



MINUTES
WENTWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
February 1, 2022
7:00 pm
Wentworth Town Hall
124 Peach Tree Road, Wentworth NC

The Wentworth Town Council held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting at the Wentworth Town Hall, on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Council Members Present: Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner, Daryl Crowder, Cheryl Moore, Dennis Paschal III

Council Members Absent:
A quorum was met.

Staff Present: George Murphy Sr., Town Administrator
Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk & Finance Officer

Others Present: Ellis Martin, Attorney, Fox Rothschild LLP – Town of Wentworth

Article I. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr. called the meeting to order.

Article II. INVOCATION
Mayor Paschal gave the invocation.

Article III. APPROVAL OF TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA
A. Requests and Petitions of Citizens
B. Approve/ Amend Agenda

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, *“To add Under Article VI, New Business, D. Consideration of Letter to the Reidsville Area Foundation supporting the Rockingham County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board’s Grant Application, and also to add under Article VI, New Business E, Consideration of Resolution by the Mayor and Town Council Opposing the Addition of a Covid-19 Vaccine to the State Immunization Requirements for Individuals 17 Years of Age or Entering the 12th Grade”.*

Councilmember Cheryl Moore seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Town Council Meeting – January 4, 2022

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, *“The minutes be approved as written”.*

Council Member Dennis Paschal III seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of a Digital Sign for Wentworth Town Hall

Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk & Finance Officer reviewed quotes received for a 3'x6' digital sign at the Wentworth Town Hall. Graphic Solutions was the lowest bid at \$15,996.50.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, "We go with Graphic Solutions' sign for \$15,996.50".

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

(Note: A memo to Town Council and three quotes for a 3'x6' digital sign are herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

**From the Clerk/Finance
Officer
Town of Wentworth**

Memo

To: Council
From: Yvonne Russell, Clerk/ Finance Officer
Date: January 27, 2022
Re: Digital Sign for Town Hall

At our last meeting I mentioned to you that we had an estimate from Graphic Solutions (located in Reidsville). You asked for more estimates for comparison. I have received two more estimates, both from companies in Greensboro.

Estimates:
Graphic Solutions - \$15,996.50
Carolina Signs - \$25,000 - \$30,000 range
Gate City Signs - \$28,482.23

Graphic Solutions said they can offer a lower price because they are a smaller outfit and don't have the overhead of the larger businesses.

Graphic Solutions
 1410-D Freeway Drive
 Reidsville, NC 27320

Estimate

~~Invoice~~

Date	Invoice #
8/27/2021	151888

Bill To
Town of Wentworth 123 Peach Tree Rd. Reidsville, NC 27320

P.O. No.	Terms	Project
	Due on receipt	

Quantity	Description	Rate	Amount
2	3' x 6' P10 Full Color Programmable LED Signs	6,400.00	12,800.00T
1	Base structure, Permits and install	2,150.00	2,150.00T
1	Comes with laptop for WiFi communication and programming. 5 year warranty (1st year full, 2-5 parts) 1 trillion colors and animations, Temp and Light sensor. Temp for displaying temp on sign, light for auto dimming at dusk. Lifetime tech and training support	0.00	0.00
	Sales Tax	7.00%	1,046.50
		Total	\$15,996.50

ymrussell@triad.rr.com

From: Joe Gray <joegray@carolinasignsgraphics.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:01 PM
To: ymrussell@triad.rr.com
Subject: Re: 3x6 Full Color Programmable LED Sign

Good afternoon Yvonne,

For something like that, we would be in the \$25,000 - \$30,000+ range. Depending on how elaborate we go on the base.

This would be a full color - 10mm display

5 year parts and labor warranty

Extended Warranty Options

Renew Program eligible (new sign at half price at 7 year mark)

Let us know if you're interested in something like that.

Thank you for your time.

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Joe Gray | Head Graphic Designer
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Gate City Signs & Graphics

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Greensboro, NC 27410
Ph: (336) 617-8823
FAX: (000) 000-NONE
Email: info@gatecitysigns.com
Web: http://www.gatecitysigns.com

Estimate #: 9200

Option: 10mm Highbrightness Color LED Message Center

Created Date:	1/21/2022 10:52:45AM	Prepared For:	Town of Wentworth
Salesperson:	Jim Helms	Contact:	Yvonne Russell
Email:	info@gatecitysigns.com	Office Phone:	(336) 342-6288
Office Phone:	(336) 617-8823	Email:	ymrussell@triad.rr.com
Entered by:	Jim Helms	Address:	P.O. Box 159 Wentworth, NC 27320

Description: Highbrightness Color LED Message Center

Yvonne Russell,

Thank you for allowing us to provide you with an estimate for this product. If you have any questions, please contact me at 336-617-8823.

Regards,

Jim Helms

Option: 10mm Highbrightness Color LED Message Center

	Quantity	Unit Price	Subtotal
1	1	\$26,681.25	\$26,681.25
Product: Electrical Signs Description: 10mm Highbrightness Color LED Message Center Pixel Pitch: W10mm LED RGB Pixel Matrix: 90 X 180 Ventilation Style: Front Ventilation Cabinet Size: 41in H x 6ft 3in L x 5in D Viewing Area: 36in H x 6ft L Cabinet Style: Double Face Twinpak (Slim) Character Size: 11 lines / 36.0 Characters at a 3" type Approx. Weight: 518.00 Lbs. Warranty: Standard 5 Year warranty applies. • 1 Ea., LED Message Center			

Notes

Prices are guarantee for 30 days from date of estimate. Project requires a 50% deposit up front. For orders over \$500, there will be an additional 3% fee if paid by credit card.

Estimate does not include monument sign/structure, installation, and/or permits.

Subtotal:	\$26,681.25
Taxes:	\$1,800.98
Total:	\$28,482.23
Deposit Required:	\$14,241.12

Payment Terms: Balance due upon receipt.

Client Reply Request for Option: 10mm Highbrightness Color LED Message Center

Estimate Accepted "As Is". Please proceed with Order.

Other: _____

Changes required, please contact me.

SIGN: _____ **Date:** / /

Print Date: 1/21/2022 11:05:24AM

Where Your Image Matters

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Duke Energy Efficiency Proposal

George Murphy, Town Administrator reviewed an Energy Efficiency Proposal from Duke Energy for the Wentworth Town Hall. The Town Hall was the only Town owned property that would qualify for the program. The assessment and proposal were free of charge to the Town and Council may decide whether or not they want to participate in the program. The total cost for the proposed fixture changes in Town Hall is \$15,942.14. The Town would pay \$11,754.00, and Duke Energy would pay \$4,188.14. Over a 5 year period energy savings would cover the cost of the fixture changes.

Mayor Paschal asked if the Town could change a few fixtures at a time.

Mr. Murphy explained that would not work for this program because Duke Energy wants to do the project and move on.

Council did not action on this item. **Mayor Paschal** said they will consider it during budget work sessions for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

(Note: Duke Energy's Efficiency Proposal for the Town of Wentworth is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



Duke Energy Small Business
Energy Saver Program

Energy Efficiency Proposal

Presented to:

TOWN OF WENTWORTH
George Murphy (Administrator)
Town Of Wentworth

124 Peach Tree Rd
Reidsville, NC, 27320
336-342-6288
Townhall@townofwentworth.com

Presented by:

Jeffrey Page
Energy Service Representative

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Accept this proposal today to join
the many businesses that have
already upgraded and started to
save on their bottom line!

Summary

Your business could spend up to **\$2,109** less on energy per year if you take advantage of our energy efficiency upgrades we are proposing.

VALUE ADDED BENEFITS	EST. INCOME EXPECTED FROM YOUR ENERGY EFFICIENCY INVESTMENT*
✓ Reduce Maintenance Costs	\$ Savings after 1 Month..... \$175.72
✓ Enhance Employee Productivity	\$ Savings after 1 Year..... \$2,108.62
✓ Increase Customer Comfort to Improve Sales	\$ Savings after 5 Years..... \$10,543.09

Total Upgrade Cost	\$15,942.14
Utility Incentive (26%)	\$4,188.14
Your Cost (74%)	\$11,754.00
Est. Annual Savings*	\$2,108.62/yr
Est. 1st Yr Return on Investment	18%

* Estimated savings in dollars is based on a rate of \$0.111 per kWh applied to projected kWh savings amounts. See Scope of Work for a detailed breakdown of kWh energy savings.

Payment Options

Option 1: Lump Sum Payment - Best Option!

Est. 1st year return on investment	20%
Deposit (0%)	\$0.00
Total Payment	\$10,461.02

11.00 % discount of **\$1,292.98** if you pay upgrade in full after completion

Option 2: Payment Plans

Term	12 Months	24 Months
Monthly Savings	\$175.73	\$175.73
Monthly Payment	\$979.50	\$489.75
Monthly Cash Flow	(\$803.77)	(\$314.02)

Payment plans are offered through Ascentium Capital (the "Lender").

Option 3: Extended Financing Options

Term	36 Months	48 Months	60 Months
Monthly Savings	\$175.73	\$175.73	\$175.73
Monthly Payment	\$340.45	\$265.72	\$224.28
Monthly Cash Flow	(\$164.72)	(\$89.99)	(\$48.55)

Extended Financing Options are offered through the Lender. Participating Customers must qualify separately.

Scope of Work

		Building: TOWN OF WENTWORTH		Existing Measure		Proposed Measure		Est. Energy Savings	
Line	Location	Existing Type	Qty	Proposed Type	Qty	by Line Item			
2	Exterior: Can Lights	(2) 40w Twin Compact Fluorescent Lamp.	15	will be replaced with an LED 4' Strip w/Lens <=26W	15	Watts: 882 kWh: 3,863 Est. Hours: 4,380			
3	Exterior: Can Lights	A 36w Twin Compact Fluorescent Lamp.	4	will be retrofit with a 18w Dimming Hardwire LED Can Retrofit Kit, Selectable Color Temp.	4	Watts: 128 kWh: 561 Est. Hours: 4,380			
4	Exterior: Ground Floods	(2) 40w Twin Compact Fluorescent Lamp.	3	will be replaced with a New 35W LED Flood Fixture with optional PC and selectable color temperature.	2	Watts: 185 kWh: 810 Est. Hours: 4,380			
5	Interior: Storage	A 2x4, 4-Lamp T8 NP Fluorescent Fixture	3	will be Retrofit with (4) 4' RW RLED 4100K Lamps.	3	Watts: 240 kWh: 125 Est. Hours: 521			
14	Interior: Break Room	A 2x4, 3-Lamp T8 NP Fluorescent Fixture	4	will be Retrofit with (3) 4' RW RLED 4100K Lamps.	4	Watts: 258 kWh: 377 Est. Hours: 1,460			
15	Interior: Hallway/Lobby	A 2x4, 2-Lamp T8 NP Fluorescent Fixture	6	will be Retrofit with (2) 4' RLED 4100K Lamps.	6	Watts: 216 kWh: 507 Est. Hours: 2,346			
16	Interior: Hallway/Lobby	A 2x4, 2-Lamp T8 NP Fluorescent Fixture	7	will be Retrofit with (2) 4' RLED 4100K Lamps.	7	Watts: 252 kWh: 2,208 Est. Hours: 8,760			
17	Interior: Hallway/Lobby	A 2x4, 4-Lamp T8 NP Fluorescent Fixture	4	will be Retrofit with (4) 4' RW RLED 4100K Lamps.	4	Watts: 320 kWh: 751 Est. Hours: 2,346			
18	Interior: Hallway/Lobby	A 2x4, 4-Lamp T8 NP Fluorescent Fixture	1	will be Retrofit with (4) 4' RW RLED 4100K Lamps.	1	Watts: 80 kWh: 701 Est. Hours: 8,760			
19	Interior: Offices	A 2x4, 3-Lamp T8 NP Fluorescent Fixture	7	will be Retrofit with (3) 4' RW RLED 4100K Lamps.	7	Watts: 452 kWh: 1,059 Est. Hours: 2,346			

Scope of Work

Building: TOWN OF WENTWORTH		Existing Measure		Proposed Measure		Est. Energy Savings
Line	Location	Existing Type	Qty	Proposed Type	Qty	by Line Item
20	Interior: Offices	A 2x4, 4-Lamp T8 NP Fluorescent Fixture	2	will be Retrofit with (4) 4' RW RLED 4100K Lamps.	2	Watts: 160 kWh: 83 Est. Hours: 521
21	Interior: Offices	A 2x4, 4-Lamp T8 NP Fluorescent Fixture	4	will be Retrofit with (4) 4' RW RLED 4100K Lamps.	4	Watts: 320 kWh: 50 Est. Hours: 156
22	Interior: Offices	A 2x4, 3-Lamp T8 NP Fluorescent Fixture	6	will be Retrofit with (3) 4' RW RLED 4100K Lamps.	6	Watts: 387 kWh: 61 Est. Hours: 156
23	Interior: Storage	A 2x4, 2-Lamp T8 NP Fluorescent Fixture	1	will be Retrofit with (2) 4' RLED 4100K Lamps.	1	Watts: 36 kWh: 6 Est. Hours: 156
24	Interior: Storage	A 1x4, 2-Lamp T8 NP Fluorescent Fixture	1	will be Retrofit with (2) 4' RW RLED 4100K Lamps.	1	Watts: 41 kWh: 6 Est. Hours: 156
25	Interior: Restroom	A 2x4, 2-Lamp T8 NP Fluorescent Fixture	8	will be Retrofit with (2) 4' RW RLED 4100K Lamps.	8	Watts: 328 kWh: 342 Est. Hours: 1,043
26	Interior: Restroom	A 1x4, 2-Lamp T8 NP Fluorescent Fixture	2	will be Retrofit with (2) 4' RW RLED 4100K Lamps.	2	Watts: 82 kWh: 86 Est. Hours: 1,043
27	Interior: Hallway/Lobby	A 42w One-Piece Compact Fluorescent Lamp.	2	will be replaced with a New LED 2x2 Prismatic Troffer <= 30W	2	Watts: 60 kWh: 528 Est. Hours: 8,760
28	Interior: Hallway/Lobby	A 42w One-Piece Compact Fluorescent Lamp.	9	will be replaced with a New LED 2x2 Prismatic Troffer <= 30W	9	Watts: 271 kWh: 637 Est. Hours: 2,346
29	Interior: Hallway/Lobby	A 36w Twin Compact Fluorescent Lamp.	6	will be retrofit with a 11w Dimming Hardwire LED Can Retrofit Kit, Selectable Color Temp.	6	Watts: 234 kWh: 549 Est. Hours: 2,346

Scope of Work

Building: TOWN OF WENTWORTH		Existing Measure		Proposed Measure		Est. Energy Savings by Line Item
Line	Location	Existing Type	Qty	Proposed Type	Qty	
30	Interior: Stairwell	A 1x4, 2-Lamp T8 NP Fluorescent Fixture	2	will be Retrofit with (2) 4' RW RLED 4100K Lamps.	2	Watts: 82 kWh: 13 Est. Hours: 156
31	Interior: Stairwell	A 1x4, 2-Lamp T8 NP Fluorescent Fixture	3	will be Retrofit with (2) 4' RW RLED 4100K Lamps.	3	Watts: 123 kWh: 19 Est. Hours: 156
32	Interior: Storage	A 2x4, 4-Lamp T8 NP Fluorescent Fixture	1	will be Retrofit with (4) 4' RW RLED 4100K Lamps.	1	Watts: 80 kWh: 13 Est. Hours: 156
39	Interior: Stairwell	Inefficient Water Control	1	will be retrofit with 6Ft of pipe insulation, 3' in & 3' out of HWT, 3/4" pipe diameter	1	kWh: 320 Est. Hours: 0
40	Interior: Restroom	Inefficient Water Control	6	will be retrofit with a faucet aerator, 1/2 GPM, public lavatory	6	kWh: 1,062 Est. Hours: 0
41	Interior: Hallway/Lobby	Existing HVAC	3	PCSTAT with Graphical User Interface (AC/GASHeat), 3.5 Tons	3	Watts: 40,274 kWh: 2,100
42	Interior: Hallway/Lobby	Existing HVAC	2	PCSTAT with Graphical User Interface (AC/GASHeat), 3 Tons	2	Watts: 23,014 kWh: 1,200
43	Interior: Hallway/Lobby	Existing HVAC	1	PCSTAT with Graphical User Interface (AC/GASHeat), 5 Tons	1	Watts: 19,178 kWh: 1,000

Non-Incentivized Scope of Work

Line	Location	Item	Qty	Price
33	Exterior: Can Lights	Misc. Materials	165	\$303.60
34	Exterior: Can Lights	Misc. Materials	500	\$920.00
35	Interior: Hallway/Lobby	Misc. Materials	60	\$110.40
36	Exterior: Can Lights	Misc. Materials	40	\$73.60
37	Interior: Stairwell	Misc. Materials	308	\$566.72
38	Interior: Hallway/Lobby	Add Subcontractor Labor	200	\$338.00

Total Est. kW Savings *	87.68
Total Est. kWh Savings	19,036
Total Est. Water Savings *	17325.00
Total Est. Sewer Savings *	17325.00

* 1000 Watts = 1 kW

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

B. Consideration of Appointments to Boards/Committees

- 1. Wentworth Minimum Housing Board of Appeals - Brenda Ward and Patricia Smith**
- 2. Wentworth Planning Board -**

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, “*We reappoint Brenda Ward and Patricia Smith to the Wentworth Minimum Housing Board of Appeals*”.

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

Mayor Paschal asked Council to contact people they think might be interested in serving on the Planning Board before the next Council meeting.

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

C. Discussion of Federal and State Grants

- 1. American Rescue Plan Act Funds**
- 2. State Capital and Infrastructure Fund Grant**

Ms. Russell informed Council that the US Treasury published their Final Rule on the American Rescue Plan Act funds. The Final Rule allows all municipalities to use the “Replace Lost Revenue” category which allows local governments to use ARPA Funds for governmental services. Some governmental services, like capital projects, will trigger burdensome reporting and project management guidelines. However, using ARPA Funds for governmental services such as salaries and benefits frees up funds in the General Fund for capital projects. Government service expenditures like salaries and benefits are far fewer reporting requirements than capital projects or equipment.

Ms. Russell explained the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund grant is specifically for capital projects or infrastructure projects. The Town of Wentworth is scheduled to receive \$250,000. Before receiving the grant contract and the grant funds, the Town needs to complete a Scope of Work of the project intended for these funds.

Mayor Paschal noted repairs at the Wentworth Consolidated School site that need to be done in order for the gymnasium and ball field to be usable. Mayor Paschal said he would get some information together on the repairs needed at the school site. He also mentioned the auditorium at the school.

Article VI.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Consideration of a Letter to the Reidsville Area Foundation Supporting the Rockingham County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board’s Grant Application

Mr. Murphy explained that the Town of Wentworth has been asked to submit a letter of support to the Reidsville Area Foundation for Rockingham County and its representative Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in the County’s grant application for matching funds to obtain a professional, county-wide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Mr. Murphy reviewed a letter of support he drafted on behalf of the Town.

Mayor Paschal made a MOTION, “We approve the Letter to the Reidsville Area Foundation Supporting the Rockingham County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board’s Grant Application ”.

Councilmember Moore seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. (Note: The Letter Supporting the Rockingham County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board’s Grant Application is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



TOWN OF WENTWORTH

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Email: townhall@townofwentworth.com

Reidsville Area Foundation
Dawn Charaba, Executive Director
124 South Scales Street
Reidsville, North Carolina 27323
February 1, 2022

DRAFT

Dear Executive Director Charaba:

The Town of Wentworth is pleased to support Rockingham County and its representative Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) in the County’s grant application for matching funds to obtain a professional, county-wide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The Town understands that the County has agreed to allocate \$35,000 to obtain a county-wide plan and that the County is seeking a matching \$35,000 in support from the Reidsville Area Foundation.

The Town also understands that the mission of the PRAB is as follows: “The Rockingham County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is guided by its commitment to take a unified approach towards fostering the creation and improvement of a variety of recreation opportunities for the benefit, including economic growth, of all regions of the county and for the health and enjoyment of all demographics of its residents and visitors.”

The Town recognizes the value of a county-wide plan that will do the following:

- Complement and enhance existing municipal parks and recreation plans throughout the county;
- Strengthen the grant application process for future parks and recreation efforts; and
- Incorporate and build upon existing municipal parks and recreation plans throughout the County.

The Town is also aware that the process of developing a professional, county-wide plan will include assistance and direction by a professional organization that will be required to conduct public surveys and hold public meetings throughout the county including municipalities like ours.

It is for these reasons and more that the Town of Wentworth supports Rockingham County’s application, and, in a vote of 5-Yes, 0-No, authorized me to provide this letter reflecting that support.

Respectfully,

R. Dennis Paschal, Jr., Mayor

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

E. Consideration of a Resolution Opposing the Addition of a Covid-19 Vaccine to the State Immunization Requirements for Individuals 17 Years of Age or Entering 12th Grade

Mayor Paschal read a resolution he drafted in response to a petition from faculty and students at Appalachian State University to add the Covid-19 vaccine to the State Immunization Requirements for students 17 years of age or entering the 12th grade.

(Note: The Resolution Opposing the Addition of a Covid-19 Vaccine to the State Immunization Requirements for Individuals 17 Years of Age or Entering 12th Grade is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

**Resolution by the Mayor and Town Council of Wentworth
Opposing the Addition of a Covid-19 Vaccine to the State Immunization Requirements
for Individuals 17 Years of Age or Entering 12th Grade**

Whereas, The young people in our schools are the future of our town, county, state and nation and should be regarded as such; and

Whereas, Dr. Mike Yeadon, former Vice President and Chief Scientist of Allergy and Respiratory Research at Pfizer says the Phase 3 Pfizer trials for the mRNA vaccine will not be complete until late 2022 or early 2023; and

Whereas, There is a lack of long-term research to side effects on young people;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Wentworth Town Council ask the North Carolina Commission on Public Health to deny the petition and request to add the Covid-19 mRNA vaccine to the State Immunization Requirements for Individuals 17 years of age or entering 12th grade.

Adopted this the 1st day of February, 2022.

Dennis Paschal Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk

(Note from Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr.: Information from Dr. Mike Yeadon came from a complaint filed in the International Criminal Court, The Hague, The Netherlands on December 6, 2021 for the People of the United Kingdom against Dr. Anthony Fauci, Top Executives at Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, Boris Johnson, and Others.)

Mayor Paschal asked Council for comment or discussion.

Councilmember Paschal, III stated, “I think whether a person gets vaccinated is completely up to them. I’ve chosen to get vaccinated and get my booster. I understand that people make the decision not to do that, and I fully support that. I think that right now they should have that decision. For me personally, I don’t know that this is something that I feel like we need to take up, and that’s my only hesitation with it. I don’t disagree with it.”

Mayor Paschal replied, “My hesitation was also should we take this up, but then a group of professors and students petitioned our State board to take this up. To me, that comes down to ground level to those kids over there at the high school. That’s one thing I will always stand and fight for. We give money to the schools and try to take care of the schools and the kids. I think a lot of people have gotten ahead of themselves on some of this stuff. The safety of those children has to be put first. I just don’t think at this time they have enough information. Had they not made that move, we wouldn’t be sitting here adding this to the agenda.”

Councilmember Paschal III added, “My understanding from reading some articles about it today is that the recommendation of the Governor’s staff that will report to the Board tomorrow, is that they think it would be very premature to take such action”.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, “*We approve the resolution opposing the addition of a Covid-19 vaccine to the State Immunization Requirements for individuals 17 years of age or entering 12th grade*”.

Mayor Pro Tem Conner and Councilmember Crowder seconded the motion. The motion carried with four votes in favor and one vote opposed made by Councilmember Paschal, III.

Article VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

Article VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Paschal made the following announcements:

- The next regular meeting of the **Wentworth Planning Board** is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 7:00 pm** at the Wentworth Town Hall.
- The next regular meeting of the **Wentworth Town Council** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 7:00 pm** at the Wentworth Town Hall.
- **Funding Requests** for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 are **due by February 24, 2022** and will be reviewed during the Town Council’s Budget Work Sessions in March and April.

Article IX. ADJOURN

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, “*We adjourn*”.

Councilmember Paschal III seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Yvonne Russell, NCCMC
Town Clerk

Dennis Paschal, Jr.
Mayor