new tank on this site will require the demolition of the existing tank and the existing structures on the property. Mobilization and construction on the site require a large area to store the materials and to actually construct the tank. Most components of the tank are actually constructed and fabricated on the ground and then lifted into the air. Even with the existing tank and buildings being removed, it will be a strain to remain within the confines of the existing property.
2. The Dora Street site is approximately 20 feet below the elevation at the Bulldog site. The height of this tank would be 180 feet compared to 160 feet at the Bulldog site. The additional height requires additional steel, adds extra weight to the footings and foundation. The additional height also changes the wind load calculations. All of this would result in additional costs for the construction of the tank. Specific costs are not currently available without a detailed engineer's estimate.
3. The last estimate for the demolition of the existing tank was around \$30,000 and was based on some salvage value of the existing tank to the contractor, either as scrap metal or the relocation of the tank to another location. The cost for the demolition of the existing buildings is unknown at this time.
4. Water and sewer connections for some of the adjoining properties are on the tank site. These connections would have to be redone to remove them from the property. The cost for this relocation is unknown at this time.
5. Once the Dora Street tank is taken offline, the Town would have to continue the use of the Junny Road Standpipe to maintain pressure in the system. To maintain water quality and an adequate chlorine residual in the system, the Town would have to continue draining and flushing of this tank. This is currently costing the Town approximately \$15,000/month. For a 2-year construction period, this would equate to around \$360,000 of cost.
6. If the Dora Street tank is offline, there will be times during peak flow demand periods where the water pressure in Town would drop by 4-6 pounds. This would probably further complicate some of the pressure issues in the Bellewood Subdivision.
7. If the Dora Street tank is demolished, the telemetry equipment used by the County to maintain tank levels would have to be moved to the Junny Road standpipe. The cost for this relocation is not known at this time.
8. The Dora Street tank site is currently zoned R-10 Residential. To construct a new tank on this site would require a Special Use Permit and a Public Hearing, which would further delay the project.
9. The existing tank on Dora Street is connected to an existing 8" waterline. It would be preferable to have the tank connected to a 12" waterline at a minimum. As part of the Core Water System Project, this existing 8" waterline is projected to be replaced. If this site is used, the 8" replacement should be upgraded to a 12" replacement. The costs for this upgrade would be the difference in the cost of materials between an 8" pipe and appurtenances and a 12" line. That cost is unknown at this time.
10. The Town currently owns the property and would not have to purchase property.
11. According to our Engineer, the Town's largest tank would ideally be centralized within the Town's water system.

12. The new tank would be larger and taller than the existing tank and would encompass a larger footprint on the property.
13. A taller tank might solicit more interest in co-locations of cellular equipment.

Option 2. Find a new site in the southern area of Town

1. Due to the topography of the land in this area of town, the tank would more than likely be over 200 feet in height, which would result in significantly higher construction costs.
2. Being able to find a suitable piece of land could be problematic and the anticipated cost for an acre+ parcel of land is unknown.
3. Depending on the zoning of the particular parcel, a Special Use Permit may be required.
4. An initial engineering analysis of that area would be necessary to locate potential sites that would require the least amount of system improvements to make the tank work properly.
5. Finding a new site and completing the necessary due diligence investigations would be time consuming and would further delay the project and could potentially impact the funding sources.

Option 3. Consider the Bulldog property for the tank location

1. The property is currently zoned CP (Commercial Park) and utility facilities are listed as a permitted use. No zoning changes or public hearings would be required. The Board may still desire additional public comment on the proposed location.
2. Due to potential neighborhood concerns, the Town should consider extensive landscape buffers and plantings, which would be an additional cost.
3. To make the tank more effective, the Town should also extend the existing 12" waterline from the Junny Road standpipe or extend the existing 12" waterline on Kennebec Road to the new site. The cost of this extension is currently not known.
4. The tank on this site would be approximately 160 feet in height due to being at one of the highest points in Town. This would result in lower construction costs.
5. The location of this site would also place the tank in the central part of the Town's water system.
6. The Dora Street tank would remain in service and the Junny Road standpipe could be connected directly to Bulldog's fire suppression system at a cost of \$78,000 and the cost of constantly draining the standpipe could be eliminated at a cost of \$15,000/month after the new connection is made.

Funds for the project have already been appropriated and the project is ready to move forward. Additional funds may be necessary once bids are taken and the final project costs are determined. Staff continues to seek additional outside funding to offset potential additional costs.

The Board inquired as to why a public hearing is not necessary for this property; to which Mr. Hicks responded that a public hearing is not required as a water tank is a permitted use under the current zoning of Commerce Park; however, the Board may still desire additional public comment on the proposed location.

The Board questioned why the original location was changed to which Mayor Smith responded that originally, the plan was to demolish the Junny Road tank and construct the new tank on the existing site, but once testing was performed, it was determined there wouldn't be enough water for *Bulldog Hose Co.*'s fire suppression. Mr. Hicks added that the existing Junny Road site is currently zoned R-10 which is a non-conforming use on a residential piece of property; if the Town were to rebuild on that site a public hearing would be required.

The Board inquired if FAA clearance was obtained to which Mr. Hicks replied that being Angier Airport is a private airport FAA approval is not required. The Board questioned if Bellewood Subdivision is still experiencing water pressure issues to which Mr. Hicks stated that issue will be resolved once both tanks are constructed and they're on the same elevation pressure system.

The Board questioned if any of our Congressional representatives have been approached to help with funding this project. Mr. Hicks responded that representatives have been contacted for several projects within the Town; however, it is not certain as to which one they will choose. It is understood the Town will receive notification by June.

Mayor Pro-tem Hawley requested this item be tabled until more information is gathered and neighboring communities have a chance to speak at a public forum.

Board Action: The Town Board voted to table this item.

Motion: Mayor Pro-tem Hawley

Vote: motion failed due to lack of votes

Commissioner Coats voiced the biggest problem Angier faces is water and sewer infrastructure and the \$15,000 monthly charge to keep the Junny Road tank online. The Town needs to keep up with the growth and move forward with the construction of the new tank. Commissioner Kazakavage shared concern as new subdivisions come online and the tank isn't complete there will be additional water issues.

Board Action: The Town Board voted to demolish the Dora Street tank and construct the new tank at the existing site.

Motion: Mayor Pro-tem Hawley

The Board had discussion on how constructing the new tank on the existing Dora Street site would not be feasible to the Town. Constructing the new tank at that location would be an additional 20 feet in height, the wind load calculations would be different and would require additional steel and possibly deeper footings, along with engineering modifications.

Commissioner Price questioned if this item could be discussed at the workshop to give the public another opportunity to speak. In response, Commissioner Coats voiced that the public was supposed to attend tonight's meeting to speak and are not in attendance.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow those who are in attendance to speak; although Mayor Pro-tem Hawley discussed that she was in opposition as she and her family have been targeted on Facebook ever since discussion of the water tank came about and will not subject her family to that any longer; however, conceded for residents to speak.

Board Action: Mayor Pro-tem Hawley withdrew her motion.

Mindy Strohmeier, 228 Blair Drive, voiced the sooner the new water tank is constructed the better; as she owns a hair salon in town that has very low water pressure where she struggles to rinse color out of hair. She added that the salon next to her has the same issue.

Pamela Powell Yanez, 49 N. Street, explained that it takes hours for the Dora Street water tank to be flushed where she is then left with a wet yard. She agrees something should be done with this existing tank, however not construct a larger one.

Randy & Cindy Smith, 10604 N. Raleigh Street, spoke that they live right next to the Dora Street water tank and believes the Junny Road location would be the best location for the new tank to be constructed. Not only would it be less expensive to construct the new tank at the *Bulldog Hose Co.* location, it is a permitted use at that location and would be more appropriate on an industrial site than a residential area.

Mayor Pro-tem Hawley stated the Whetstone Subdivision would be more satisfied if the tank was pushed back more towards the tree line and not so close to the road. Even though it was asked to move the tank further back, there was some pushback stating the Town originally wanted it where it is going; that should have been done prior to being deeded to the Town.

Commissioner Price stated that Mr. Brian Hawley had a conversation with *Bulldog Hose Co.* where they shared they would be willing to move the tank location. Afterwards, Mr. Cook and Mr. Hicks had a meeting with *Bulldog Hose Co.*; however, they didn't have the same result. He questioned as to what had happened between Mr. Hawley's conversation and their conversation that changed. Mr. Hicks responded that the owner had time to think about it over night and decided that was not a good idea.

Brian Hawley, 49 Kerrylane Drive, voiced that citizens anticipated a project at *Bulldog Hose Co.* when surveying was being conducted and cones were being placed on the property. No notice was given to the public that this was going to be where the new water tank was going to be constructed. Procedures should have been followed and it seemed to be more about expedience versus the right thing. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan was adopted in 2017, which at that time it was established that the Junny Road and Dora Street tanks would be dismantled for new tanks to be constructed in those existing areas. Once the Junny Road tank came offline after the new one was built, it was seen as a water pressure issue again. Mr. Hawley referred to General Statute 160D on the comprehensive plan, where it was interpreted there should be a procedure to announce changes to that plan. It is very clear there should have been two separate announcements given. He doesn't know why the Town didn't notify citizens on something that's going to impact property values. Mr. Hawley shared that when he spoke to the gentleman at *Bulldog Hose Co.* he

indicated that there was no anticipation of expansion to the company as it would not be feasible. Given the situation, at the time, the Town should have sought relief within the tree line. There are other properties the Town could have tried to gain access to. Mr. Hawley urged the Board to follow procedures set in the General Statute in the future.

Bob Jusnes, 574 N. Broad Street E., voiced that in looking over Mr. Hicks report he noticed that if the Dora Street tank was taken offline, water pressure could drop 4-6 pounds across Town for the duration of construction. That would be over a year of even less pressure than what we currently have right now. He doesn't believe the Town is catering to *Bulldog Hose Co.* when the initial problem was found when the Junny Road tank was taken offline. They didn't have enough pressure and in turn they bought a pump system which was their problem. However, what they found was a lack of volume to feed the pumps which is the Town's problem. The only downside he sees for the *Bulldog Hose Co.* location is that the people at Whetstone would have to look at it when they come out of their neighborhood. If the Board is going to consider what the people of Whetstone want to see when they come out of their neighborhood, shouldn't it also be considered what the people of Dora and Broad Street want who are in residential areas versus an area that's already zoned Commerce Park.

Mike Hill, 48 S. Park Street, asked if there was anything that can be done about changing the four-legged water tank to the pedestal tank and decorate it possibly with a small park and sidewalks. He stated no matter where a four-legged tank goes, it will not be pleasing to look at. He asked the Board if there was a way they can make the budget work and come to an agreement with the surrounding communities for the difference of the two tanks of \$500,000.

Mayor Pro-tem Hawley agreed with Mr. Hill that a water tank is definitely needed and doesn't see a problem with it; however, the four-legged tank style is pretty hideous.

Mayor Smith stated that it was decided at the last meeting to save \$500,000 to go with the four-legged water tank. If a donor could make up the difference the pedestal tank would definitely be preferable.

Commissioner Coats expressed he was hearing very mixed signals in what has changed in the last 15 minutes. We went from "I'm totally opposed to a water tower being there" to now I'm hearing "build a mushroom type that costs \$500,000 more".

Dolores Price, 129 N. Broad St. W., agreed with Mr. Hill that there's an opportunity to find some middle ground. She understands that homeowners have concerns for their home property values because when they purchased their homes they didn't have a water tower there. She requested the Board to take another vote to get the pedestal tank style and put a dog park in that area and demolish the old Junny Road tank.

Mr. Hicks reminded the Board that there is money earmarked for the tank project and for the core water system replacement and won't know the actual cost until the plans are completed and bids are taken. If costs are higher than what you've got available there are a couple of options 1) scrap the projects and do smaller projects; 2) you would use your

water and sewer revenues to cover the additional cost whether it be a loan or fund balance. If the Board moves forward with both projects the Town will have to cover the difference and based on current estimates, both projects will be short.

Board Action: The Town Board voted to construct the pedisphere style tank as an alternative to the column (four-legged) style tank to make it more aesthetically pleasing; the price upgrade to the pedisphere style tank would be an additional \$500,000 and will be located at the *Bulldog Hose Co.* site.

Motion: Mayor Pro-tem Hawley

Opposed: Commissioner Kazakavage; Commissioner Coats

Abstained: Commissioner Price

Break Tie: Mayor Smith voted in favor of the motion

Vote: 3-2; motion carried

Mayor Pro-tem Hawley stated the Town has requested \$2M from the state. Mr. Hicks indicated the states emphasis again this year will be on water and sewer infrastructure. The money is not guaranteed; however, the Town should receive some funding.

3. Site Plan for Alleyway Parking Lot along E. Lillington Street (behind stores)

Mr. Cook reviewed the site plan of the proposed alley parking lot along E. Lillington Street located behind *Napper Tandy's*. Engineer estimates have been received for the project. There are approximately 10 existing parking stalls and are able to get a total of 17. The entrance off of Lillington Street will be a one-way with the right-hand side having a dumpster pad with three dumpsters. A sidewalk extension is proposed from *Thanks a Latte* to S. Dunn Street and also along the back entrances to the businesses that will tie into the brick paver alleyway that was installed about a year ago. Business owners will be able to back up to their property for access.

Mr. Cook recommended having a meeting with property owners to show them plans and explain possible conflicts with water and sewer. In some instances, right now, some businesses have water meters that go diagonally across properties and are actually on someone else's property. With the Board's approval, Mr. Cook would like to clean that up so the businesses have their respective meters on their own properties. This project will not only benefit the Town for additional parking but also the commercial properties to be able to access their property. Part of the cost share is that the Town would not charge to relocate property owner water taps but it would be their responsibility to connect their existing line to the newly relocated meter. In terms of project funding, money has already been allocated in the Planning Department. The Board has the option to combine all funds from small projects to be able to start this project, or if the Board chooses to keep the existing funds we would need to come back with a budget amendment. Mr. Cook proposed having to camera sewer lines to make sure they are on the correct property as well. If the Board wants to proceed, the Town can then solicit bids to start the project.

The Board inquired on how much of a cost would be incurred to the property owners; to which Mr. Cook responded that it could be approximately \$400-500 may be less. It was

the consensus of the Board to authorize Mr. Cook to proceed with contacting property owners to discuss utility relocation and cost sharing.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to proceed with soliciting bids for proposed parking lots on E. Lillington Street and West Church Street.

Motion: Commissioner Price

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

4. Site Plan for W. Church Street Parking Lot

Mr. Cook explained there are no funds allocated to this particular project; however, there might be better bids if both parking lot projects are solicited together.

Mr. Cook reviewed additional sidewalks proposed to the West Church Street Parking lot site plan. Power will be installed for future events and the existing trees will be removed and replaced with crepe myrtles. This proposed site plan creates 40 additional parking stalls.

A motion was made in the aforementioned paragraph of business item #3 to proceed with soliciting bids for this project.

5. Advisory Board Introduction Interviews & Appointments

Town Clerk Veronica Hardaway explained that there is currently one vacancy on both the ABC Board and Community Development Committee. It was pointed out that the applicants for the ABC Board have previously been interviewed; those applicants being Mike Hill, Joe Langley, and Tom Taylor. New applicant Luke Barnett has applied for the Community Development Committee and has yet to be interviewed by the Board.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to appoint Mike Hill to the Angier ABC Board.

Motion: Commissioner Price

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

Commissioner Price announced that he has officially resigned from the ABC Board effective May 1st. It was the consensus of the Board to advertise for additional candidates and fill this position at a later date.

The Board questioned Mike Hill if past issues with the ABC Board would affect his decision making in any way. Mr. Hill responded it will not affect his decision making and, in his opinion, things that he brought to light was for the good of the ABC Board and helped get them to where they are today. He is very pleased with the way the Board is operating today.

Candidate Luke Barnett had a five-minute question and answer session during an open session with the Town Board.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to appoint Luke Barnett to the Angier Community Development Committee.

Motion: Commissioner Price

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

6. Board of Commissioners Action Items on the Monarch Butterfly Declining Population & Project

Mayor Smith explained that the Board was contacted by Pine Springs Preparatory Academy requesting a Proclamation regarding the declining population of the Monarch species. It is understood that given the status of climate change there are fewer in population. This Proclamation is urging people to take action to try and retain population of the monarch butterfly.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to approve a Proclamation declaring April 1st as the "Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day".

Motion: Commissioner Coats

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

Dolores Price stated the Mayor's Monarch Pledge is dovetailing into a project that the Angier Rotary Club has started along with Jimmy Cook's help. This project is to create butterfly habitats along the greenway benches between Town Hall and the Fire Station and will be breaking ground on April 1st. The Rotary Club International provided half of the grant money for the project and the Angier Rotary Club has raised the other half. The Preparatory Academy letters happen to coincide at the same time as we were going to be breaking ground and are inviting Ms. Thompson's classroom to join us on April 1st.

7. Town of Angier Facility Rental Policy Amendment

Mr. Hicks stated that some proposed changes were presented to the Board at their work session meeting and the Board agreed that it be placed on the agenda for an official vote at this meeting. Since then, staff recognized the need to rent the picnic shelters at Jack Marley Park as there has been significant interest in renting them over the years with a small rental fee attached. It was also proposed to make a nominal increase to the baseball field rentals.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to approve the Town of Angier Facility Rental Policy Amendment.

Motion: Commissioner Coats

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

Manager's Report

- Department Reports (Informational Items included in Agenda packets)

Randy Cahoon-Tingle reported that total fees collected in the Planning Department is 83.96% of projected revenue. The Board requested to include a breakdown of Code Enforcement activities in his monthly report. Commissioner Price indicated that Warren Gregory was wanting to request a public records request to which Mr. Cahoon-Tingle directed Mr. Gregory to the Town Clerk to follow the process for the information he is wishing.

Captain David Adams responded to Commissioner Price's inquiry regarding street light outages. The Police Department does in fact communicate any outages with Duke and the anticipated time frame is within 15 days. Mr. Hicks shared officers take note of all street lights and reports any issues. Commissioner Coats asked how many citations were written out of the listed 128 stops to which Captain Adams stated he will get with the Chief to provide that number. On behalf of Chief Thompson, Captain Adams thanked the ABC Board for their allocation of funds.

Public Works Director Jimmy Cook announced there will be a public information meeting regarding the Junny Road Sidewalk Project on March 15th from 6pm-8pm in the Board Room. It is proposed to construct a sidewalk curb and gutter along the east side of Junny Road and N. Broad Street from Glen Meadows Drive to E. Julia Street; the east side of N. Willow Street from Junny Road to E. Julia Street; and the south side of W. Lillington Street from NC 210 to S. Park Street in Harnett County. Radius/crosswalk provisions will also be provided.

Mr. Cook also stated his department will be spreading mulch around the Town Hall intersection and will also be trimming bushes down at the Depot. The trees at the Depot will be pruned back for rejuvenation, they may look a little different but will green back up quickly. Commissioner Price shared there was a contractor blocking off Cross Street without Town's approval or notifying residents. Mr. Cook responded the contractor was notified streets cannot close without Town permission. Commissioner Price asked why the water fountain in front of Town Hall is not functioning to which Mr. Cook explained the fountain is winterized during the colder weather months. Mr. Cook notified the Board that he has been in communication with NCDOT regarding the timing of the crosswalk pedestrian traffic signal.

Mr. Hicks has received contact from Congressman Wiley Nickel's office that there is opportunity for the Town to request special funding on community projects. He is able to fund 15 projects in his district so he has asked that each Town or County submit interest in funding for a special project by Friday, March 17th. Part of the conditions is that it has to be a project that fits within an existing government program. Two projects that fit our needs is through the USDA Rural Development for water and wastewater disposal grants which could be used for waterplants, wastewater line rehabilitation, or anything to do with water and sewer. The second program is their Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program. Under public facilities they will help fund Town Halls, under community services they will help fund community centers, and under public safety services they help fund police stations, police vehicles, and public works vehicles or equipment. The Town could apply for more than one project; however, the likelihood the Town will only receive one. A formal application will need to be submitted with USDA and will be a combination

loan and grant based on what is given from the Congressman's office. Mr. Hicks requested the Board's direction in order to apply.

It was the consensus of the Board to request funding for the following: water/wastewater, Town Hall, and a Community Center.

Mayor & Town Board Reports

Commissioner Price had discussion with Senator Burgin regarding grants for the Police Department and all that is needed is a letter addressed to him from the Chief and Town Manager.

Commissioner Kazakavage requested the new ABC Board member, Mike Hill, be sworn in tonight to which the Town Clerk conducted that duty.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(4) to discuss possible land acquisition at approximately 9:34pm.

Motion: Mayor Pro-tem Hawley

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

Adjournment: Being no further business, the Town Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11pm.

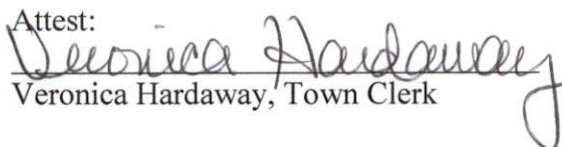
Motion: Mayor Pro-tem Hawley

Vote: 4-0; unanimous



Robert K. Smith, Mayor

Attest:



Veronica Hardaway, Town Clerk

