



WINGATE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

The Wingate Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wingate Government Center, 101 W. Wilson St., with the following persons in attendance:

Present: Mayor Gary Hamill, Commissioners: John Lowery, John Mangum, and Peggy Taylor

Absent: Thomas LeGrand

Staff: Manager Brad Sellers, Asst. Town Manager Karen Wingo, Town Clerk Lisa Griffin, Planning Consultant Matthew Gallman, Town Attorney Melanie Cox

Others: Steven Jasper, Greg Doyle

Call to Order

At 6:00 PM, Mayor Hamill called the meeting to order; a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Hamill asked for any changes to the agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Mangum to approve the agenda as presented.
Second by Commissioner Lowery and unanimously approved.

Public Hearings

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes: January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting
- B. Resolution Setting Materiality Threshold for GASB No. 96 IT Software

Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Second by Commissioner Mangum and unanimously approved.

New Business

A. RPF's for AMI Meters-The Wooten Company/Consolidated Pipes

Manager Sellers explained that currently we have meters that are read every month and with the increase in population within the next five years the Town feels that it's a good time to go to automatic meters with readers on them. We will have two towers in town. The Town put out Request for Proposals and Consolidated Pipe was the only bid received. The bid was opened last week and a decision is needed to award that contract to Consolidated Pipe.

Stephen Jasper with Consolidated Pipe gave a preview of how the meter reading system works. This will include meters for existing and new residents. Meter readings will be available twice a day and there will be alerts if there are any problems so that Public Works will be able to check on them. Time frame for completion is in September 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Mangum to approve the Request for Proposal from Consolidated Pipe not to exceed \$500,000 contingent upon attorney's approval.
Second by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously approved.

B. Allocation of SCIF \$5.1 million & BARN project

Manager Sellers asked John Grey with Wooten Company to give a quote for a road that will give access to the BARN project. It is estimated at approximately 4.1 millions to build it. Wingate University is lending land for that project and the Town would assist by building a road, which is part of infrastructure. The road will not be exclusively for the BARN. Intentions are to go back and ask for additional funds.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor to allocate monies to build a road to the BARN project.
Second by Commissioner Mangum and unanimously approved.

C. Board Vacancy Applicant-Greg Doyle

Greg Doyle announced that he would resign from the Joint Land Use Board effective at the end of the March 7, 2023 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Lowery to appoint Greg Doyle to the vacancy left by Bart Farmer beginning on March 21, 2023.
Second by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously approved.

D. ARPA Funds

There was a discussion about possibly adding a dog park and resurfacing walking trails at the park, resurfacing parking lot at post office and adding additional parking spaces.

E. Interest in purchasing rear parking lot of 203-211 N. Main Street

William Irby wants to put a Tap House on N. Main Street. The Town owns the parking lot behind the businesses. Mr. Irby expressed a desire to purchase the parking lot. Manager Sellers asked a realtor about whether or not the owner of the building, Fern Shubert, would be interested in purchasing it. There has been no response. Manager Sellers asked the Board if they were interested in selling it. After a discussion, the Board members indicated that they were not interested in selling it and perhaps it may be leased in the future.

Department Reports

Manager Sellers told the Board that he, Mayor Hamill, Chief Bradshaw, and Attorney Ben Sidbury met with NCDOT and are proposing that the Town close North Stewart Street crossing and make improvements to North Main Street to 74 and Bivens Street. A 2019 traffic study reflected approximately 600 cars per day traveled on N. Stewart Street at railroad crossing. There was a discussion about how this would impact Wingate Fire Department. Mayor Hamill felt that it was a good meeting. He advised that we have the responsibility for the community’s safety. Manager Sellers stated that we need to look at the big picture and if it takes closing that crossing, we owe it to the Town for their safety. There needs to be public meetings and full disclosure from NCDOT. It was agreed that we need to move forward before something happens. Manager Sellers will arrange special meeting in March with NCDOT.

Chief Bradshaw did a study and there have been 31 trucks stuck on the railroad crossing in the last three years. NCDOT is trying to get GPS changed to direct trucks away from North Main.

The Police Department had approximately 800 calls of service last month and our K9 is finally certified. There were several felony arrests.

Public Works Director Eugene Jones said his department had completed 3 water taps on Elm Street. They had a few water leaks that have been taken care of. Duke Power will connect new drops that have been installed for Christmas lights. Some paving and pot hole repairs should be completed soon. Leaf pick up has been caught up with and the Community Center repairs are finished. Public Works plans to do some brush cutting on sides of some streets.



Adjourn - 6:38 PM

Being no additional business, Mayor Hamill entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Commissioner Lowery to adjourn the regular meeting.

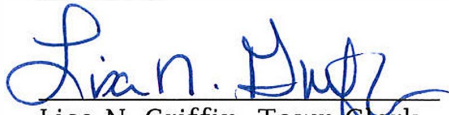
Second by Commissioner Mangum and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary R. Hamill, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa N. Griffin, Town Clerk

Approved: 3/21/2023

