



**Town Board of Commissioners  
Special Meeting / Public Hearing  
June 27, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.**

The Roseboro Board of Commissioners met in Special Session at Town Hall on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 5:00 pm.

Members present at Town Hall were Mayor Alice Butler, Mayor Pro Tem Anthony Bennett, Commissioners Cyndi Templin, Mark Gupton, and Richard Barefoot. Also, present were Attorney Sandy Sanderson, Town Clerk Janet Dunn, LFNC Tyler Wise, Deputy Finance Officer Annette Jackson, Mrs. Laura Gray, and Michael Hardison (Sampson Independent). Commissioner Ray Fisher was an excused absence.

**COMMENCEMENT**

- Call to Order – Mayor Butler called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
- Invocation – Mayor Butler led everyone in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Agenda Adoption – Mayor Pro-Tem Bennett made a **motion** to adopt the agenda. **All in favor. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC HEARING & COMMENTS** - A public hearing was held to hear public comments about the proposed acquisition of two vacant buildings in the downtown district; 114 W. Roseboro Street, formerly 3<sup>rd</sup> Charm Hair Salon, owned by Lloyd Spell, and 116 W. Roseboro Street, formerly Ohana Midwifery, owned by Laura and Jeff Gray. Plans are to purchase the two buildings, demolish them, making way for a breezeway to allow for outdoor seating and access to the parking lot area in the rear of the remaining buildings. Commissioner Gupton made the **motion** to open the public hearing to receive public comments; **all in favor. Motion carried.**

Mayor Butler invited anyone who wished to speak to please come forward; however, no one present stepped forward for comment. With no comments from those present, Commissioner Templin made the **motion** to close the public hearing; **all in favor. Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Roseboro Board of Commissioners, having received no public comment about the acquisition of two vacant buildings in the downtown district, further discussed moving forward with the purchases. The larger building located at 114 W. Roseboro Street, currently owned by Lloyd Spell, was priced at \$38,000, while the smaller building adjacent to it at 116 W. Roseboro Street, currently owned by Laura and Jeff Gray, was priced at \$20,000. With a combined total of \$58,000, Commissioner Gupton made the **motion** to move forward with the purchase of 114 W. Roseboro Street for \$38,000 and 116 W. Roseboro Street for \$20,000; **all in favor. Motion carried.**
- Three (3) budget amendments for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 were presented to the Board for approval.



The first amendment for consideration and approval, \$39,000 increase to Economic and Physical Development as well as an increase in the same amount to the current year's real property tax line item. Commissioner Bennett made the **motion** to approve the budget amendment; **all in favor. Motion carried.**


The second amendment for consideration and approval is an amendment to the Revolving Loan Fund with a \$75,000 increase to Economic and Physical Development as well as an increase in the same amount to Fund Balance Appropriations. Commissioner Barefoot made the **motion** to approve the budget amendment; **all in favor. Motion carried.**

The third amendment for consideration and approval was for a \$83,654 to amend the total appropriations for the Water Fund. This amendment is a result of the new well project expense that was later abandoned due to lack of water quality and quantity. Commissioner Gupton made the **motion** to approve the budget amendment; **all in favor. Motion carried.**

- The new concert series entitled "aLive in the 'Boro" will kick off on Thursday, June 29th with Chad Thompson performing from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The Western Sampson Commerce Group has submitted a lease agreement for the Roseboro Community Garden space to hold this event with the option to host a beer garden. Brought before the Board is the lease agreement for this and similar future events, previously scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>. After review, Commissioner Gupton made the **motion** to approve the lease agreement and like agreements for future events; **all in favor. Motion carried.**
- With "aLive n the 'Boro" events, the need to close off the town's street adjacent to the Community Garden is necessary for safety concerns. Proposed is to close off a portion of NW Railroad Street starting with the Community Garden – leaving the driveway beside it open – up to Clinton Street. There will be a roped off area for the beer garden that will encompass the Community Garden onto NW Railroad Street up to the railroad bed. With no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Bennett made the **motion** to approve the road closure; **all in favor. Motion carried.**
- Our auditor, Lee Grissom with S. Preston Douglas & Associates, has submitted the new contract for auditing services for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Grissom has also requested that a daytime audit presentation be allowed for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 due to scheduling conflicts for an evening presentation. Presented to the Board is the proposal to continue with the current auditing firm for fiscal year 2024 as well as consideration for a daytime final audit presentation. Mayor Pro Tem Bennett made the **motion** to approve the contract for S. Preston Douglas & Associates for fiscal year ending 2024 and to allow scheduling of the final audit report for daytime presentation when that time comes; **all in favor. Motion carried.**
- A Resolution to accept the ARPA funding for the town's 2022 Water Systems Improvement project in the amount of \$2,536,000 was presented to the Board for adoption. Mayor Pro Tem Bennett made the **motion** to adopt the resolution and accept the \$2,536,000 ARPA funding for the town's 2022 Water Systems Improvement project; **all in favor. Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business, Commissioner Templin made a **motion** to adjourn; **all in favor. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

  
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Alice Butler, Mayor

  
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Janet Dunn, Town Clerk