

**Town of North Wilkesboro
Commissioners Monthly Meeting
December 3, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the town of North Wilkesboro was held in the Commissioners Room at Town Hall December 3, 2019.

THERE WERE PRESENT: Robert L. Johnson, Mayor
 Debbie Ferguson, Commissioner
 Bert Hall, Commissioner
 Joe Johnston, Commissioner
 Angela Day, Commissioner/Mayor Pro-Tem
 Junior Goforth, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT: Wilson B. Hooper, Town Manager
 Gary Vannoy, Town Attorney
 Debra Pearson, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robert Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and delivered the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by North Wilkesboro Police Captain Brad Mathis.

IV. Additions/Deletions to agenda:

There was a request for two additions to the Agenda made by Commissioner Ferguson. The first request is to vote for Mayor Pro Tem and the second item, to discuss the Committee structure.

These two items were placed under New Business as item numbers 8.) and 9.), respectively. A third addition to the Agenda was placed under Item VI. as VI (a.) Proclamation Recognizing

Attorney Gary Vannoy. Finally, a fourth item was added to New Business to revise the 2019 calendar. This item appears as 6 a.) Cancelling the December 26, 2019 Board work session.

V. Approval of the Agenda (action)

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Commissioner Johnston and seconded by Commissioner Goforth. Motion unanimously carries.

VI. Consent (action)

All consent items may be approved in one motion. Items requiring further discussion will be pulled and voted upon separately

- 1.) Approval of Minutes – Debbie Pearson
- 2.) Surplus Property Disposal – Wilson Hooper
 - (a.) Proclamation Recognizing Gary Vannoy

Mayor Johnson read the consent agenda items and asked if anyone had anything else they would like to add or delete from the consent agenda. **With no further additions or deletions requested to be made, Mayor Johnson called for a motion to approve the consent agenda.**

Commissioner Ferguson made the motion to approve the consent agenda with Commissioner Day seconding the motion. Motion unanimously carries.

**RESOLUTION 2019-12
DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING IT BE DISPOSED OF
BY THE TOWN MANAGER**

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the Town of North Wilkesboro hereby declares the following property surplus and desires to dispose of certain surplus property of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners that:

- The following described property is hereby declared surplus to the needs of the Town of North Wilkesboro:
 - 2004 White Ford Taurus, VIN# 1FAFP53U54A151634
 - 2002 White Ford F-350 Diesel, (Old Ambulance) VIN# 1FDWF36F22EC18836
 - 2006 Blue Chevy Impala, VIN# 2G1WS551X69321652
 - Magnavox TV, Martin Yale letter folding machine, Royal shredder, Brother Intellifax fax machine, Dell printer, Brother HL-5250DN printer. Sold as a lot of miscellaneous items.
 - The Town Manager is authorized to dispose of the described property by electronic public auction.
3. The Town Clerk shall publish notice summarizing this Resolution in accordance with G.S. 160A-270.

Duly adopted this _____ day of December, 2019.

Robert L. Johnson, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Debra W. Pearson, Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2019-13
DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING IT BE DISPOSED OF
BY THE TOWN MANAGER BY DONATING TO CATAWBA VALLEY COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the Town of North Wilkesboro hereby declares the following property surplus and desires to dispose of certain surplus property of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners that:

1. The following described property is hereby declared surplus to the needs of the Town of North Wilkesboro:

- Manitowoc Ice Maker – Model S170

2. The Town Manager is authorized to dispose of the described property by donating the ice maker to the Catawba Valley Community College.

3. The Town Clerk shall publish notice summarizing this Resolution in accordance with G.S. 160A-270.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Gary Vannoy graduated from Wake Forest School of Law in 1964;

WHEREAS, since that time, a period of fifty-five years, Gary has been a valuable member of the Wilkes County legal community;

WHEREAS, early in his career Gary served as a county court judge in Wilkes County;

WHEREAS, Gary started his own firm in 1968 and is currently a partner with Vannoy, Colvard, Triplett & Vannoy;

WHEREAS, Gary has practiced in many fields including real estate law, corporate law, family law, estate administration, planning, and business law;

WHEREAS, Gary has litigated in both civil and criminal courts;

WHEREAS, Gary is a state certified mediator, and advises other lawyers on how to settle disputes;

WHEREAS, Gary has served the community on numerous civic boards, as president of the Wilkes County Bar Association, and as a longtime director for First Citizens Bank;

WHEREAS, Gary has served as North Wilkesboro Town Attorney since 2004, helping the town comply with state statutes governing municipalities and navigate several complex contractual matters;

WHEREAS, Gary is retiring from service as Town Attorney on December 31, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Wilkesboro Board of Commissioners honors Gary Vannoy for his distinguished career, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the North Wilkesboro Board of Commissioners thanks him for his service as Town Attorney for the Town of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

This the 31st day of December, 2019

Robert L. Johnson, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Debra W. Pearson, Town Clerk

Mayor Johnson read the Proclamation aloud to Attorney Gary Vannoy at the Town meeting. Attorney Vannoy appeared surprised and pleased and thanked the Mayor, Board and audience for this honor. The Town had the Proclamation beautifully matted and framed. Town Manager Wilson Hooper presented the Proclamation in his office to Gary on Friday after the Tuesday night meeting. Attorney Vannoy will be missed.

*****END CONSENT AGENDA*****

VII. Reflections from Outgoing Commissioners:

Commissioner Junior Goforth spoke first saying he'd like to recognize and thank our citizens for having faith in him over the years. He said he'd miss serving on the Board, but that he wouldn't be far away and would stay in touch. Commissioner Joe Johnston stated he wanted to thank everyone that supported him and that he had enjoyed serving on the Board. He went on to list several things he hopes to see accomplished in the future, a copy of which was distributed to the remaining Board members. Both Commissioners received applause from the audience.

VIII. Recognition of Outgoing Commissioners

Commissioners Johnston and Goforth were thanked for their service by the Mayor, Town Manager, remaining Board members and staff for their years of service to the Town of North Wilkesboro and its citizens.

IX. Old Board Adjourned

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Johnson declared the old Board adjourned before presenting outgoing Commissioners Goforth and Johnston engraved book clocks.

X. Oaths of Office for Incoming Commissioners

Oaths of Office were given for the newly elected Commissioners and the returning elected Commissioner at this time. Newly elected Commissioners Andrew Palmer and Michael Parsons, and returning elected Commissioner Bert Hall took the Oath of Office given by Mayor Johnson. Family members held the Bible and had pictures made with the newly elected Board members. **Mayor Johnson asked for a motion to open the new meeting at 6:10 p.m. With the new Board seated, Commissioner Hall made a motion to open the new meeting with Commissioner Ferguson seconding that motion. Motion unanimously carries.**

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Andrew Steven Palmer, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and Laws of the United States and the Constitution and Laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Town of North Wilkesboro, according to the best of my skill and ability, so help me, God.

/s/Andrew Steven Palmer

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 3rd day of December, 2019.

/s/Robert L. Johnson, Mayor

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Michael Perry Parsons, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and Laws of the United States and the Constitution and Laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Town of North Wilkesboro, according to the best of my skill and ability, so help me, God.

/s/ Michael Perry Parsons

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 3rd day of December, 2019.

/s/Robert L. Johnson, Mayor

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Bert Hall, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and Laws of the United States and the Constitution and Laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Town of North Wilkesboro, according to the best of my skill and ability, so help me, God.

/s/ Bert Hall

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 3rd day of December, 2019.

/s/Robert L. Johnson, Mayor

XI. New Business (action)

6.) Town Manager Hooper presented the 2020 Commissioners meeting schedule to the Board for approval. **Mayor Johnson called for a motion to approve and set the 2020 schedule. Commissioner Parsons made the motion to approve the schedule with Commissioner Ferguson seconding the motion. Motion unanimously carries.**

a.) Town Manager Hooper requested that the board consider cancelling the regularly scheduled 4th Thursday work session meeting due to the Christmas Holiday. **Mayor Johnson called for a motion to approve cancellation of the work session meeting with Commissioner Parsons making that motion and Commissioner Hall seconding the motion. Motion unanimously carries.**

7.) Town Manager Hooper presented the Committee Orientation schedule to the Board and explained this is an activity designed to benefit both the new and current Board members, familiarizing them with their roles and goal setting. Possible dates to be decided were December 9, 11 or 13, 2019. The Board members agreed on a date. The date agreed upon by the Board was December 11, 2019. **Mayor Johnson asked for a motion to approve the Orientation Date. Commissioner Parsons made the motion to approve with Commissioner Ferguson seconding the motion. Motion unanimously carries.**

8.) Commissioner Day requested the Board vote for Mayor ProTem. The Board was in agreement that Andrew Palmer would be elected Mayor ProTem. **Mayor Johnson called for a motion to approve with commissioner Day making that motion and Commissioner Hall seconding the motion. Motion unanimously carries.**

9.) A brief Committee Structure discussion was requested also by Commissioner Ferguson. The Board considered the Town Manager's recommendation to have four committees: administration, public safety, physical/environmental, recreation and culture. The meetings would be open, by law. Topics for committee consideration would need to be referred in open session and have the consent of the Board or be referred by the Town Manager. Commissioner Day remarked that she would like to see things left as they are with Board Agenda Setting Meetings prior to the monthly regular Commissioners Meetings. Town code requires committees be established by resolution of the full Board. The Board agreed to have the Town Manager draft a resolution for consideration at the next meeting..

XII. With no other items to discuss Mayor Johnson called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hall made the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Debra W. Pearson, Town Clerk

Robert L. Johnson, Mayor

Approved _____