

BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES
Thursday, January 24, 2019
Commissioners Room
3:30 p.m.

Board Members present: Mayor Johnson, Commissioners Johnston, Day, Ferguson and Goforth.
Commissioner Hall arrived at 4:30 p.m.

Staff present: Town Manager Larry South, Town Clerk Debra Pearson, NWPD Chief Joe Rankin, Tourism Director Crystal Keener, Finance Officer Connie Bauguess, Town Attorney Gary Vannoy, Public Works Director Dale Shumate, and Fire Chief Jimmy Martin.

Others Present: Marty McGee-reporter for Wilkes JP.

Absent: None.

- * Call to order – Mayor Robert Johnson.
- * Invocation – Mayor Robert Johnson
- * Pledge of Allegiance – North Wilkesboro Police Chief Joe Rankin

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Agenda Items:

1. Ted Cole, Mitch Brigulio-Davenport & Co. LLC, and Jim Powell-ADW Architects- Discuss Public Safety Facility. *Mitch Brigulio with Davenport & Company presented the financial breakdown regarding funding options for the new Public Safety Facility project using past audit figures. He noted the study did not include the current 2017-2018 audit figures. He spoke at length showing General Fund Operations, Balance Overviews, Peer Comparatives and ongoing FY 2019 Budget calculations. The board was very inquisitive and asked good questions to which Mitch made the financial report clear and easy to understand. Jim Powell with ADW Architects spoke briefly on the Public Safety Facility project and provided information on costs for a facility. He used an artist's rendering and bid tabulations for a facility in the Fort Mill SC area bid two days ago at a cost of \$345.00 per square foot as an example of design, size and cost per square foot for something comparable to what the town might consider.*
2. Present Street Resurfacing Bids- *It was the consensus of the board to wait until the 2017-2018 audit results came in to consider bids for resurfacing projects. Commissioner Hall made the motion to table this item at this time with Commissioner Day seconding the motion. Motion unanimously carries.*
3. Approve the Amendment to Budget Ordinance Budget Amendment #6 Water/Sewer Fund Mulberry Elementary School Sewer Project- *This Amendment has been placed on the consent agenda for our February 5, 2019 regular board meeting.*
4. CLOSED SESSION: G.S. 143-318.11 (4)– To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body (economic development).

Other items for February 5, 2019 meeting: (no discussion required)

- Amiee James-Wilkes County Librarian, introduction to the board.
- Matt Crook-DFI/UNCSOG, reports on the Water Plant and Elks Lodge sites.
- Craig Hopkins-Gibson and Company- presentation of FY-2017-2018 audit.

After returning to open session, no action was taken. Town Manager Larry South suggested to the board that we move forward with the 6th and Main Streetscape Project utilizing the \$300,000.00 from the State of North Carolina as the budget for the project. All agreed to move forward in this matter. There being no further business, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Johnson declared the work session adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

_____ TOWN CLERK _____ MAYOR

APPROVED: _____

