



**Town Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
August 8, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

The Roseboro Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at Town Hall on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Members present at Town Hall were Mayor Alice Butler, Mayor Pro Tem Anthony Bennett, Commissioners Ray Fisher, Mark Gupton, and Cyndi Templin. Also, present were Attorney Sandy Sanderson, Town Clerk Janet Dunn, Lead for NCFellow Tyler Wise, Reverend Marilyn Hargrove, and Bryan Rickard.

**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 – Commissioner Fisher made a **motion** to approve the meeting minutes from July 11, 2023 (Regular meeting); **all in favor. Motion carried.**

**ROSEBORO HAPPENINGS**

- aLive in the 'Boro's next event is scheduled for August 24th.
- Mountain-to-Sea Trail/Heritage Trail Ribbon Cutting is scheduled for September 17, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. This event will entail a brick dedication as well as a guided one mile walk along the Heritage Trail.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- CDBG-I Construction Update – The project is currently underway and involves Cypress, Maple, and Oak Streets. Through this project, the contractors are able to abandon a sewer line that ran across property, rerouting it as it should be.
- Fortiline Certification – With the AMI meter project now complete, staff at Fortiline presented the town with the first ever Fortiline Certification plaque.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- The 30-year-old air conditioner and furnace unit at the Roseboro Library stopped working and the library closed for a few days until a new unit could be installed. Two 3 ½ ton commercial air conditioner/furnace units were installed, which also required electrical updates. With this unforeseen expense, a budget amendment in the amount of \$14,000 was needed, which was presented to the Board for review. With no further discussion, Commissioner Gupton made the **motion** to approve the proposed budget amendment; **all in favor. Motion carried.**



- The town has been awarded a Golden Leaf Design Award in the amount of \$169,000 to help with the storm drainage for the alleyway and sidewalks. However, since the submission of the application, questions rose as to if the town truly owned the alleyway. The town requested that Attorney Sanderson conduct research to determine legal ownership of the alley. The buildings adjacent to the alley were originally two separate parcels, that were then split and sold separately. Some buildings were sold as 100' deep, while others were sold 80' deep, leaving a 20' alley. Original property owner, Ida Harris, reserved 20' of her parcel for an alleyway. With the varying depths of the buildings, some building owners actually own a portion of the alleyway. There is no evidence on record that the town owns any of the alleyway. The question remains, does the town want to own the alleyway? Attorney Sanderson noted that to seek ownership would entail undergoing genealogy and possible lawsuits. Another concern was would such action, if the Board chose to move forward with it, fit within the timeline of the current grant? After further discussions, the Board decided to not pursue ownership of the alleyway, and thereby directed that the signs originally erected by the town—one-way and do not enter—be removed immediately. The board requested that all property owners adjacent to the alleyway be notified of the town's position of not having legal ownership of the alleyway.
- Rural Transformation Grant Administrative and Engineering Services Contracts were presented to the Board. Attorney Sanderson advised that he had reviewed the contract and approved of it. There will be additional contracts brought before the Board as they relate to the Rural Transformation Grant. Discussion was held about allowing the mayor and attorney to review them, and if approved by the town's attorney, to allow the mayor to sign off on them without coming before the Board. This will allow the processes to move forward without being placed on hold pending approval at the next Board meeting. With no further discussion, Commissioner Gupton made the **motion** to approve the administrative grant and to authorize Mayor Butler and Attorney Sanderson to review, approve, and sign future contracts related to the RTG without bringing before the Board; **all in favor. Motion carried.**
- Brightspeed Fiber Optics Internet has expressed an interest in installing services in the Town of Roseboro.
- Sampson County historian, Joel Rose, is writing a Historical Marker Application to recognize Mr. Geddie Herring. The Board unanimously agreed with submitting the application. Mayor Butler provided a map showing the proximity of where the marker would be placed, which is generally on a state road. The proximity of the marker would be near Dr. Howerton's and the daycare, positioned in the middle of the right-of-way, directing patrons down Broad Street. All Board members agreed with the general placement of the marker. With no further discussion, Commissioner Fisher made the **motion** to approve the historical marker identifying the birthplace of Geddie Herring; **all in favor. Motion carried.**
- ABC Store Contributions received well-deserved praise for their continued support and contribution. Mayor Butler provided a historical overview of the yearly contributions received for the past 10+ years; starting with 2011-2012 at \$6,000 and increasing yearly to what was \$81,000 for fiscal year 2022-2023. This speaks highly of the members, past and present, serving on the Roseboro ABC Board.
- New Generator at Brantwood has been installed at the lift station. There has never been one there before, so this is definitely a positive move.

## REPORTS

- Financial Reports – Monthly reports were provided for review. The auditor is scheduled to be at town hall on August 23, 2023.
- Fire Department Report – Monthly call report was provided. Mayor Butler informed that the burglar alarm was going off inside Roses's when a worker, going in to work, saw the flames and called it in to 911. Fire Chief Lee Coleman responded and was able to put out the cash register fire using a fire extinguisher provided by an employee from Carlie C's IGA.
- 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 – Mayor Pro Bennett made the **motion** to Close the Regular session and to Open the Closed Session; **all in favor. Motion carried.**

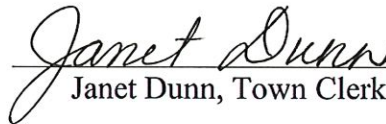
No votes were taken during Closed Session.

Commissioner Fisher made the **motion** to Close the Closed Session; **all in favor. Motion carried.**  
Commissioners Gupton made the **motion** to Open the Regular Session; **all in favor. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Commissioner Fisher made the **motion** to adjourn; **all in favor. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Alice Butler, Mayor



Janet Dunn, Town Clerk