

TOWN OF BAILEY MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – 3/18/2024

The Regular Meeting of the Bailey Town Board was held in the Bailey Town Hall on March 18, 2024, at 7 PM.

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

Also in attendance: 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):

Mayor Strickland asked for a motion to move into the public hearing for the request for street closures for the Bailey Chamber of Commerce events for 2024.

Commissioner Wells made the motion to open the public hearing, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Amy Pearson, as the representative of the Chamber, provided a summary of the request, along with all the dates for the various events.

Commissioner Wells made a motion to close the public hearing, and Commissioner Bissette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Wells made a motion to approve the request for the closures of Main Street for the Chamber events in 2024, and Commissioner Bissette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Approval of meeting minutes and financials:

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting on 2/19/2024, and Commissioner Bissette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Wells made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Special Meeting on 2/28/2024, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Agenda:

Planning Board: Since Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcer Shawn Lucas was not present, Town Attorney Ryan King spoke on his behalf, requesting that the Board table his items for the Planning Board/Board of Adjustments until next monthly.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to table the items, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

EnviroLink: Mr. Andrew White (Director of Operations) was not present. Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Wells then provided an update from his purview.

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

Old Business:

RR Bridge/Sandford Street Issue – Mayor Strickland shared he spoke with the NCLM to gather quotes for adding catastrophic insurance coverage to our existing policy. The NCLM indicated that they had no insurance carriers willing to provide such coverage.

He also shared that he reached out to two other insurance companies with the same request. One does not provide such coverage and one is still be waited on for a response.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Wells stated that he and Commissioner Evans will take the time to go and meet with the Railroad to discuss this matter further.

Town Seal: Status Update – Mayor Strickland provided an update and stated that the Town is still accepting feedback from the community, all in preparation for the Public Hearing on this matter in April.

New Business:

Community Inventory/Evaluation – Taryn Reams (Teen Miss Bailey 2023) presented – on behalf of herself and her fellow students who are with the 4H Team Clovers Club and were present – a community service project they are planning to complete in the Town of Bailey. She shared a flier and route map for the project with the Board. This project is a walking audit to identify different areas around downtown Bailey that could be made safer. This audit would then be provided as a report back to the Board of Commissioners.

Southern Nash Senior Center – Mayor Strickland directed the Commissioner’s attention to the request from the Senior Center for a Letter of Support from the Board of Commissioners for the AARP Community Challenge Grant Program. He also provided the proposed letter he typed up for this request and asked the Board for feedback.

Commissioner Bissette made a motion to accept the letter as written, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Upper Coastal Plains Council of Government Board of Directors’ Appointments – Since Commissioner Bissette is no longer over the Water/Sewer Department, Mayor Strickland asked for a motion to designate a new appointment from the Board to the UCPCOG Board of Directors.

Commissioner Bissette made a motion to nominate Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Wells, and Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Strickland then asked the Board to appoint an alternate member to the UCPCOG’s Board of Directors.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Wells made a motion to nominate Commissioner Evans, and Commissioner Bissette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Grant Writer/NCLM/Witt O’Brien’s – Mayor Strickland directed the Board’s attention to the Memorandum of Agreement for grant-writing assistance worth \$30,000 in the Commissioner’s packets. He then asked the Board for a vote on this Agreement.

Commissioner Evans stated that in his review of the Agreement, he noticed a requirement of a 155 security controls review, which will be arduous for the Town Administrator/CFO, but he also

said it would likely be good for the Town. He asked the Town Administrator/CFO to call and ask about this review. He then asked that the Board look at this again next month after the information has been gathered about this review.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to explore what the 155 security controls review will entail and to then bring this back up during the next regular monthly Commissioner’s meeting. Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Request for Malted Beverage Permit for the 2024 N.C. Sweet Potato Festival – Mr. Vince Sievert, President of the NAM Knights, provided a summary of this request.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Wells made a motion to approve this permit request, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Event Center – Mayor Strickland shared regarding recent concerns raised by the community related to the hours of operation and noise complaints.

Sewer Taps/Mr. Tony Stone – Mayor Strickland asked the Board to provide Mr. Stone (who was not present) an answer.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Wells asked for 60 days to review this situation and Commissioner Evans concurred.

Public Comments:

None

Department Head Comments:

Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcer, Shawn Lucas: Town Attorney Ryan King presented the proposed Special Use Permit Application provided by him and Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcer Shawn Lucas.

Bailey Police Department: Police Commissioner Bissette, on behalf of Chief Gelo, asked Town Administrator/CFO Joel Killion about moving the \$15,000 in the “Capital Outlay-Equipment” line of the budget to “Departmental Supplies” from which the radios were paid for.

Town Administrator, Joel Killion: Administrator Killion asked the Board to consider raising his \$500 limit to \$1,000 with a dual-signature process where the Mayor and the Town Administrator co-approve necessary purchases, since pricing across the Board has gone up on what used to be covered under the \$500 limit.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve this increase the limit to \$1,000 with the dual-signature of the Town Administrator and the Mayor, and Commissioner Bissette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Administrator Killion then presented the second and final budget amendment for the 23/24 Budget for the Board to review and vote on.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to reopen the budget discussion. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Bissette made a motion to move the \$15,000 in "Capital Outlay-Equipment" (10-510-7400) to "Departmental Supplies" (10-510-3300). Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve amendment #2 for the 23/24 FY Budget. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner's Remarks:

Dillon Bissette: No remarks

David Evans: No remarks.

Ervin Powell: Not present.

Richard Wilson: Commissioner Wilson mentioned a request to sell back two plots to the Town of Bailey.

Town Attorney King recommended a title search be done on the two plots before this is entertained during the next Commissioner meeting.

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

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Wells provided an update the sewer and water infrastructure, as well as the streets and trees department.

Mayor's Remarks:

Mayor Strickland updated the Board of Commissioners and the public on various projects he is working on. He also shared highlights from a recent call he and Town Administrator Killion were on with the USDA regarding possible sewer/water/stormwater loan/grant opportunities. He then asked the Board to consider engaging engineering firms to acquire an environmental assessment/report and a life cycle cost analysis for any project proposed for funding.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the Mayor's request to engage with professional engineering firms via a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) and grant up to \$1,000 for him to use as needed and to involve the appropriate commissioners with the areas as he goes forward. Commissioner Bisette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

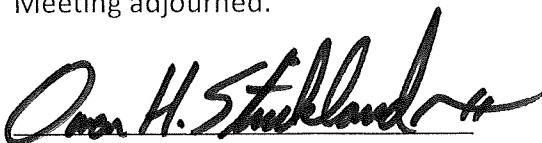
Mayor Strickland then reminded the Board about having a three-hour meeting with Mr. Joe Durham (NCLM) and asked for a date when Mr. Durham can come.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Wells then asked about the proposed letter to the NCDOT regarding having them conduct a field inspection of various intersections in Town to ensure compliance with current ADA standards. The Board had no issues with the letter being sent.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Wells made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Evans seconded. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Wells: Aye, Evans: Aye, Bisette: Aye, Wilson: Aye.

Meeting adjourned.



Owen H. Strickland II, Mayor



Joel Killion, Town Administrator