



**TOWN OF WENTWORTH
MINUTES
OF
THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WENTWORTH, NORTH CAROLINA
December 3, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Wentworth Town Council was held on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at the Wentworth Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner, Robert Aswell, Cheryl Moore, Dennis Paschal III, Iris Powell

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

A quorum was present.

STAFF PRESENT: George Murphy, Town Administrator
Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk & Finance Officer

OTHERS PRESENT: Patrick Kane, Attorney- Smith Moore Leatherwood
Jeff Johnson, Architect- Alley Williams Carmen & King
Kay Hammock- Wentworth Planning Board
Sheriff Sam Page- Rockingham County Sheriff's Office

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Paschal called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: Paulie Gallo of Cub Scout Troop 781 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: Pastor Greg Robertson of Calvary Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**REQUESTS & PETITIONS
OF CITIZENS:**

Sheriff Sam Page signed the speaker register to address Council during Public Comments.

Mayor Paschal made a MOTION, *“To add Sheriff Page under C. Public Comments and to approve the agenda”*.

Councilman Paschal, III seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-
NOVEMBER 7, 2013:**

Mayor Pro Tem Conner made a MOTION, *“They be approved as written”*.

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

**RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING
COUNCIL MEMBER
ROBERT P. ASWELL, SR.:**

Mayor Paschal presented Robert Aswell with a plaque and a Proclamation by the Wentworth Town Council thanking Mr. Aswell for his years of service to the town. (Note: The Proclamation is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



Proclamation
by the
Wentworth Town Council

WHEREAS, The Town of Wentworth, North Carolina, county seat for the County of Rockingham, is always appreciative of those who serve for the betterment and benefit of the Town and its people; and

WHEREAS, ROBERT P. ASWELL, SR. has faithfully served the Town of Wentworth as a member of the Committee for the Reactivation of the Town of Wentworth, as a member of the Town Council from December 6, 2005 to December 3, 2013, as Mayor from December 8, 2009 to December 6, 2011, and as a member of the Wentworth Planning Board from August 1, 2000 to December 5, 2005; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Town of Wentworth shows its appreciation to one who has rendered such valuable service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and members of the Town Council of the Town of Wentworth;

That ROBERT P. ASWELL, SR. is hereby acknowledged as being a good, loyal, and faithful public servant to the Town of Wentworth; and

That this proclamation expresses the deep appreciation on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wentworth for the valuable service which he has provided the Town; and

That this proclamation is hereby presented to ROBERT P. ASWELL, SR. and a copy of same shall be placed within the records of the Town of Wentworth.

Proclaimed this the 3rd day of December, 2013.

Dennis Paschal, Jr., Mayor

Evelyn Conner, Mayor Pro-Tem

Iris Powell, Councilmember

Dennis Paschal, III, Councilmember

Mr. Aswell said, "I would like to thank all of you for being here tonight. It has been a great pleasure serving the Town of Wentworth."

**RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER
KAY HAMMOCK:**

Mayor Paschal presented Kay Hammock with a plaque and a Proclamation by the Wentworth Town Council thanking Ms. Hammock for her years of service to the town. (Note: The Proclamation is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



Proclamation

by the
Wentworth Town Council

WHEREAS, The Town of Wentworth, North Carolina, county seat for the County of Rockingham, is always appreciative of those who serve for the betterment and benefit of the Town and its people; and

WHEREAS, Kay S. Hammock has faithfully served the Town of Wentworth as an alternate member of the Town of Wentworth Planning Board from February 2003 to December 2005 and as a regular member of the Wentworth Planning Board from January 2006 to December 2013; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Town of Wentworth shows its appreciation to one who has rendered such valuable service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and members of the Town Council of the Town of Wentworth;

That Kay S. Hammock is hereby acknowledged as being a good, loyal, and faithful public servant to the Town of Wentworth; and

That this proclamation expresses the deep appreciation on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wentworth for the valuable service which she has provided the Town; and

That this proclamation is hereby presented to Kay S. Hammock and a copy of same shall be placed within the records of the Town of Wentworth.

Proclaimed this the 3rd day of December, 2013.

Dennis Paschal, Jr., Mayor

Evelyn Conner, Mayor Pro-Tem

Robert Aswell, Sr., Councilmember

Dennis Paschal, III, Councilmember

Iris Powell, Councilmember

OLD BUSINESS

A. Post Office – Jeff Johnson, Alley Williams Carmen & King

Jeff Johnson brought an updated drawing of the proposed Post Office renovations at 200 County Home Road. He explained that there have been minor changes made to the plans. He left a copy of the plans with the Town Administrator, George Murphy. Mr. Johnson does not expect to receive approval from the United States Postal Service to put the project out for bid until some time in January which he said will work out well for planning the construction to begin in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Organizational Session - Patrick Kane, Attorney
Smith, Moore, Leatherwood, LLP**

Mayor Paschal turned the meeting over to Patrick Kane to conduct the organizational session.

Oath of Office Administered to Elected Council members:

Mr. Kane noted that the citizens of Wentworth elected Cheryl Moore and Iris Powell to the Wentworth Town Council during the November 2013 municipal elections, and he asked Judge Edwin Wilson, Jr. to administer the oath of office to both of the recently elected Council members.

Judge Edwin Wilson, Jr. administered the oath of office to **Councilwoman Cheryl Moore** and **Councilwoman Iris Powell**.

Election of Mayor:

At this time, **Mr. Kane** asked for nominations for the office of Mayor of the Town of Wentworth.

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

Iris Powell seconded the nomination and Dennis Paschal, Jr. accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations. All voted in favor of **Dennis Paschal, Jr.** serving as **Mayor of the Town of Wentworth**.

Mr. Kane turned the meeting over to Mayor Paschal.

Mayor Paschal opened the floor for nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem of the Town of Wentworth.

Cheryl Moore nominated **Evelyn Conner**.

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

Mayor Paschal made a MOTION, "That the nominations be closed".

Councilman Paschal, III seconded the motion.

Mayor Paschal asked for a vote in favor of Evelyn Conner.

All voted in favor of **Evelyn Conner** serving as **Mayor Pro Tem of the Town of Wentworth**.

Oath of Office Administered to Elected Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem:

Judge Edwin Wilson, Jr. administered the oath of office of **Mayor** to **Dennis Paschal, Jr.** and the oath of office of **Mayor Pro Tem** to **Evelyn Conner.**

B. Adoption of Holiday Closing Schedule for Year 2014

Mayor Pro Tem Conner made a MOTION, *“To adopt the Holiday Closing Schedule for 2014.”*

Councilman Paschal, III seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

C. Public Comments

Mayor Paschal invited Rockingham County Sheriff Sam Page to address Council.

Sheriff Page thanked Council for allowing the Town and the Sheriff’s Office to have a great relationship. He informed Council that Deputy Bob Terry will be attending radar detector training in June.

Sheriff Page expressed his appreciation for the financial support the Town has given the Sheriff’s Office over the years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Paschal made the following announcements.

- **Wentworth’s Sixth Annual Christmas Parade** begins at **11:00 a.m.** on **Saturday, December 14, 2013.**
- The next regularly scheduled **Planning Board** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Town Hall Council Chambers.
- The next regularly scheduled **Town Council** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Town Hall Council Chambers.
- **Year 2014 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.

Mayor Paschal invited everyone to join Council for a reception after the meeting.

A D J O U R N:

Mayor Paschal made a MOTION, "*We adjourn*".

Councilman Paschal, III seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk

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