

TOWN OF BAILEY MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – 5/20/2024

The Regular Meeting of the Bailey Town Board was held in the Bailey Town Hall on May 20, 2024, at 7 PM.

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

Also present: Town Administrator Joel Killion and Town Attorney Ryan King.

Called the meeting to order and welcomed guests:

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests.

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 4/15/2024, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Agenda:

Envirolink: Mr. Andrew White (Director of Operations) was not present.

Top Notch Lawn Care: Mr. John Thompson (Owner/Operator) was not present.

Mayor Strickland asked Police Chief Adam Gelo to provide his update at this point so he could then return to patrol if needed.

Chief Gelo provided a brief update on how everything went with the 2024 N.C. Sweetpotato Festival, on the hiring of a new officer, on the request for four new laptops for the patrol cars and office, and on four new AR-15s for the department.

Commissioner Bissette made a motion to purchase the four laptops for \$11,144.83, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Bissette made a motion to purchase four new AR-15s for no more than \$4,000, and Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

Roadside & Ditch/Shoulder on Pine Street – Mayor Strickland provided an update on the hazard posed by a deep hole located on the shoulder of Pine Street across from the Bailey Elementary School. He shared that he and Mayor Pro Tempore/Infrastructure and Sewer & Water Commissioner Wells have contacted the NCDOT on this matter since Pine Street is a State-maintained road.

NCLM Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement – Ms. Carla Obiol [Director for ARP (American Rescue Plan) at the NCLM] presented an update on the League's invitation to the Town of Bailey to participate in its newest AIM (Accounting Instruction & Mentoring) program, as well as its grant-writing assistance program, and mentioned that she is available for any questions the Mayor and Board of Commissioners may have for her.

Commissioner Evans asked about the 155 cyber security/financial tests mentioned in the Agreement and Ms. Obiol stated that the League's legal department removed all the language regarding the 155 tests, leaving only the language specifically for the AIM program and the grant-writing assistance program.

New Business:

Pot Hole on Vance Street – Mayor Strickland provided an update on where the Town is on repairing a pot hole on Vance Street.

12455 Benson Street – Mayor Strickland informed the Board of a request by Mrs. Lori S. Tyson and her husband for the Town to split the cost (total of \$614.50) of repairing their sewer at this commercial location since the damage was due to the Town failing to maintain a cap on the clean-out located between the gravel alley and the chain-link fence.

Public Comments:

Mrs. Kaye Folsom (5915 Bissette Street) – Mrs. Folsom thanked the Town and the Chamber of Commerce for a job well done on the 2024 N.C. Sweetpotato Festival.

Mr. Herculano Patino (Owner of Tu Casa Event Center) – Mr. Patino asked the Mayor and Board for an update on the resolution to his water meter issue.

Mayor Strickland replied that since Mayor Pro Tempore/Infrastructure and Sewer & Water Commissioner Wells was not present, this would have to wait until he returns. The Mayor also asked that Mr. Patino provide documentation and any pictures and videos he has to provide context to the Board.

Since Mr. Andrew White (White (Director of Operations) was still not present, Mayor Strickland asked the Board to review the Activity Report Mr. White provided by email shortly before this meeting.

Mayor Strickland asked for a motion to recess for five minutes.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to recess for five minutes, and Commissioner Bissette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

After the recess, Mayor Strickland resumed the meeting.

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 his update earlier in the meeting.

Town Administrator, Joel Killion: Administrator Killion asked Police Commissioner Bissette for a motion on the estimate provided by Thorne Electric for the repair of the lighting in the Police Department's garage.

Commissioner Bissette made a motion to approve the LED lighting upgrade in the Police Department's garage for \$1,895 by Thorne's Electric, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Then, Administrator Killion presented two items to the Mayor and Board: (1) The 3rd Amendment for the 2023/2024 FY Budget, and (2) The proposed Budget for the 2024/2025 FY.

After the Board reviewed the 3rd Amendment for the 2023/2024 FY Budget, Commissioner made a motion to adopt the 3rd Amendment to the 2023/2024 FY Budget, and Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Finally, Administrator Killion presented the proposed 2024/2025 FY Budget to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners and read the Budget Message to all present.

Commissioner's Remarks:

Dillon Bissette: No remarks

David Evans: No remarks

Ervin Powell: Spoke regarding the performance of a Town employee.

Richard Wilson: Commissioner Wilson showed a picture of damage that was done to a low/small cinder block wall that needs to be rebuilt. He asked the Mayor and Board if it would be okay to get an estimate for its repair and the Mayor and Board concurred.

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

Not present.

Mayor's Remarks:

Mayor Strickland shared that the suggestions made regarding the proposed Town seal have been applied and asked that the Board vote on it in June after the Board and public have had the opportunity to inspect it further.

Mayor Strickland then shared regarding getting Bailey on the state and federal surplus equipment list since the Town is working toward reconstituting a water/sewer maintenance department.

Commissioner Bissette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Powell seconded.
Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned.


Owen H. Strickland II, Mayor


Joel Killian, Town Administrator