

Town of Macclesfield
Regular Session Board Meeting
May 12, 2025

Mayor Michael Speight called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Members in attendance were Mayor Speight, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Jason Taylor, Commissioner Jean Wooten-Jiles, Commissioner Joyce Braxton, Commissioner Paula Lewis, Attorney Michael Franchi (filling in for Gabriel DuSablou), Public Works Director Benjy Lassiter and Town Administrator Jennifer Stanley.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles offered the invocation and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion carried.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles asked for two corrections to be made to the minutes; Page two, paragraph three – It needs to be included in the minutes that the town does not have a leash law. Secondly, it needs to be included that the cost for someone to set up at the gazebo to play music would be \$45 to cover electricity usage. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from April 14th with the stated corrections. Commissioner Braxton seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion carried. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the April 14th closed session minutes. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion carried.

Commissioner Wooten Jiles asked the board to return back to her for the City Vision update.

Mrs. Stanley reported that the letter to DOT for the road closure on July 3rd was ready to be sent out to DOT after the mayor's signature. The raffle tickets will be ready by the end of the week. Commissioner Braxton made a motion to have the group, The Verdict, come play for the July 3rd celebration. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion carried. Mrs. Stanley stated that she would need to have a W-9 filled out to pay them the \$800 fee.

Mrs. Stanley reminded the board that as of June 30, 2025, NCLM will no longer be providing insurance. She has been in contact with another consultant that has found the same coverage as the NCLM was providing for Health, Dental, Vision, Life, and Disability with a couple extra perks through Blue Cross Blue Shield and it will actually save the town ~\$2000 per month. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to go with BCBS for town insurance. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion carried.

Mrs. Stanley reported that included in the commissioner packets was a letter regarding the late audit and the possible withholding of sales tax until the audits are caught up. She stated that she has already responded to the letter with an appeal and is now waiting to hear back from the Treasurer's office. It was discussed that with Greg Isley's group turning in an unbalanced Trial Balance for FY 22 and Mr. Overton (CRI) making the needed corrections, RH is having to make sure

everything lines up which is delaying the audit. Commissioner Taylor made a motion that the town find a different auditor for the FY 24 and FY 25 audits to get them caught up. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion carried.

Mrs. Stanley explained to the board that there needed to be a budget workshop soon since the budget has to be presented at the June Board meeting. It was agreed to meet on Monday, May 19th at 12:00 pm to hold the budget workshop. It was also agreed to have Abrams cater the meeting.

Mayor Speight explained that the Town Hall plumbing is becoming an issue – All Star plumbing has been out every week to unstop the line. They have run the camera and have discovered a belly in the line where the pipe is sagging and causing the water to puddle and the line to back up. It was determined that the line would need to be dug up from the back of the building to the road. This would require the concrete to be broken up and removed inside the building to get to the plumbing. All Star has quoted approximately \$8700 for the plumbing work. Mayor Speight is contacting concrete contractors for a quote. It was mentioned that maybe with the CDBG-NR grant, we could request to use part of the money for Town Hall renovations as well as the park.

Mayor Speight stated that there has been three quotes turned in for the repair/replacement of the parking lot at the post office. Mrs. Stanley read the quotes; Pro Clean \$11,500; MDE \$13,500; and Asphalt Services of Goldsboro \$17,000. Mrs. Stanley also informed the board that when she spoke with the Postmaster, he already has the supplies to strip the lot. Commissioner Braxton made a motion to accept the bid from Pro Clean. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion carried.

Attorney DuSablon had sent the Panhandling Ordinance revision for the board's consideration. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion carried.

It was asked who the contractor was that was awarded the contract for the WWTP project. Mrs. Stanley stated that she would follow up with Rich Moore to find out.

Mrs. Stanley gave the finance report stating that the interest earned for the month of April was \$2,543.88; Expenditures were \$135,341.88; and Revenues were \$194,871.41. She also reminded the board that the updated draft budget was included in their packets with the change to the Board training amount. She also reminded them that a decision would need to be made regarding the Sheriff's office providing services – At the new rate of \$50/hour, two days/week would be \$26,000 per year and three days/week would be \$39,000 per year.

Mr. Lassiter reported that there has been a fecal violation at the WWTP. He believes it to be caused by the blowers at the effluent. He has spoken with Waypoint to ensure they let him know as early as possible when there is something that exceeds the limits of the permit. It was recommended that if there is a dirty sample in the future to go ahead and resample to make sure there are no violations.

Mr. Lassiter gave the board copies of the inspection report from the spray field. He explained to the board that he hadn't read completely through it but if they had any questions at next month's meeting, he would answer them.

Mr. Lassiter stated that the Town of Pinetops has a grapple truck that the engine is bad in and they are going to purchase a new one. He stated that the town may be able to make an offer on the truck and purchase it from them, purchase another motor and have Chevy install it. The board asked Mr. Lassiter to obtain pricing on another motor and report to them at the budget workshop on Monday. Mr. Lassiter stated that he has not forgotten about the garbage truck – he is trying to find a time to go to Greensboro to look at some.

Wilson Energy was in town last week with four bucket trucks and 12 linemen to try to determine what keeps causing the outages in the Nash Street area. They installed some current limiting fuses, replaced some lightening arrestors, there were some lightening arrestors that were touching the poles, one area had a hot leg that was almost burned in two. For some reason the transformer wasn't getting tripped when the outages occurred. They discovered a pole that was overgrown with vines that they cleared off most of it and the town guys will finish.

Mr. Lassiter reported that Dollar General was ready to go – the transformers were in we are just waiting to install.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles asked if the stop signs had been taken care of on Second Street. It was reported that some "Children Playing" signs had been installed. Mr. Lassiter stated that if the town wanted to make that a four-way stop, it could be done since it isn't a DOT road.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles asked the board for their support of the Community Development Advisory Board.

She asked for staff to look into the ATM again.

She stated that Mr. Weaver has been making progress with the items in the yards of his rentals but still has not gotten the tree cut. Mr. Lassiter stated that Mr. Weaver was going to have someone cut it down.

Commissioner Taylor stated that during the meeting with Mr. Williams (developer outside of town) the town assured him that it would show its support of the development. Mr. Taylor has drafted a resolution in support of said development and read it to the board for their consideration.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles made a motion to adopt the resolution in support of the development. Commissioner Braxton seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion carried.

Commissioner Lewis asked about the grass cutting letters and how long citizens have to comply. Mr. Lassiter stated that the deadline has passed but they did not have time to go cut the yards yet.

Mayor Speight asked if something could be put in the bills to urge citizens to clean up their front porches and yards.

Mayor Speight also stated that he is working with the Sheriff's office to eliminate the drug action at the park. The Sheriff's office will be installing cameras to try to catch those involved.

Mayor Speight reported that Mr. Weaver has approached him asking if the town could install cameras near some of his properties if he purchases them. After much discussion it was decided that for security reasons, the town should probably purchase the cameras and have sole access to

the content. Mrs. Stanley was asked to get some prices on cameras and installation with the specifications the board mentioned. She will have them for the next meeting.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to enter closed session for personnel reasons. Commissioner Braxton seconded the motion and with none opposed, Mr. Lassiter was excused and the board entered into closed session at 6:18 pm.

Commissioner Braxton made a motion to return to open session. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion and with none opposed the board returned to open session at 6:34 pm.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Braxton seconded the motion and with none opposed the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.