

**Town of Angier
Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, September 4, 2018, 7:00 P.M.
Angier Municipal Building
28 North Raleigh Street
Minutes**

The Town of Angier convened during a regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting Tuesday, September 4, 2018, in the Board Room inside the Municipal Building at 28 North Raleigh Street.

Members Present: Mayor Lewis W. Weatherspoon
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Craig Honeycutt
Commissioner Bob Smith
Commissioner Loru Boyer Hawley
Commissioner Mike Hill

Members Excused:

Staff Present: Interim Town Manager Michael McLaurin
Public Works Director Jimmy Cook
Public Works Maintenance Worker Dalton Johnson
Finance Director John Ellis
Planning and Permitting Technician Sean Johnson
Chief of Police Bobby Hallman
Lieutenant Arthur Yarbrough
Corporal Lee Thompson
Town Engineer Bill Dreitzler
Town Attorney Dan Hartzog Jr.
Town Clerk Veronica Hardaway

Others Present:

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Weatherspoon presided, calling the Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Weatherspoon led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation:** Commissioner Smith offered the invocation.
4. **Approval of the September 4, 2018, meeting agenda:** The Town Board amended the agenda; moving Consent Agenda Item #7E to the October meeting.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously approved the September 4, 2018 meeting agenda with the above amendment.

Motion: Commissioner Smith
Second: Commissioner Hawley
Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

5. Town Staff Recognition:

Mayor Weatherspoon recognized Corporal Lee Thompson on attending General Instructor School at Wake Tech. Mr. Thompson has obtained his Certification as a Law Enforcement Instructor for the State of North Carolina.

Chief Bobby Hallman also recognized Corporal Lee Thompson on receiving Officer of the Year Award by the department.

The Town welcomed new employees – John W. Ellis, Finance Director; Suelit Chavez, Customer Service Representative; and Dalton Johnson, Utility Maintenance Worker.

6. Public Forum: Mayor Weatherspoon provided an opportunity for audience members who wished to address the Board of Commissioners on issues not listed on the Agenda.

Mayor Weatherspoon addressed the audience and asked that each speaker limit comments to three minutes (3) in addressing the Town Board. He also reminded attendees that citizens who appear before the Town Board should note that the Board may not take any action regarding subject matter. Topics requiring further investigation will be referred to the appropriate town officials or staff and may be scheduled for a future agenda. Any handouts distributed must be furnished to the Town Clerk.

Alan Coats, 131 Wilma Street, spoke about the Crepe Myrtle Festival on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Reminded everyone the Festival is September 8th and thanked Public Works Department for all of their hard work on making the grounds look beautiful. Mr. Coats also spoke as a citizen of the Town, proposing the Board to consider utilizing the \$25,000 funding towards an LED sign.

7. Consent Agenda: The Town Board unanimously voted to approve the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. Minutes – August 7, 2018 – Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**
- B. Budget Amendment #BOA2019.02** – to amend the original project ordinance for the Wake County Elevated Water Tank capital project. This amendment reallocates funds from the contingency line item to a new line item for the acquisition of an easement.
- C. Town Bank Account Signatories** – The Finance Department is requesting to remove previously employed personnel to bank accounts and adding the new Finance Director, John Ellis, as well as the Interim Town Manager as signatories and authorized representatives. Board approval is also requested to remove the Interim Town Manager and add the new Town Manager when he or she is hired.

D. Advisory Board Appointments – the Planning Board, Library Board, and ABC Board have members whose terms expire December 31, 2018. Board approval is needed to advertise for those positions that will become available.

E. Approval of an MOU for the Crepe Myrtle Stage – Item moved to October meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Hill

Second: Commissioner Smith

Vote: 4-0, unanimous

8. Public Hearings:

A. Annexation Petition

Sean Johnson updated the Town Board, reminding them that a Petition for Annexation for the property located off S. NC Highway 55 inclusive to Wake County portion of Parcel PIN#: 0674-69-6204 and a portion of Parcel PIN#: 0674-49-7265. A sufficiency of the Petition and a Certification of Results were issued in August; a Date to Set the Public Hearing for tonight was approved in August and advertised appropriately. Following the required Pubic Hearing, the Town Board will be qualified to consider the Adoption of an Ordinance to Annex the property.

Mayor Weatherspoon opened the Public Hearing.

Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Weatherspoon closed the Public Hearing.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to adopt an Ordinance to extend the corporate limits of the Town of Angier.

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Honeycutt

Second: Commissioner Smith

Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

B. Annexation Petition

Sean Johnson updated the Town Board, reminding them that a petition for Annexation for the property located off S. NC Highway 55 inclusive to Wake County portion of Parcel PIN#: 0674-69-0126. A sufficiency of the Petition and a Certification of Results were issued in August; a Date to Set the Public Hearing for tonight was approved in August and advertised appropriately. Following the required Pubic Hearing, the Town Board will be qualified to consider the Adoption of an Ordinance to Annex the property.

Mayor Weatherspoon opened the Public Hearing.

Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Weatherspoon closed the Public Hearing.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to adopt an Ordinance to extend the corporate limits of the Town of Angier.

Motion: Commissioner Smith

Second: Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Honeycutt

Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

9. New Business:

A. Proposed Design Improvements to the Highway 55 Upgrade Project (R-5705)

Sean Johnson reviewed staff's recommendations regarding potential street design improvements to the NCDOT Highway 55 upgrade project also known as STIP Project R-5705. Mr. Johnson stated that during a meeting with NCDOT officials in July, staff was informed of the option to submit additional street design improvements to be considered by NCDOT during the right-of-way design for the Highway 55 project. NCDOT has requested the Town submit these requests in the coming weeks.

To date, the street cross-section designs for the proposed R-5705 right-of-way received by staff from NCDOT do not include bicycle, pedestrian or lighting facilities along the chosen corridor.

Staff recommended the following improvements to these cross sections:

- 1) Sidewalk and Curb & Gutter along the west side of Highway 55 beginning at the Southern border of the approved Bellewood development and extending north to Town Limits.
- 2) Sidewalk and Curb & Gutter on the east side of Highway 55 beginning at the Southern border of the approved Bellewood development and extending north to Maude Stewart Road.
- 3) Street lights along both sides of the entire R-5705 corridor within Angier's jurisdiction.

As for the portion of the R-5705 corridor between the Southern border of the approved Bellewood development and the Southern limit of the R-5705 project south of Town, staff recommended that sidewalk and curb & gutter installation be enforced during the development review process for all future developments along this corridor.

Mayor Weatherspoon requested staff to recommend to NCDOT about installing conduit for future use of fiber as they are constructing sidewalk, curb, and gutter.

There was some discussion regarding the recommendation to NCDOT about the possible installation of a bike lane.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to approve recommendations from staff as proposed plus the possibility of conduit for fiber purposes if permitted; and to look into the possibility of a bike lane or other uses generally used on bypasses.

Motion: Commissioner Smith
Second: Commissioner Hawley
Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

B. Waste Industries – Nick Zdeb, with Waste Industries, gave an update on trash and recycling issues within the Town.

The Board explained to Mr. Zdeb that over the last 90 days there have been 96 missed pick-ups and 104 damaged carts.

Mr. Zdeb took full responsibility for service failures and stated they will make the corrections. A Waste Industries staff member will be making rounds every Friday making sure there hasn't been any missed pick-ups or damaged carts. This staff member will also follow up on Tuesday's to make sure issues reported on Fridays have been rectified. Cart repairs will be conducted on service pick-up days. Mr. Zdeb will report back to the Town Board at the October meeting. Mr. Zdeb also informed the Board that Waste Industries is using another cart vendor to supply a more durable cart.

10. Old Business:

A. Update of CD rates from various banks

Finance Director John Ellis provided further information regarding Certified Deposit rates from various banks. Mr. Ellis stated that as reported at the last meeting, Ms. Bray had spoken with First Bank who agreed to change the Certificate of Deposit Rates to 2% based on a 1 year term. After speaking with Gail Turner of First Citizens, she has agreed to honor the 2% rate for a 6 month term. They had also raised the checking account rate to 1% after speaking with Ms. Bray.

Mr. Ellis stated that in addition to the Government Fund Account, the Capital Management Trust also has a term account portfolio. The rates on this account are slightly higher – 2.11% compared to 1.83% - but a share has a value that can fluctuate like an investment account. If the Board is interested, it can be investigated further. Mr. Ellis stated he is comfortable with the proposed rates and the Town's ability to have easy access to deposit accounts if needed since both the NC Capital Management Trust and the First Bank checking account are easily accessible for transfers to the operating account. In addition to the above, First Federal Bank is also located in Angier. The Town does not have any current accounts with them.

Below is a summary of the Town's Bank Accounts with existing/new rates:

Institution	Description	Current Balance	Rate
First Citizens	Operating Checking Account	292,700	0.05%
NC Capital Management Trust	Gov't Funds Account	2,621,473	1.83%

First Bank	Checking	1,893,869	1.00%
	\$1.5M CD designated Water & Sewer Rate being Changed to 2% and renews 9/11/18	1,500,000	2.00%
	\$1M CD designated General Fund rate will change to 2% From now until renewal in December	1,000,000	2.00%
BB&T – Gov’t Finance	Escrow Account for \$1.6M Water tank project	held in escrow	
BB&T	Credit Cards Only – no deposit Acct.		
	Proposed .50% variable on Balances up to \$5M in Public Money Checking Account		
	Proposed .75% variable on Balances up to \$5M for Public Money Rates Savings		

Interim Town Manager Mike McLaurin suggested to do an RFP for banking services in the near future.

It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the proposed CD rates.

11. Manager’s Report

A. Update on research for an ice skating rink.

The Board requested the Interim Manager to look into the possibility of renting an ice skating rink. Mr. McLaurin stated he researched various companies that provide skating rinks and in summary the cost is anywhere from \$17,890 - \$25,000 not including staffing.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted not to pursue the ice skating rink further at this time.

Motion: Commissioner Hawley

Second: Commissioner Hill

Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

Mr. McLaurin shared with the Board on how much he has enjoyed working for the Town and the Board.

12. Mayor and Town Board Reports:

Mayor Weatherspoon updated the Board on the General Government Legislative Action Committee meeting. There were several action item proposals and one of those action items submitted was from the Angier Town Board.

Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (1) – to discuss contract negotiations; NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5) – to discuss possible land acquisition.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (1) and NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5) at 7:52pm.

Motion: Commissioner Smith
Second: Commissioner Hawley
Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to reconvene in open session at 9:12pm.

Motion: Commissioner Smith
Second: Commissioner Honeycutt
Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to acquire and negotiate acquisition of property identified by PIN#: 0673-79-7656 at tax value.

Motion: Commissioner Smith
Second: Commissioner Hawley
Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

Amended Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to give Interim Town Manager discretion, in the event tax value is not sufficient to owner, to negotiate a reasonable price upon first refusal.

Motion: Commissioner Smith
Second: Commissioner Hawley
Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

13. Staff Reports and Information Items

14. Adjournment: Being no further business, the Town Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm.

Motion: Commissioner Hawley
Second: Commissioner Hill
Vote: 4-0, Unanimous


Lewis W. Weatherspoon, Mayor

Attest:


Veronica Hardaway, Town Clerk

