

**Town of Angier  
Board of Commissioners  
Workshop Session  
Tuesday, August 28, 2018, 6:30 P.M.  
Angier Municipal Building  
28 North Raleigh Street  
Minutes**

The Town of Angier convened during a regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners Workshop Session meeting Tuesday, August 28, 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 Loru Boyer Hawley  
Commissioner Bob Smith  
Commissioner Mike Hill

**Staff Present:** Interim Town Manager Mike McLaurin  
Town Clerk, Veronica Hardaway  
Public Works Director Jimmy Cook  
Town Accountant Bonnie Bray  
Finance Director John Ellis  
Town Attorney Dan Hartzog Jr.  
Corporal Lee Thompson  
Lieutenant Arthur Yarbrough

**Others Present:**

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Weatherspoon presided, calling the Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Weatherspoon led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation:** Mayor Weatherspoon offered the invocation.
4. **Approval of the August 28, 2018, meeting agenda:** The Town Board approved the agenda as presented:

**Board Action:** The Town Board unanimously approved the August 28, 2018 meeting agenda as presented.

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

## **5. New Business:**

### **A. Depot Rental – Proposal for Angier Chamber of Commerce use**

Interim Town Manager Mike McLaurin reminded the Board that at their August Business meeting they approved a facility rental policy that goes into effect October 1, 2018. He stated at a recent Chamber Board meeting, he made a report about the newly approved facility rental policy. While the new policy will not affect the Crepe Myrtle Festival, it would affect Christmas on the Square and Christmas Parade. Chamber Board members were informed about the potential cost of renting the facility. Mr. McLaurin advised the Chamber Board that an agreement will be proposed and will report back to them.

Mr. McLaurin stated that while a lot of work go into these events, the Town also contributes a great deal through in-kind support such as covering the personnel costs of Public Works and Police as well as a color ad promoting the Crepe Myrtle Festival totaling to approximately \$1,835 last year.

Mr. McLaurin requested the Board to consider a simple 5-year MOU which would allow the Chamber free use of the facility which would cover the Crepe Myrtle Festival and Christmas events and in return the Town would propose to receive waivers on certain charges such as dues, banquet tickets, and be recognized at the highest level of sponsorship.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow the Town Manager to discuss the proposal with the Chamber. After discussion, it was requested the Town Manager bring back to the Board.

### **B. Memorandum of Understanding for the Stage at the Depot**

Interim Town Manager stated that for several years, there was a partnership between the Chamber and the Town to raise funds and build a stage at the Depot. While there is a general understanding that it is the Town's stage and responsibility, there is always questions about maintenance, rental responsibilities, etc. Mr. McLaurin requested the Board consider an MOU to help clarify the ownership and responsibility of the stage.

Mayor Weatherspoon informed the Board that it was brought to his attention that certain donors of the stage were promised they would be able to get free use of the stage in exchange for their donation, however this matter is not in writing.

Mr. McLaurin stated he will research further and will report to the Board on his findings.

It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on September's consent agenda.

### **C. Ice Skating Rink**

Mr. McLaurin reminded the Board that at their last meeting, a citizen presented a proposal that the Town consider developing an ice skating rink in downtown as a way to draw additional visitors as an economic development opportunity. The Board asked that he review and follow up with a recommendation.

Mr. McLaurin recommended that we not pursue this proposal based on the following reasons:

1. Currently the staff does not have the personnel and other resources to run such an operation even on a part-time basis;
2. an ice skating rink year round would not provide enough revenue to support its costs and maintenance;
3. The Town has pressing needs to address issues such as facilities, water/sewer, transportation and downtown parking and development.

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to direct the Town Manager to investigate the cost of renting the equipment for the holiday season.

### **D. SRO Proposal by Harnett County**

Mr. McLaurin stated that due to the recent violence at various schools, it has resulted in a heightened awareness in improving school safety. The Harnett County Commission started a process that would result in having a School Resource Officer (SRO) in each school. The County is offering an opportunity to the Town to reimburse their costs for providing an SRO in the schools of their jurisdiction. The funds and the contract would be between Towns and Harnett County Board of Education.

Mr. McLaurin stated the School Board has sent an MOU to the Town that covers salary, car, gear, uniforms, fringe, and SRO training. After the first year, they will only cover salary and fringe. More information will be brought to the Board prior to approval.

### **E. Charter School**

Mayor Weatherspoon updated the Board on the Charter School. The school is scheduled to open September 2019; the first year they will offer K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade; the second year they will offer K through 7<sup>th</sup> grade; and the third year they will offer K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Informational meetings will be held in the Angier Municipal Building on September 25, October 24, and November 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **6. Old Business**

### **A. CD Rates from various banks**

Mr. McLaurin reminded the Board that at their last meeting, staff was requested to research CD rates at various financial institutions in an effort to maximize the Town's investment

earnings. The current rates are: First Bank – checking account 1% and 2% for CDs with a 12 month commitment; NC Capital Management Trust - .155% on checking account; First Citizens - .05 on checking account; BB&T – currently getting rate information. Staff is recommending to leave funds at First Bank at this time. A more updated report and recommendation will be provided at Tuesday's meeting.

#### **B. Main Street Committee**

Mr. McLaurin reviewed the list of names that has been developed for consideration to receive a letter of invitation to serve on the Town's Mainstreet Committee. He recommended the committee be limited to no more than 12 people. If any Board member has additional names to consider, please get them to the Clerk by close of business Monday.

#### **7. Board Comments**

Commissioner Smith requested the Town Attorney to add the verbiage on the stage MOU under #3 "survives any termination of this agreement".

Commissioner Hawley requested the leaf and limb policy be revisited.

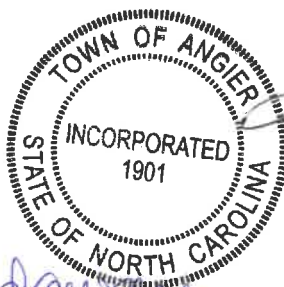
#### **8. Managers Comments**

Mr. McLaurin stated next week a Budget Amendment will be presented to the Board regarding acquisition of an easement. Waste Industries has been invited to the Board meeting to discuss what they are doing to improve solid waste services.

Mr. McLaurin introduced and welcomed the new Finance Director John Ellis.

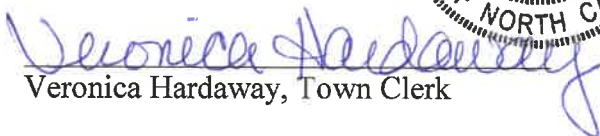
**9. Adjournment:** The Town Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm.

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



  
Lewis W. Weatherspoon, Mayor

Attest:

  
Veronica Hardaway, Town Clerk