

TOWN OF BAILEY MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – 10/21/2024

The Regular Meeting of the Bailey Town Board was held in the Bailey Town Hall on October 21, 2024, at 7 PM.

The following members of the Bailey Town Board were present: Mayor Owen H. Strickland II, and Commissioners Walter Wells, Richard Wilson, Dillon Bissette, Ervin Powell, and David Evans.

Also present: Town Administrator Joel Killion and Town Attorney Mark Edwards.

Called the meeting to order and welcomed guests:

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing(s):

None

Approval of meeting minutes and financials:

Commissioner Bissette made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting on 9/16/2024, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Bissette: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Wells: Aye, Powell: Aye, Evans: Aye.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to accept the financials, and Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Wilson: Aye, Powell: Aye, Wells: Aye, Bissette: Aye, Evans: Aye.

Agenda:

EnviroLink: Mr. John Greer (CFO for EnviroLink) presented and reviewed the Monthly Activity Report for September 2024. He also update the Board on where EnviroLink is in updating the contract with the Town for the Board to review.

Commissioner Wells then directed the Board's attention to an invoice given to them for the replacement of the effluent flow meter at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and provided background on why this is needed. After this, he made a motion to approve this expenditure of \$4,495 out of the Water/Sewer Fund for the replacement of 4" magnetic flow meter at the WWTP, and Commissioner Bissette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Wells: Aye, Bissette: Aye, Powell: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Evans: Aye.

Then, Commissioner Wells informed the Board of a survey done on a sewer line near Peele Road and Elm Street to determine slope for proper draining into the manhole. He said the survey determine that the sewer lines can be run by Envirolink from the two homes to the manhole to provide the customers with better drainage. Afterwards, he made a motion to have Envirolink do this work, and Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Wells: Aye, Evans: Aye, Powell: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Bissette: Aye.

Mayor Owen H. Strickland II then paused this portion of the meeting so that he and the Board could get on a public Google Meet call with Mr. Cullen Williams of Motorola Avigilon-Alta, which is a video surveillance system company. Mr. Williams then provided an overview of what Motorola Avigilon-Alta offers for video surveillance around Town.

Mayor Owen H. Strickland II asked Mr. Williams for a quote to provide the Board for future consideration.

Commissioner Wells then continued sharing regarding the work that has been done at the WWTP and mentioned that the DEQ has been very pleased with the improvements that have been made. He also directed the Commissioners attention to the Emergency Response Procedures document provided in the Commissioner's packets and asked them, as well as the Police Chief, to review it over the next month and to provide feedback.

Top Notch Lawn Care: Mr. John Thompson (Owner/Operator) provided an update on work done in Town, at the cemetery, and at the WWTP.

Old Business:

Application Funding Decision – Mayor Strickland informed everyone that the N.C. Department of Commerce informed the Town that it did not get approved for the grant funding for the Police Department.

Interlocal Agreement – Mayor Strickland directed the Board's attention to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Nash County in their Commissioner packets and provided an update on some of the details of the agreement.

Commissioner Wells made a motion to allow the Mayor to consent and sign for the Town on this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Town of Bailey and Nash County, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Wells: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Powell: Aye, Evans: Aye, Bissette: Aye.

New Business:

VC3 IT Review – Mayor Strickland directed the Board’s attention to the document in their packets related to VC3, which is an IT support provider. He followed-up by sharing that VC3 will need administrative approval from the Town for technical discovery that will allow VC3 to take an initial look into what the Town currently has in place from a hardware and security standpoint so that VC3 can provide its recommendations.

Commissioner Bissette made a motion to allow the Mayor to give administrative approval to VC3 for technical discovery, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Bissette: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Wells: Aye, Powell: Aye, Evans: Aye.

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Membership – Mayor Strickland presented the document included in the Commissioner packets and reviewed the details of what this membership would provide Chief Gelo.

Commissioner Bissette made a motion to approve the IACP membership, and Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Bissette: Aye, Powell: Aye, Wells: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Evans: Aye.

Then, when Commissioner Wells asked to add something to the Agenda, Mayor Strickland asked for a motion.

Commissioner Bissette made a motion to suspend the Agenda so that Commissioner Wells can add to the Agenda, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Bissette: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Wells: Aye, Powell: Aye, Evans: Aye.

Commissioner Wells recommended to have the Town Administrator – and whoever else wants to be a part of this – start the process of discussing options with various local banks for a line of credit for the Town of Bailey.

Public Comments:

Mrs. Kaye Folsom (5915 Bissette Street) – Mrs. Folsom shared that she is encouraged with what she is hearing regarding the sewer/water systems.

Mayor Strickland asked for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) for personnel matters.

Commissioner Evans made this motion, and Commissioner Bissette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Evans: Aye, Bissette: Aye, Wells: Aye, Powell: Aye, Wilson: Aye.

After closed session, Commissioner Wells made a motion to go back into open session, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Wells: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Wells: Aye, Wilson: Aye. (Note: Commissioner Powell left for the evening during closed session.)

Department Head Comments:

Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcer, Shawn Lucas: Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcer Shawn Lucas provided an update on zoning/code enforcement related items in town.

Bailey Police Department: Police Chief Gelo provided an update on law enforcement related items in town.

Town Administrator, Joel Killion: Administrator Killion presented the first budget amendment for the 24/25 FY.

Commissioner Bissette made a motion to approve the first budget amendment for the 24/25 FY, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Bissette: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Evans: Aye, Wells: Aye.

Commissioner's Remarks:

Dillon Bissette: No remarks.

David Evans: Commissioner Evans shared regarding the strict requirements of FEMA that the Board needs to be mindful of for future consideration.

Ervin Powell: Not present.

Richard Wilson: No remarks.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Infrastructure and Sewer & Water Commissioner's Remarks:

No remarks.

Mayor's Remarks:

Mayor Strickland provided a brief summary of some of what was discussed during closed session and shared that the Board agreed to create a sub-committee for the application of the Mayor's organizational report that was provided to the Board.

Commissioner Wells shared that the work of this sub-committee – comprised of Commissioners Bissette and Evans – will provide the employees of the Town with expectations, reviews, etc. as they work to serve the Town. He also shared that the sub-committee will provide a report back to the Commissioners in this regard.

Commissioner Wells made a motion to form a sub-committee to look at the policies, procedures, etc. associated with the HR functions of the Town of Bailey and to install Commissioners Bissette and Evans as sub-committee members, and Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

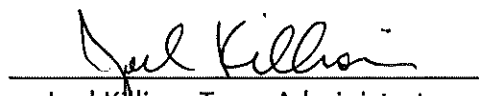
Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Wells: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Bissette: Aye, Evans: Aye.

Commissioner Bissette made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Bissette: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Evans: Aye, Wells: Aye.

Meeting adjourned.


Owen H. Strickland II, Mayor


Joel Killian, Town Administrator