

December 12, 2011

Board of Commissioner's Meeting

The Wendell Town Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 12, 2011, at 7 p.m. in the Wendell Commissioners Meeting Room with Mayor J. Harold Broadwell, II, presiding. Also present were Commissioners Carol Hinnant; Sid Baynes; Christie Adams; Ira Fuller; and Virginia Gray; Mayor-Elect Timothy A. Hinnant; Commissioner-Elect Sam Laughery; Commissioner-Elect James W. Parham; Town Manager Teresa Piner; Attorney Jim Cauley; Police Chief Vance Johnson; Lieutenant Bobby Langston; Town Clerk Jonnie Driver; Planner Stacy Griffin; Public Works Director Alton Bryant; Finance Director Butch Kay; and Parks and Recreation Director Brinkley Wagstaff.

Mayor Broadwell called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Vance Johnson and the invocation was given by Deacon Willie Foggie of Saint Eugene Catholic Church.

Adjustment and approval of the agenda

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjust the agenda by adding Item 11A to discuss the board's intent as it relates to the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor Pro Tem. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the agenda as adjusted. The vote was unanimous.

Item 1- Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Item 2 – Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the minutes from the November 28, 2011 Board of Commissioners meeting and work session
- b. Approval of State of Emergency Ordinance

Commissioner Ira Fuller made a motion to approve the consent agenda as stated. The vote was unanimous.

Item 3 – Presentation of 2011 Mayor's Award

Mayor Broadwell presented the Mayor's Award to Bruce Tarnaski and said Mr. Tarnaski served in the community, his church, and was family oriented, a great American and patron. He said he presented the award to Mr. Tarnaski at Saint Eugene Catholic Church on Sunday, but wanted to do it publicly.

Item 4 – Commissioners' comments

Commissioner Fuller, Adams and Gray had no comments.

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Commissioner Baynes stated he had enjoyed serving on the board the past four years. He thanked his wife, family and the citizens for their support. He also thanked the town staff for their support and time and effort put into their jobs.

Commissioner Hinnant said she had served for eight years and she felt the other four commissioners had voted on issues not because they were friends with anyone, but because it was the best decision for the citizens of the town. She thanked the staff for their hard work and dedication.

Item 5 – Mayor’s comments

Mayor Broadwell said serving as the Mayor of Wendell had been the greatest honor and privilege that he ever had. He said he had done the best he knew to do and had traveled all over the county and region representing Wendell to the best of his ability. He thanked his wife and children, citizens of Wendell and the town staff for their support and encouragement.

Organizational Items and Oaths of Office administered by North Carolina Chief District Court Judge Robert B. Rader

Item 6 - Swearing in of Mr. Sam Laughery, Commissioner

Judge Robert B. Rader administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Sam Laughery.

Item 7 - Swearing in of Mr. James Parham, Commissioner

Judge Robert B. Rader administered the Oath of Office to Mr. James Parham.

Item 8 – Swearing in of Mr. Timothy A. Hinnant as Mayor

Judge Robert B. Rader administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Timothy A. Hinnant.

Item 9 - Break (5 minutes)

Item 10 – Seating of the Board

The new mayor and commissioners were seated and Mayor Tim Hinnant called the meeting back to order.

Mayor Hinnant presented Judge Robert Rader with a gift from the Town as a token of appreciation for coming and administering the oaths of office to the new Mayor and Commissioners.

Item 11 - Presentation of Plaques and Gavel to outgoing Mayor and Commissioners

Mayor Hinnant presented Mayor Broadwell with his engraved gavel along with a plaque and Proclamation thanking him for his service to the Town of Wendell.

Commissioners Carol Hinnant and Sid Baynes were presented a plaque and Proclamation by Mayor Hinnant thanking them for their service to the Town of Wendell.

Item 11A – Discussion on the board’s intent related to the duties and responsibilities of Mayor Pro Tempore.

Commissioner Adams stated she had requested a discussion of the board’s intent as it related to the duties and assignments of the Mayor Pro Tem. She said she was not calling for action, but she was prepared to take action if that was the consensus of the board, or to delay until the board felt comfortable addressing the matter.

Commissioner Laughery stated he was in favor of changing the rules back to the statutory rule and duties of the Mayor Pro Tem. He said his concern was that the board needed to have all the facts in front of them. He said he was told that only one thing in the Rules of Procedure needed to be changed, but that he just received his copy of the Rules of Procedure and was not familiar with what it said.

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to table the discussion on the duties and assignments of the Mayor Pro Tem until the January 9, 2012, Board meeting. He said the new members had just been given a copy of the Rules of Procedure and he did not feel it was fair to ask them to make a decision on the matter before having time to read the information they were given. The vote was unanimous.

Item 12 – Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

Commissioner Laughery made a motion to elect Commissioner Fuller to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore for a two year term. Commissioner Adams stated due to Commissioner Fuller’s service and experience in various areas for the town and citizens that she supported the nomination. The vote was unanimous.

Item 13 – Closing Remarks

Commissioner Parham thanked everyone for their support during the campaign and stated he intended to listen to the citizens and listen to the issues that come before the board before he voted on anything.

Commissioner Fuller and Adams thanked the outgoing mayor and commissioners and welcomed the new mayor and commissioners.

Commissioner Laughery thanked the outgoing mayor and commissioners for their service to the town and stated he was looking forward to working with other board members.

Mayor Hinnant thanked the employees for their hard work and dedication and stated he was looking forward to working with the board on upcoming issues.

Mayor Hinnant announced a reception would be held at the Chamber of Commerce following adjournment.

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Adjournment

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Duly adopted January 9, 2012, by the Wendell Town Board of Commissioners while in Regular Session. Adopted as revised per Commissioner Fullers request (added a two year term to the Mayor Pro Tem) January 23, 2012 by the Board of Commissioners while in Regular Session.

Timothy A. Hinnant, Mayor

Attest:

Jonnie S. Driver, Town Clerk