



**Town Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting/Public Hearing
September 12, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

The Roseboro Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at Town Hall on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Members present at Town Hall were Mayor Alice Butler, Mayor Pro Tem Anthony Bennett, Commissioners Mark Gupton and Richard Barefoot. Also, present were Attorney Sandy Sanderson, Town Clerk Janet Dunn, Zoning Officer Tammy Faircloth, Lead for NCFellow Tyler Wise, Reverend Marilyn Hargrove, and Michael Hardison (Sampson Independent). Commissioners Cyndi Templin and Ray Clark Fisher were not in attendance.

COMMENCEMENT

- Call to Order – Mayor Butler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Invocation – Rev. Hargrove gave the invocation followed by Mayor Butler leading the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Agenda Adoption – Mayor Pro-Tem Bennett made a **motion** to adopt the agenda. **All in favor. Motion carried.**
- Meeting Minutes – Mayor Pro-Tem Bennett made a **motion** to approve the meeting minutes from August 8, 2023 (Regular Session/Closed Session); **all in favor. Motion carried.**

ROSEBORO HAPPENINGS

- aLive in the 'Boro's next event is scheduled for September 14, 2023 with performances by Zack King. Another aLive in the 'Boro event will also be held on October 12, 2023 with performances by Rhythm Express Band. The October event is made possible through generous sponsorship from GFL Environmental. The Lease Agreements for the September and October events were provided to the Board for review and approval. Mayor Pro-Tem Bennett made the **motion** to approve the lease agreements for the September and October aLive in the 'Boro musical events; **all in favor. Motion carried.**
- Roseboro is abuzz with activities:
 - Small Town Main Street Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be held on October 16, 2023; November 13, 2023; and December 11, 2023. Anyone who is interested in volunteering is welcome and encouraged to attend.
 - Roseboro Heritage Trail Ribbon Cutting is scheduled for Sunday, September 17, 2023 beginning at 4:30 p.m.
 - Roseboro's Historic Preservation Downtown Tour is scheduled for September 21, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.
 - Roseboro's Strategic Plan Kick-off virtual event is scheduled for September 26, 2023. The virtual event will also be displayed in Town Hall for those who wish to attend.
 - Hometown Strong Meet & Greet with Joe Miller is scheduled for September 26, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
 - Charrette in Downtown Roseboro is an all-day event scheduled for October 10, 2023.

- “Grow With Google” workshop is an all-day event to help increase “traffic” for businesses. This workshop is scheduled for two days; October 17 – 18, 2023.
- Roseboro Christmas Tree Lighting annual event is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 28, 2023** at 7:00 p.m. This year’s event will be held on Tuesday instead of Thursday as in past years.
- The Annual Roseboro Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, December 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Parade entry forms are already available.

PUBLIC HEARING – The application for the rezoning of Parcel #08095444004 from Neighborhood Business to Residential was presented before the Board by Zoning Officer Tammy Faircloth. The application was submitted by Genesis Cantarero who was not in attendance.

Commissioner Mark Gupton made the **motion** to Open the Public Hearing; **all in favor. Motion carried.** Ms. Faircloth advised that the Planning Board met on August 31, 2023 to review the Rezoning application. The property is located on the corner of E. Roseboro Street near E. MLK Jr. Blvd. and contains the dead-end portion of Pearl Street. By unanimous vote, the Planning Board approved the application based on consistency to the surrounding property and discussed the option of using the entrance to the property off of Pearl Street as a driveway instead of E. Roseboro St., as the intersection could be dangerous.

After some discussion, it was recommended that Ms. Cantarero be contacted to identify if she is in favor (or not) of the proposed change. Attorney Sanderson suggested that this topic be tabled until the current property owner is contacted.

Zoning Officer Faircloth advised that she received three (3) phone calls in regard to the letter that was sent to the surrounding neighbors; two were in favor of the rezoning, while one (1) expressed some uncertainty. With no further public comments, Mayor Pro-Tem Bennett made the **motion** to Close the Public Hearing; **all in favor. Motion carried.** Commissioner Gupton made the **motion** to Open the Regular Session; **all in favor. Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Butler presented the current grants currently underway, citing that the 2020 CDBG-NR for \$750,000 was completed as of August 2023. Current grants: 2020 CDBG-I (\$2M), 2021 Old Cement and Clay Pipe Rehab (ARPA-\$9,144,110), 2022 Sewer Outfall Rehab (\$1.5M), 2022 Water Systems UPDATE (ARPA-\$2,536,000), Rural Transformation (\$825,000), and Golden LEAF Design.

NEW BUSINESS

- Recently, the town experienced a water leak that required collaboration with the City of Clinton to complete the necessary repairs. Mayor Butler expressed a sincere Thank You for the assistance.
- The 2023 CDBG-NR grant funding opportunity has been announced. Although the town just completed a CDBG-NR project, the town can once again apply for the 2023 round provided the Board of Commissioners approves. With the success of the most recent round, the Board of Commissioners agree that the town should consider applying again.
- The Sampson County Manufacturing Council meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

- The Town of Roseboro has received the letter of intent to fund the Old Cement and Clay Pipe Rehabilitation project grants, combining two grants into one project for a total of \$9,144,110. To complete the acceptance of the funding, the town must adopt a Resolution for Offer and Acceptance of Funding and a Capital Project Ordinance. Action could not be taken due to a lack of quorum. Therefore, a Special Meeting has been scheduled for September 15, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. to act on these items.
- Mayor Butler shared information regarding Roseboro Demographics and Retail Gaps outlining the monetary values in various categories comparing a 5-mile radius to a 20-minute drive time. (See Exhibit A)
- A Letter of Intent to Fund the 2022 Wastewater Treatment Plan (WWTP) Improvements for \$1,819,000 was received. However, it is a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan of up to \$1,819,000. The Board did not feel that the town should take on this much debt and after further discussion, it was decided that the town would continue to seek grants to assist with WWTP improvements. Commissioner Gupton made the **motion not to move forward with the loan; all in favor. Motion carried.**
- Brantwood has continued to make improvements and upgrades, adding a security system.

REPORTS

- Financial Reports – Monthly reports were provided for review.
- Fire Department Report – The monthly report was not available for review at the time of the meeting.
- Sheriff's Report – Monthly report was provided.
- Public Works/Utility Department Reports – Filed in the Clerk's Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

CLOSED SESSION – Commissioner Gupton made the **motion** to Close the Regular session; **all in favor. Motion carried.** Mayor Pro-Tem Bennett made the **motion** to Open the Closed Session; **all in favor. Motion carried.**

The Board entered Closed Session to address contract negotiations under G.S. 143-318.11(a5). No votes were taken during Closed Session.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bennett made the **motion** to Close the Closed Session; **all in favor. Motion carried.** Commissioner Barefoot made the **motion** to Open the Regular Session; **all in favor. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Commissioner Gupton made the **motion** to adjourn; **all in favor. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Alice Butler, Mayor



Janet Dunn, Town Clerk



Exhibit
A

Invest in Downtown Roseboro

Roseboro Demographics-Claritas 2023

	<u>5-Mile Radius</u>	<u>20-Minute Drive time</u>
Median Household Income	\$50,505	\$57,655
Average Household Income	\$66,255	\$73,576
Highest Income Segment	\$50,000-\$74,999 (17.7%)	\$50,000-\$74,999 (17.7%)
% earning above \$50,000	49.5%	49.7%
% earning below \$50,000	50.4%	50.1%

Retail Gaps (Business escaping to neighboring communities-AGS Data)

<u>Category</u>	<u>5-Mile Radius</u>	<u>20-Minute Drive Time</u>
Total Food and Drink	\$5,226,626	\$ 9,512,233
Electronics and Appliances	\$ 828,779	\$ 1,135,236
Lawn and Garden Equipment	\$ 329,113	-----
Groceries	\$5,802,496	\$ 6,100,379
Beer, Wine, Liquor	\$ 304,233	\$ 1,129,667
Clothing	\$1,707,367	\$ 4,146,292
Shoes	\$ 386,261	\$ 1,851,320
Jewelry/Luggage/Leather Goods	\$ 187,990	\$ 909,284
Sporting Good/Hobbies	\$ 627,752	\$ 1,816,190
Book Stores	\$ 166,475	\$ 804,038
General Merchandise	\$5,532,238	\$12,241,764
Office Supplies/Stationary	\$ 218,821	\$ 200,665

Available Properties

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