



MINUTES
of the Regular Meeting of the
WENTWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
December 1, 2015
7:00 pm
Wentworth Town Hall

Council Members Present: Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner, Cheryl Moore, Dennis Paschal III, and Iris Powell

A quorum was present.

Staff Present: George Murphy, Town Administrator
Yvonne Russell, Clerk / Finance Officer

Others Present: Cole Conner, Student – Wentworth Elementary
Les Herod, Pastor – Eden Church of God of Prophecy
Patrick Kane, Attorney – Smith Moore Leatherwood
Christine Strader, District Court Judge – Rockingham County

Article I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr. called the meeting to order.

Article II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cole Landon Conner, grandson of Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner, led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article III. INVOCATION

Pastor Les Herod gave the invocation.

Article IV. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Meeting - November 5, 2015

Councilmember Dennis Paschal III made a MOTION, “*The minutes stand approved*”.

Mayor Pro Tem Conner seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Organizational Session

Town Attorney Patrick Kane presided over the Wentworth Town Council 2015 Organizational Session.

As the first order of business, **Mr. Kane** asked The Honorable Christine Strader, Rockingham County District Court Judge, to administer the Oath of Office to recently re-elected Council members Dennis Paschal Jr., Evelyn Conner, and Dennis Paschal III.

The Honorable Christine Strader administered the Oath of Office to the aforementioned Council members.

Mr. Kane explained, "Per the organizational structure of the Town of Wentworth, the five Town Council members elect, from amongst themselves, the Mayor of the Town of Wentworth. We will proceed with that election now."

Mr. Kane asked for nominations for Mayor of the Wentworth Town Council.

Councilmember Evelyn Conner nominated **Dennis Paschal Jr.**

Councilmember Iris Powell seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Councilmember Paschal III made a MOTION, "*To close the nominations*".

Councilmember Conner seconded the motion.

Mr. Kane stated, "The nominations are closed. Dennis Paschal Jr. has been nominated to serve as Mayor; all of those in favor say Aye." All voted in favor and Dennis Paschal Jr. was elected to serve as Mayor of the Wentworth Town Council.

Mr. Kane turned the remainder of the Organizational Session over to **Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr.**

Mayor Paschal asked for nominations for **Mayor Pro Tem** of the Wentworth Town Council.

Mayor Paschal nominated **Evelyn Conner** to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Paschal III seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Mayor Paschal made a MOTION, "*The nominations be closed*".

Councilmember Powell seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the nominations were closed.

Mayor Paschal asked for a vote on the nomination of Evelyn Conner to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. All voted in favor and Evelyn Conner was elected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem of the Wentworth Town Council.

The Honorable Christine Strader administered the Oath of Office to **Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr.** and to **Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner.**

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

B. Adoption of Holiday Closing Schedule for Year 2016

Mayor Paschal made a MOTION, "To approve the 2016 Town of Wentworth Holiday Schedule as written".

Councilmember Powell seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

C. Public Comments

No one signed the speaker register for public comment.

Article VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Paschal made the following announcements:

- **Wentworth's 8th Annual Christmas Parade** begins at **11:00 a.m.** on **Saturday, December 12, 2015.**
- The next regularly scheduled **Planning Board** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Town Hall Council Chambers.
- The next regularly scheduled **Town Council** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Town Hall Council Chambers.
- **Year 2016 Meeting Schedules** for the Wentworth Town Council and the Wentworth Planning Board are available, along with a listing of Town Council and Planning Board members.
- **Applications** are available for volunteers interested in serving on **Town Committees—** Appearance, Recreation, Historic Preservation, and the Wentworth Planning Board.
- **THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING! Please join us for the reception.**

Article VIII. ADJOURN

Mayor Paschal made a MOTION, "We adjourn".

Mayor Pro Tem Conner seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Yvonne Russell, NCCMC
Town Clerk

Approved by: _____
R. Dennis Paschal Jr., Mayor