



**TOWN OF WENTWORTH
MINUTES
OF
THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WENTWORTH, NORTH CAROLINA
February 4, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Wentworth Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at the Wentworth Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

Council Members Absent:
A quorum was present.

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

Others Present: Patrick Kane, Attorney – Smith Moore Leatherwood
Judy Wall – Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center
Greg Strader – NC State Highway Patrol
Sergeant J.R. Deardorff – NC State Highway Patrol

Article I. Call to Order

Mayor Paschal called the meeting to order.

Article II. Invocation

Mayor Paschal gave the invocation.

Article III. Requests and Petitions of Citizens

Mayor Paschal noted that Greg Strader and Jason Deardorff signed the register to speak during consideration of agenda item 6. D., Consideration of a \$2,250.00 Funding Request from NC State Highway Patrol.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, *“To add both Mr. Strader and Mr. Deardorff to the agenda under item D”*.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Conner made a **MOTION**, *“To approve the agenda as amended”*.

Mayor Paschal seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article IV. Approval of Minutes for January 7, 2014

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, "We approve the minutes as written".

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. Consideration of a Resolution in Support of Continuing Operation of the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center - Judy Wall

Judy Wall, Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center Advisory Board President, thanked Council for considering the Resolution in Support of Continuing Operation of the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center.

Ms. Wall provided the following facts regarding the 4-H Center:

- The center's nearly 200 acres of fields, streams, and lakes were given to the citizens of North Carolina by Betsy Penn. She donated the facility to the NC State University 4-H Program in honor of her late husband Jefferson Penn in 1964.
- The center provides educational field trips for schools in NC and Henry County VA.
- School group attendance for the past 5 years has averaged 3,584.
- Residential camp and day camp are offered in the summer months. Over 50 counties in NC have already designated this facility for summer camp 2014.
- Facilities are available for conferences, retreats, class reunions, etc. when not being utilized for camps and school groups.

Ms. Wall invited Council to the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center 50th Anniversary Celebration to be held May 16-17, 2014.

Councilman Paschal III asked if NC State University has agreed to continue funding the center.

Ms. Wall answered, "The task force that was formed right after the State announced their reversal of the decision to close...submitted a proposed sustainable business model on January 15th. We have not heard back from NC State at this point, but we definitely feel good that things will progress. Our enrollment has increased tremendously since last summer...our enrollment has already increased over 40%. I feel like that is a good indication by the campers at this point.

Mayor Paschal thanked Mrs. Wall and asked Councilman Paschal III to read the resolution. (The resolution is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING OPERATION
OF THE BETSY-JEFF PENN 4-H EDUCATIONAL CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center, once part of the historic Chinqua-Penn Plantation, is in danger of being closed as part of a Statewide downsizing of North Carolina’s 4-H program; and,

WHEREAS, since its dedication in may of 1964 after being built and donated to North Carolina State University by Betsy Penn, this Center has hosted more than 200,000 children, living up to its mission of inspiring youth by helping them gain interpersonal life skills, ecological knowledge, and community awareness through experimental learning; and,

WHEREAS, the Penn 4-H Center is not only a strong youth education tool that brings students from across the state, with this year’s summer camps currently enrolling children representing over half of North Carolina’s counties, but also an adult tourism initiative that draws people to Rockingham County, a tier one county, for their weekend seminars and retreats; and,

WHEREAS, the loss of this educational facility would impact negatively not only the youth of our State but also Rockingham County’s tourism as many of these families and visitors take the time to seek other local attractions while in the area; and,

WHEREAS, educational pursuits like those provided by the Penn 4-H Center guide youth to develop life skills that lead them away from involvement in drugs and illegal activity and toward becoming productive members of society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Wentworth Town Council, do support and request that the necessary funding be secured to ensure the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center’s continued operation so that the Penn 4-H Center can continue to positively affect the lives of thousands of North Carolina children for the next 50 years and beyond.

This the 4th day of February, 2014.

Dennis Paschal, Jr., Mayor

Evelyn Conner, Mayor Pro Tem

Cheryl H. Moore, Councilmember

Iris Powell, Councilmember

R. Dennis Paschal, III., Councilmember

ATTEST:

Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, "That we approve the Resolution in Support of Continuing Operation of the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center".

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

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

**B. Budget Amendment No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014
- Yvonne Russell**

Ms. Russell reviewed the memo and amendment details for FY 2013-2014 Budget Amendment No. 2. (The amendment is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH
WENTWORTH, NORTH CAROLINA
BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014**

2/4/14

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Yvonne Russell, Budget-Finance Officer
Date: January 30, 2014
RE: Budget Amendment No. 2

The second Budget Amendment for the year will reflect the transfer of additional funds necessary for architectural and engineering fees related to the Post Office Project. The amendment will also reflect the transfer of funds for the purpose of fulfilling a funding request made by the Rockingham County High School Renaissance Committee which was approved by the Town Council on January 7, 2014.

The attached details of Budget Amendment No. 2 will show the following changes to General Fund Expenditures:

- A decrease of \$16,500.00 in Miscellaneous Other Operating Costs

- An increase of \$15,000.00 in Capital Outlay: Land/Property Improvements: Architectural/Engineering
- An increase of \$1,500.00 in Cultural and Recreational: Miscellaneous for the purpose of fulfilling the funding request made by the RCHS Renaissance Committee.

Total Budget Dollars – \$590,960.00 – remains unchanged.

Recommended by:

George T. Murphy Sr, Town Administrator

Yvonne Russell, Clerk & Budget-Finance Officer

Attachment: Details of Budget Amendment No. 2, FY 2013-2014

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH
BUDGET AMENDMENT No. 2
FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

	Budget 2012 - 2013	Budget Amendment as of 2/4/14	2/4/14 Amended Budget
REVENUES			
Sales & Use Tax	465,000.00	No Change	465,000.00
Utility Franchise Tax	105,000.00	No Change	105,000.00
Alcoholic Beverage Tax	13,000.00	No Change	13,000.00
Interest on Investments	400.00	No Change	400.00
Other Revenue	0	No Change	0.00
Rent	7,560.00	No Change	7,560.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	0	No Change	0.00
Total Estimated Revenues:	590,960.00	No Change	590,960.00

EXPENDITURES			
General Government:			
Capital Outlay			
Debt Service	65,000.00	No Change	65,000.00
Land/Property Improvements	20,000.00	+15,000.00	35,000.00
Office Furniture/Equipment	1,500.00	No Change	1,500.00
Total Capital Outlay:	86,500.00	+15,000.00	101,500.00
Personnel Costs:	131,463.00	No Change	131,463.00
<i>Salaries – Employer Taxes – Payroll Services – Medical, Disability, Bond & Workman’s Comp Insurance – Retirement</i>			
Travel Costs:	15,000.00	No Change	15,000.00
<i>Registration & Fees for Seminars, Schools & Conferences – Meals, Lodging & Mileage</i>			
Other Operating Costs:	198,920.00	- 16,500.00	182,420.00
Total General Government:	431,883.00	- 1,500.00	430,383.00
Public Health & Safety:			
Law Enforcement	63,916.00	No Change	63,916.00
Miscellaneous Public Health & Safety	30,111.00	No Change	30,111.00
Total Public Health & Safety:	94,027.00	No change	94,027.00
Cultural & Recreational:			
Total Cultural & Recreational:	26,550.00	+1,500.00	28,050.00
Contingency Reserve:			
Total Contingency Reserve:	20,000.00	No Change	20,000.00
Economic Development:			
Total Economic Development:	6,000.00	No Change	6,000.00
Transfer to Capital Reserve for Recreation Grounds/ Facilities:			
Total Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund:	12,500.00	No Change	12,500.00
Total Estimated Expenditures:	590,960.00	No Change	590,960.00

TOWN OF WENTWORTH
Budget Amendment No. 2
Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014

2/4/14

General Fund Revenues:	Budget FY 2013- 2014	Amendment No. 2	Amended Budget FY 2013- 2014
Sales and Use Tax	465,000.00	No Change	465,000.00
Utility Franchise Tax	105,000.00	No Change	105,000.00
Alcoholic Beverage Tax	13,000.00	No Change	13,000.00
Interest on Investments	400.00	No Change	400.00
Other Revenue	0.00	No Change	0.00
Rent	7,560.00	No Change	7,560.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	0.00	No Change	0.00
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues	590,960.00	No Change	590,960.00

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General Government	431,883.00	- 1,500.00	430,383.00
Public Health & Safety			
Law Enforcement	63,916.00	No Change	63,916.00
Miscellaneous Public Health & Safety	30,111.00	No Change	30,111.00
Public Health & Safety Total:	94,027.00	No Change	94,027.00
Cultural & Recreational	26,550.00	+ 1,500.00	28,050.00
Contingency Reserve	20,000.00	No Change	20,000.00
Economic Development	6,000.00	No Change	6,000.00
Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund for Recreation Grounds/Facilities	12,500.00	No Change	12,500.00
Total Estimated General Fund Expenditures	590,960.00	No Change	590,960.00

Approved by Council the ___day of February, 2014.

Dennis Paschal, Mayor

Attest: _____
Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, *“That we approve Budget Amendment No. 2 for fiscal year 2013-2014”*.

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

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

C. Consideration of a \$2,500.00 Funding Request from RCHS SADD

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, *“That we fund the \$2,500.00 funding request from SADD”*.

Mayor Pro Tem Conner seconded the motion.

Councilman Paschal III asked if funds were already designated in the budget for this request. **Ms. Russell** answered, “Yes. This is just their formal request for those funds”.

All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

**D. Consideration of a \$2,250.00 Funding Request from NC State Highway Patrol
- First Sergeant J.R. Deardorff**

Sgt. Deardorff explained that after several fatal accidents involving teen drivers, the Highway Patrol office in Rockingham County decided to establish a scholarship program intended to encourage teens to work with the Highway Patrol to promote teen safe driving. They are awarding twelve scholarships each year to seniors in Rockingham County. These scholarships total \$9,000. Six of those scholarships are \$1,000 each. The remaining six scholarships are \$500 each. A student must be a member of a local SADD chapter and must complete a community project related to teen safe driving in order to be eligible to receive a scholarship.

Sgt. Deardorff mentioned a texting program being implemented at local schools, in which the students drive golf carts through a closed course while texting. This program was created to demonstrate how dangerous texting while driving can be. He said the Highway Patrol would also like to coordinate a barbecue at each of the local high schools on the day of the Prom. This would be in conjunction with the Prom Promise lock-in and would provide another chance for them work closely with the students to promote teen safe driving. He said they also plan to use funds to help support the local SADD chapters.

Mayor Paschal thanked Sgt. Deardorff and the Highway Patrol office for their hard work on this project.

Councilman Paschal III asked if other municipalities in the county have offered to assist with funding.

Sgt. Deardorff explained that they only recently decided to ask the local municipalities for funding and they started with Wentworth because it was the first to hold a scheduled meeting this month. He said they have made contact with City Hall in Eden and Reidsville, and they plan to contact Madison and Mayodan as well.

Councilman Paschal III asked if the Highway Patrol is hoping to be involved with Prom Promise on Prom night.

Sgt. Deardorff noted that they already have Troopers present during the sign up for Prom Promise, and he reiterated their desire to have a barbecue at each of the high schools on the day of their prom.

There were no further questions from Council.

Councilman Paschal, III made a **MOTION**, *“That we fund the request from the North Carolina Highway Patrol for the Teen Drive to Survive Scholarship in the amount of \$2,250”*.

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

Article VII. Public Comments

No one signed the register to speak during Public Comments.

Mayor Paschal asked Town Administrator George Murphy for an update on the Post Office Project.

Mr. Murphy reported that the plans have been submitted to the United States Postal Service and that we are waiting for their approval to move forward.

Article VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Paschal made the following announcements:

- *The next regular meeting of the Wentworth Planning Board is February 18, 2014, at 7pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers.*
- *The next regular meeting of the Wentworth Town Council is March 4, 2014, at 7pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers.*

Article IX. A D J O U R N

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, Clerk

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