

**Town of Angier
Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, February 6, 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, February 6, 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

Staff Present: Town Manager Coley Price
Planning and Permitting Technician Sean Johnson
Library Director Amanda Davis
Interim Finance Director Vanessa Young
Parks & Recreation Director Derek McLean
Corporal Daniel King
Public Works Director Jimmy Cook
Town Engineer Bill Dreitzler
Town Attorney Al Bain
Town Clerk Veronica Hardaway

Others Present: Tom Woerner represented *The Daily Record*

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 February 6, 2018, meeting agenda:** The Town Board amended the Agenda; adding a Closed Session under item #10B.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously approved the February 6, 2018 meeting agenda with the above amendment.

Motion: Commissioner Smith

Second: Commissioner Hill

Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

5. **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.

Jr. Price, 617 N Dunn Street, stated he sent an email to the Public Works Director and Town Manager several weeks ago concerning a street light on Broad Street. He stated he received a response back from Public Works Director, Jimmy Cook who indicated he had contacted Duke Progress about the street light. Mr. Price stated a Duke Progress truck was seen near the street light and thought the light was repaired, however it was not. He stated the street light is a constant strobe light and is very bothersome at night time. He stated this has been going on for several weeks and doesn't understand why it's taking so long to get repaired.

Public Works Director, Jimmy Cook stated the Police Department originally reported the light and that he emailed and followed up with a phone call to Duke Progress who assured him the light would be fixed. He stated he will follow up again with them.

Town Manager Coley Price added that the Town of Angier does not own the street lights in town, they are rented. Duke Progress is responsible for any type of maintenance. When the handicap sidewalk was installed near that particular street light, the line was nicked. Duke Progress will now have to dig up the underground line to repair.

Sue Langley, 27 E Depot Street, invited the Board to attend the Chamber of Commerce Banquet March 6, 2018 at 6:30pm located at Barclay Villa. Nominations are open for Man, Woman, and Business of the Year.

Joe Langley, 27 E Depot Street, informed the Board that he is the Chairman of the Fundraising Committee for the Harnett County Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Langley stated he is seeking donations from the Town to assist the program. He announced there will be a fundraising event held February 27, 2018 at Zaxby's in Lillington at 5pm and that 10% of your meal will go to the Boys and Girls Club. He also thanked Town Attorney Al Bain for his work with the Town of Angier and also for his dedication to the Boy Scouts. Mr. Langley also requested for the Town to request \$2,000 from the ABC Board on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club.

Alan Coats, 131 Wilma Street, "I started to write down a few things to say tonight but I thought no Alan you're better at speaking from your heart. I know we've had a lot of people speaking over the last several months in this Town and I wanted to come back and just say some positive things. I came back eleven years ago when my mom got sick, and my parents worked very hard. They loved the Town of Angier and did a lot of things I

hope for the growth of the Town of Angier. I don't think I could ever accomplish as much as my father did and my mother did for this Town. I certainly try to do that, I try to volunteer and work with different organizations here in Town as much as I can. I've seen the Town grow greatly in the last 10-11 years since I came home and I'm so proud of that. I know we've had some problems over the last several months leading into where we are now. But, I know all of you are good great people and are here to serve the Town, or you wouldn't have wanted that position. I can't imagine what's involved in the hours that are involved in learning this Town and the way it works. We have new people, we have older people that have been here before and between those two factors of people having knowledge of what has happened and how things work and the new growth and ideas of new people which I do believe the Town needs. Every job gets stagnant when you stay with the same people. And I think with the new people we have, what you are asking is a great thing. We all need to be questioned about how things work along the way. But by working together that is how we accomplish that and from what I see I think we are along those lines and I hope that will continue. I wrote something down in church a couple of weeks ago which is very strange I heard that and it stuck out in my mind during the sermon and I wrote it down. It said: Progress doesn't occur if grudges are held but only by working together and not against can changes occur in a positive way. And I think that's what's happening now in the Town of Angier. I think we are heading in a positive direction. So from what I see we have learned to work together, I feel that with the Town there is a calmer air around here and I hope that continues. It's not that we need to make Angier great again because it's great, it can only get greater, and that's what I had to say about that. I did want to clarify one thing. It's been on my mind, very quickly just so I can make it clear because it did bother me. I understand at the May 2nd meeting of this year that my name was referenced in a negative way and it bothered me and has bothered me since then and I think until I say something can I let that go. I think at that particular meeting, I looked back at the meeting notes and I didn't get specifics, but I think Mr. Hill made a statement at that meeting that night that inferred that I had gotten privileges from the Town of Angier in some way that I knew people. And if that is the case it's not to my knowledge. Just to let you know quickly what it's about it was over a year sale that the Mayor had questioned and sent Mr. Hill to check and see if I had a permit. I did have a permit but there was some discussion as to whether or not I owned the actual items I was selling should I be filing for a resale tax license. Well I did own everything there and I asked could you give me ten minutes and I did ride down the street to the Mayor and said I have a problem can you help me. I'm already set up to go, he said is that you, I did call and say make sure (and I know we've had trouble with yard sales and things) but if that's what implied that we get favors from people that what I would say is I hope that by knowing all of you the luxury proved that being from New York was I do know people that can help me when I have a problem, I'm not intimidated by them, and the luxury of living in a small town you have friends and people you can go and ask advice from or ask for help and that's what I was doing that day. It bothered me that somebody thought I was getting favors in any way from anybody on the Board or from the Town of Angier because that is certainly not the route I would ever choose to go and I want to be good with it. So, I thank you for your time and the things you are doing for the Town."

Everett Blake, 352 Gardner Road, informed the Board that he is Chairman of the Board to Horses for Hope, which is a therapeutic horse riding facility. He is reaching out to the Counties and Cities that are in the immediate geographic area to learn what is needed in order to apply for not for profit grants or funding. He stated Horses for Hope serves about 80 therapeutic riders at their no cost program every year and that their waiting list has gone from 250 to almost 350 people.

6. **Consent Agenda:** The Board unanimously voted to approve the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. Minutes – **January 8, 2018** – Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. **Resolution** – to adopt amended 2018 Meeting Schedule

Motion: Commissioner Smith

Second: Commissioner Hawley

Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

7. **New Business**

- A. **Year-end Audit** – Chris Abbott, CPA, presented his audit findings from the previous fiscal year. *(Due to its length, a copy of the Audit Report will be filed in the Clerk's office for review.)* Mr. Abbott praised the Interim Finance Director, Vanessa Young and her staff for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting presented by the Government Finance Officers Association every year since 2011. This award is unusual to receive for a Town of this size. Highlights included assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town of Angier exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year by approximately \$18,264,325 (net position). The government's total net position increased by \$118,321. Increase in the governmental activities amounts to \$248,349 and decrease in the enterprise type activities amounts to \$130,028. As a result of this increase, there have been some positive signs of the economy improving in our Town as well as Management instructing staff to curtail spending to aid in the improvement of the Town's financial condition. As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Angier's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$3,970,123 an increase of \$249,983 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 21.28 percent of this total amount or \$844,721 is non spendable or restricted. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$2,879,320 or 83.30 percent of total general fund expenditures, for the fiscal year. At June 30, 2017, the Town of Angier's total debt was \$6,049,300. Increase of the Town's debt was a result of a new borrowing for a water tank. The Town of Angier has a Municipal Council Rating of 80 which is equivalent to a rating of A3/A by the national rating agencies. This rating is considered an investment grade rating and average or better than average for the Town of Angier's population.

Mr. Abbott concluded by asking the Board if they had any questions on the report presented and also encouraged them to contact him if they may have questions later.

Board Action: The Board unanimously voted to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Honeycutt

Second: Commissioner Smith

Vote: 4-0, Unanimous

B. ETJ Planning Board Appointment

Mayor Weatherspoon opened the floor for nominations.

Board Action: The Board unanimously voted to appoint Chris Hughes as an ETJ Member of the Planning Board.

Motion: Commissioner Hill

Second: Commissioner Smith

Vote: 4-0, Unanimous

8. Manager's Report

Town Manager Coley Price informed Town Board officials of numerous events that had taken place and forthcoming events including the following:

- There will not be a Planning Board meeting February 13th.
- There will not be a Board of Adjustment meeting February 20th.
- There will be a Town Board Workshop Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 6:30pm.
- Budget Retreat is scheduled for February 20th at 6:30pm.
- Chamber Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at Barclay Villa.

- Town Engineer's Report attached.

Town Manager Coley Price thanked Vanessa Young for all of her hard work on the Audit.

9. Mayor and Town Board Reports:

Commissioner Smith stated that Town Manager Coley Price responded to the list of requests that was presented to him at the January meeting.

10. Staff Reports and Information Items

Commissioner Smith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hawley to go into Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (1) to discuss items that are not considered public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes; 143-318.11 (a) (3) to discuss a personnel matter; and 143-318.11 (a) (6) to consult with the Town Attorney.

Following the Closed Session of the Board of Commissioners, the Board returned to Open Session. In the absence of the Town Clerk, the Town Attorney was designated to take the minutes of this portion of the Open Session.

Commissioner Smith moved that the Town Board be authorized to engage the law firm Jackson Lewis regarding employment matters upon the recommendation of the Town Attorney and that Commissioner Smith and Mayor Weatherspoon be authorized to meet with that law firm on behalf of the Town Board. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Honeycutt, and was approved unanimously.

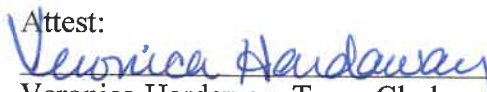
11. Adjournment: The Town Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Hill

Second: Commissioner Smith

Vote: Unanimous, 4-0


Lewis W. Weatherspoon, Mayor

Attest:

Veronica Hardaway, Town Clerk

