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**TOWN OF WENTWORTH  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 4, 2009  
5:30 P.M.**

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**The Wentworth Town Council** held their regular monthly meeting in the Town Hall Council Chambers, on **Tuesday, August 4, 2009**, at **5:30 p.m.**

**Council members present:** Mayor Dennis Paschal, Councilwoman Iris Powell, Councilman Robert Aswell, Councilman James Belcher, and Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner

**A quorum was present.**

**Staff Present:** Brenda Ward, Town Clerk / Fred Baggett, Town Attorney / Yvonne Russell, Finance Officer, and Deputy Clarence Cheshire

**Article I.** **Mayor Paschal** called the August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Wentworth Town Council meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He asked everyone to stand for the Posting of the Colors by SFC. Billy Hill and SSG. Don Murray, of the North Carolina Army National Guard, and to remain standing until after the Invocation.

**Article II.** **Wayne Robertson**, Pastor of Greenwood Presbyterian Church, gave the **Invocation.**

**Article III.** **Discussion / Revisions / Adoption of Agenda**

**A. Requests and Petitions of Citizens**

**Mayor Paschal** made a motion to, *“Amend the Agenda by adding Approval of the Agenda and to add Requests and Petitions of Citizens.”*

**Councilman Belcher** seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Article IV.** **Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes**

**A. Town Council Meeting – July 7, 2009**

**Mayor Paschal** asked for a motion to approve the Minutes.

**Councilman Aswell** made a motion, *“That we approve them as written.”*

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** seconded the motion.

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When **Mayor Paschal** asked if there was any discussion, the **Town Clerk** noted a correction to the Minutes. She explained, “**Councilwoman Powell** told me that the Minutes incorrectly state that the July meeting was held at the National Guard Armory when in fact it was held here in the new Town Hall, and of course, she is right about that. So, if Councilman Aswell and Mayor Pro Tem Conner agree, I will make that correction and let the Minutes reflect this.”

**Councilman Aswell** and **Mayor Pro Tem Conner** agreed. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Article V. OLD BUSINESS**

**Mayor Paschal** advised that there was no Old Business to be considered.

**Article VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Invitation to Climate Change Forum**

- James Robert Shepherd, III.  
Legislative Aide - Moore Van Allen PLLC

**Mayor Paschal** invited Mr. Sheppard to the podium. **Mr. Shepherd** thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to speak, noting, “I’ll have to admit, this is quite a crowd, a very nice building, but I wasn’t expecting this many people.”

“I am a representative of Nucor Steel and we are having an event in Greensboro, North Carolina, where we are discussing in particular, Cap and Trade and how it is going to affect local businesses and manufacturers in the area. Obviously, we are trying to get as many government officials, people of importance to the community, to come to listen and to hear how...specifically, it will affect your community.”

**Mr. Sheppard** continued, “At the event, we will be referencing in particular, **House Bill 2454, which is the Waxman-Markey Bill that pertains to Cap and Trade**. Recently it passed the House and is now in the Senate. Our goal is to have members of the Senate reconsider the Bill and consider better ways to promote environmentalism that doesn’t hurt our local businesses quite so much.”

**Mr. Sheppard** said that if anyone had questions or would like to discuss the forum or the bill, he would be glad to speak with them after the meeting.

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**Mayor Paschal** asked “You said there is going to be a meeting, a forum, at some point in time. When and where is that going to be?”

**Mr. Sheppard** replied, “It will be on August 14<sup>th</sup> in Greensboro...a free luncheon. We will be having three speakers to address the issues—one speaker is more knowledgeable on the science aspect and the others pertain more to the politics.”

He added, “I do have some flyers with me and if anyone would like to have one, please see me after the meeting.”

**Mayor Paschal** thanked Mr. Sheppard for sharing the information.

**Article VI. NEW BUSINESS – Continued**

**B. Consideration of Funding for Town Clerk to attend the N.C. Association of Municipal Clerks Conference (August 13-16, 2009)  
- Registration Fee: \$160.00**

**Mayor Paschal** moved to the next item of business concerning the Clerk’s attendance at the N.C. Association of Municipal Clerks Conference and made a motion, “*That we approve this.*”

**Councilwoman Powell** seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**C. Consideration of Funding for Finance Officer to attend the School of Government’s 2009-2010 Municipal and County Administration Course—(Course Fee: \$1500) September 2009 – April 2010 (1 Week Per Month)**

**Mayor Paschal** referenced consideration of funding for the Finance Officer to attend the Municipal and County Administration Course.

**Councilman Aswell** made a motion, “*That we approve it.*”

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

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**Article VI. NEW BUSINESS – Continued**

**D. Consideration of Application from Sue Barber, 1230 County Home Road, for the Town of Wentworth Appearance Committee**

**Mayor Paschal** noted the application from Mrs. Sue Barber for the Wentworth Appearance Committee.

**Councilman Aswell** made the motion, *“I move we accept it.”*

**Mayor Paschal** seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**E. Recognition of “Community Pride Award” Winners**

- John & Tangi Holcomb – 9985 NC 87
- C. E. Carter – 134 Cedar Lane – University Estates
- Rockingham Community College – NC 65

**Mayor Paschal** asked the Community Pride Award winners to come forward when he called their names.

**Sue Aswell**, a member of the Appearance Committee congratulated the winners and presented them with a certificate and prizes submitted by area business—T & G Greenhouse, Saunders Hardware, and Golden Corral.

The audience and Council applauded the winners.

After completing the New Business on the Agenda, **Mayor Paschal** moved to the “Open House” portion of the meeting and recognized special guests:

“Ron Williams, District Liaison from Congressman Brad Miller’s office; Tom Robinson, County Manager, was here earlier but he had to leave to attend a meeting; County Commissioners here—we have Amelia Dallas, Chair of the County Commissioners; Commissioner Bobby Stanley, Commissioner James Kallam, and Commissioner Tommy Flynt.”

**Mayor Paschal** continued, “Mr. Graham Pervier, President of the Rockingham County Economic Development Partnership, Rockingham County Register of Deeds, Rebecca Cipriani, Rockingham County Clerk of Court, Mark Pegram, Rockingham County Sheriff, Sam Page, and our Wentworth Deputy, Clarence Cheshire.”

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Other guests recognized were: “Steve Hale, Director of Rockingham County Emergency Services, Randy Billings, Hanna Cockburn, and Dura Jeffers with the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments; from Paychex, we have Jennifer Sapp, and from the National Guard Armory, SFC. Billy Hill, and SSG. Don Murray.”

**Mayor Paschal** noted that the property the Town Hall was built on was purchased from Mrs. Edna McCollum and Henry and Betty Sands, and thanked them for coming to the meeting and Open House.

**Mayor Paschal** recognized Deeanna Biggs from Fidelity Bank, along with members of the Town Hall Committee—“Chairman Larry Terrell, Judy Wall, Molly Vernon, Beverly Wilcox, Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner, and Councilwoman Iris Powell.” He thanked the committee for their hard work.

In noting others who were instrumental in construction of the Town Hall, **Mayor Paschal** welcomed “Ken Stafford and Jeff Johnson of the architectural/engineering firm, Alley, Williams, Carmen, and King, Inc.; also, Tim Wray and David Southard of the Wright Company, and Mr. Jerry Doss of Drapery Boutique in Haw River, NC.”

**Mr. Doss** commented, “Thank you Mr. Mayor and Council members. I want to tell you what a pleasure it was to be chosen to do the work for you and the very capable Brenda (Ward) and Yvonne (Russell), who worked steadily with us to get everything designed and selected. We appreciate their cooperation, and it is a very, very nice building.”

**Mayor Paschal** thanked Mr. Doss, “...for the good job you did.”

The **mayor** concluded by thanking Bob Adams Florist for the flower arrangements in the building.

Noting that he would apologize for missing anyone, someone in the audience noted that Mike Lemons and Steve Williams with Dan River Water were also in the meeting, along with Technical Engineer, Jim Peacock, and Rockingham County School Board member, Nell Rose.

The **Town Clerk** asked Mr. Wray of the Wright Company if he would like to comment on how hard it was to work with two women in building the Town Hall.

**Mr. Wray** responded, “Actually, we were very appreciative of your patience. Brenda and Yvonne both were excellent and a pleasure to work with.”

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He added, "Mr. Mayor, if I may, I would like to recognize some of the contractors who worked with us. You are very fortunate that the majority of contractors and suppliers who worked on this building are your neighbors. They live right here in Rockingham County, and we are please to be a part of that team."

**Mr. Wray** said, "Of course, a good project like this begins with a good design and concept, and we thank Jeff Johnson and Ken Stafford for that. They were very good to work with throughout the project."

"We have Kerwin Smith here with us tonight. Most of you probably know Kerwin. He built all of the cabinetry, all the mill work that you see up front and in the lobby. Kerwin does a wonderful job and I've told him, 'You can't retire until I retire.'"

"Mr. Sonny Brown with Reidsville Heating and Air Conditioning...; Robert and Tim Billingsley, our plumbing company; Wayne Robertson, our electrician; Tommy Hall of Eden, our concrete contractor; Billy Swaney who does all our sheetrock work; Daniel Caviness of Sherwin Williams in Reidsville, who did the floor coverings and installation and provided the paint; Eric Marshall of Carolina Custom Coatings did all the painting; Dalton Simpson of Oregon Hill Shrubs, the landscaping; Alex Rothrock of Reidsville Building Supply provided most of the building materials, and Tim Hopper who lives right around the corner...he supplied our lumber; Stacey Boaz with Pro Build supplied the gutters; B & G Glass Company of Reidsville, B&S Services provided waste management; Jack Hall of Pine Hall Brick Company; Gene Roberson did our surveying, and Mr. James Saunders did all our grading here."

**Mr. Wray** concluded, "So we count it a blessing that we've got local people who worked on this project and were committed to this, and we are very appreciative. The Wright Company has been in business for over fifty years, working, building and developing, and it is because of good people like those I have just mentioned, who have been an integral part of our history. We are very appreciative to have been a part of this, and we thank you."

**Mayor Paschal** replied, "And we thank all of you for the hard work...it's kind of like we had our own little stimulus project going on..."

Before moving to the announcements, **Mayor Paschal** said he realized that County Attorney Eugene Russell was present and he thanked him for coming.

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**Article VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Mayor Paschal** noted that no one signed the Speaker Register to address Council.

**Article VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mayor Paschal** made the following announcements:

- The next regularly scheduled Planning Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.
- The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

**Mayor Paschal** invited everyone to stay for refreshments and a tour of the new Town Hall.

**Pete Paschal**, the Mayor's father, advised him that he needed to recognize his family and everyone in the audience who "helped make all this possible...and worked on the incorporation and all that."

**Mayor Paschal** said that he and Council are, "...very appreciative of all the hard work on the part of Wentworth citizens and others in the surrounding area. My family had to put up with me during all that and for many years in general, so yes, they deserve an award for sure."

**Article IX. A D J O U R N**

**Mayor Paschal** declared, "*The meeting is adjourned,*" and invited everyone to stay and enjoy themselves.

**Respectfully Submitted By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Brenda Ward, Town Clerk**

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dennis Paschal, Mayor**