



**SEDALIA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEDALIA TOWN HALL**  
**May 7, 2018**  
**7PM**  
**MINUTES**

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- **OPENING:** The regular scheduled meeting for the Town of Sedalia was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Sedalia Town Hall by Mayor Morgan.
- **PRAYER:** Time was allotted for silent prayer and meditation.
- **PLEDGE:** Time was allotted for pledge to the U.S. Flag.
- **ROLL CALL:** Councilman Meachem, Councilwoman O. Jones, Mayor Morgan and Mayor Pro Tem V. Jones were present at roll call. Councilwoman Wrenwick arrived late.

**A. MOTION** to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Meachem and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem V. Jones. Motion carried.

**B. MOTION** to approve minutes from the previous meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem V. Jones and Councilman Meachem stated a seconded. Motion carried.

**C. DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS/GUEST**

**I. Code Enforcement Update**

Brandon Emory with Alliance Code Enforcement gave an update on the properties in town that have open violation cases. As an update from last month's report, the properties at **911 Rockhurst Drive, 6277 Burlington Road, 5910 Blue Lantern Road and 6101 Burlington Road** have now been abated. These four cases have been closed.

The violation cases that remain open are **6200 Rolling Acres Drive, 6270 Burlington Road and 6117 Burlington Road and 401 Sedalia Road and Jennie Drive and 6309 Jennie Drive**. Concerning the property at 6200 Rolling Acres Dr, Brandon has spoken with the owner, who is now residing in Kernersville, NC. The owner wants to make repairs to the home, but Brandon is not sure if the owner has actually seen the condition of the home. The hearing on this case was set for May 1<sup>st</sup>, owner did not attend. If the home cannot be restored, it will have to be demolished. Brandon will continue reaching out to the owner until some concrete plans are made. Regarding 6270 Burlington Road, there are plans for the old diner to be inspected. If it's stable enough to be moved, the owners are hoping for it to be stored as an exhibit at the N.C. Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC. The violations at 6117 Burlington Road have been identified and Brandon spoke with the occupant to explain what all needs to be done to bring the property into compliance. During the most recent visit earlier that day, there was some resistance to his visit. A Notice of Violation (NOV) letter has been prepared and sent. At 401 Sedalia Road, the vehicles in violation have been pulled from the back and are lined up across the front to be relocated. Some vehicles have already been moved. A hearing was set for May 1<sup>ST</sup>; Brandon was informed

that the owner could not attend due to work schedule. Brandon was assured that the vehicles would be moved within the next 2 weeks. The property at 6309 Jennie Drive has quite a bit of cleaning up to do, so this one may take a while. Some minor clean-up has taken place, but the owner has asked for some extended time to do more. As long as some amount of progress continues to be made, this shouldn't be a problem.

## **II. Piedmont Legacy Trails Summit**

Mayor Morgan reported that he had the opportunity to attend the Piedmont Legacy Trails Summit, which was held on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Rockingham Community College. He shared on several topics that were discussed, including information on Blueways. More and more people are taking up interest in things done along or in the water, like river boat racing, swimming, kayaking and white-water rafting. Cities and towns are now investing in maintaining streams, creeks, lakes and rivers. Hiking trails were another item of discussion, where he talked about how actual residents are volunteering their time, energy and funds to help create hiking paths and walking trails.

Dr. Bill Blakely spoke on the process of how he's been managing a total of 37 miles of trails. Part of it had to go over a river, and that part of the project cost about \$250,000. He's been very successful at it and he's been able to go around the country speaking on this topic. When funding isn't available, communities have gotten out and dug trails themselves. When committees are involved this way, it shows potential funders that there is a lot of support there already. Big organizations who have money to donate, don't mind contributing when they can already see the interest and the commitment in the project.

There were at least 15 different PowerPoint presentations made during this workshop, and one other discussion that was of interest was when people make the mistake of digging underground before knowing what utilities are there. Ms. Iona Thomas spoke on the importance of knowing ahead of time what's underground before digging because you may end up hitting utility lines and using money for repairs before the project even gets started.

Near the end of their time, there was a presentation done to introduce many different funding opportunities. Funding is always a great need for most municipalities as they are trying to get any project off the ground, so that information was helpful as well. Overall, the workshop was very informative, he felt that he learned a lot and was glad he could make it.

## **III. Proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week**

Mayor Morgan read through the proposed town proclamation in its entirety, recognizing May 6 – May 12, 2018 as Municipal Clerks Week. He stated that the Clerk plays a vital role in all municipalities and he thanked Cam Dungee, the Sedalia Town Clerk, for her years of service and her dedication to the community.

#### **IV. Planning Board Meeting Update**

Chairman Jones gave an update on the Planning Board meeting, which was held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Sedalia Town Hall. One of the business discussion items was appointing a Chairman for the Planning Board now that the term had expired for the current Chairman. Mr. Robert Jones was nominated, and the vote was unanimous that he be re-appointed to serve another 3-year term as Chairman of the Planning Board. The board continued into their next module training and Mr. Jones gave a summary of that concerning development regulations, zoning ordinances, initiating amendments and conducting public hearings. They also discussed filing for rezoning cases, and who can request a rezoning amendment. During the educational section of the meeting, they discussed health trends and activities for senior citizens. There were no questions under citizen's concerns; the meeting was adjourned.

#### **V. Additional Streetlighting Update**

Cam Dungee, Town Clerk, gave an update on the town's progress of installing additional streetlights in the town. There are areas in the town where it's very dark at night, so the Council wants to go about changing that. The majority of the lights that will be installed will be on Burlington Road because this is a main road and there are very few lights. Sometimes it helps when the lights are burning over on the campus of the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum. However, the town doesn't want to have to depend on those lights. As far as the other few lights, one will be repaired on Dansby Drive, one will be added on Simmons Lake Drive, one on Bethel Church Road. A Duke Energy Engineer will inspect the areas because they have to determine the exact locations and how far apart they are required to be. The town also needed to get an estimation of the cost to have these lights installed. Right now, the town is looking to put up 13 additional lights, but it could be a few more added as the process goes on. The cost estimation was an extra \$260 per month. Right now, the town is paying \$1100 a month for the existing lights, so we'll be looking at a total of \$1,360 a month, which is \$16,320 annually. The Council has agreed to move forward with this project, but it will take a while to complete. She said once she calls to put in the work order, it could take 3-6 months before everything is all done.

#### **VI. Town Budget Discussion Items**

Councilwomen Wrenwick went over items that were discussed by the Town Council on possible changes to the town budget for fiscal year 2018/2019. They are planning for most line items to remain the same, but they are looking to change a few. As of now the potential changes would be to remove the line item for Founder's Day since the town will not hold that event this year. Add a line for the Car Show & Food Truck Rodeo at \$1,500. This is the first year of the event and the town does plan to continue annually. All other items on the budget will remain the same. On the current 2017/2018 budget, the Town is purchasing an Evolis Radar Speed Sign for Sedalia Road before the end of the fiscal year, with a possibility of purchasing another during the next fiscal year 2018/2019. The total cost for each sign is

\$3,095. The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> during the Town Council meeting at the Sedalia Town Hall.

### **VII. Republic Services Route Changes**

Cam Dungee, Town Clerk, reported on the route changes recently made by Republic Services concerning garbage and recycle pick-up. Over the last few month's there has been a lot of changes with the day and week of pickup in Sedalia. It started in January when they made some changes that disrupted the collection process of its customers. For the Sedalia area, there were about 3 other changes made over the following month, so a lot of people were confused as to when they should put their trash carts out for collection. Since things are more stable now, the town is trying to make sure residents are clear and to make sure they keep hearing the final plan repeatedly, since changes take a while to stick. To sum it all up, both garbage and recycle carts are now being pick up on Tuesday's, not Monday's. The recycle is still picked up every other week, but it will be on Tuesday. This week is recycling week, so both carts will be picked up tomorrow, Tues. May 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, keep in mind that Republic is asking for all carts to be out by 6:00am and that they be place at least 4 feet apart from each other. If 6:00am is too early, go ahead and put your cart out the evening before. Whatever option is more convenient. The town mailed out new recycling calendar's, so if anyone needs one please let us know.

### **VIII. National Day of Prayer**

Mayor Pro Tem V. Jones read through the proclamation in its entirety. It was hereby proclaimed that Thursday, May 3, 2018 be designated as "A DAY OF PRAYER IN SEDALIA". This year marks the 67<sup>th</sup> year as the National Day of Prayer in our nation. Citizens in Sedalia were encouraged to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

**MOTION** to adopt the proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week and the National Day of Prayer, was made by Mayor Pro Tem V. Jones. Councilman Meachem stated a second. Motion carried.

### **IX. Car Show & Food Truck Rodeo Update**

Mayor Pro Tem V. Jones stated that the town will be holding its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Car Show & Food Truck Rodeo on Sat. Aug. 11, 2018 from 10am-2pm, at the CHB Museum. There will be a variety of different classic cars and trucks, and food trucks of all kinds. We're trying to have this event advertised hard to spread the word and we do need lots of sponsors. If anyone is interested in sponsoring, please contact the town hall for information. All proceeds will go towards construction of the Town of Sedalia Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. Those who sponsor will be recognized on the town website and in the event that we have T-Shirts made, sponsor's names will be advertised on the back of the shirts. Anyone interested in helping on the committee, please let her or the Clerk know.

## **X. Evolis Radar Speed Sign**

Councilwoman Wrenwick reported that the Town Council has been discussing the possibility of getting a solar speed sign to be placed on Sedalia Road. Each sign would cost \$2,900 and they can be mounted to an existing pole along the road. The board discussed the benefits of having these signs erected, which included being able to slow drivers down by making them aware of their speed. This would also decrease the potential for fatal accidents. Another benefit is the signs can be moved around to different locations in the town and having data to present to the Guilford County Sherriff's Dept, which would show proof of the number of speeders coming through a certain area. Some of the concerns that would be more on the negative side, was the cost of each sign, the possibility of them being vandalized, and whether people would adhere to the signs.

Several people from the floor spoke in favour of getting the sign because they live in the area and notice how drivers do speed along Sedalia Road. An incident was also bought up concerning a driver speeding up and down Sedalia Road and Blue Lantern Road very late the previous Saturday night. This was a big concern because it was dangerous, and it was disturbing resident's peace and quiet, since it was during the late night while people were sleeping. After more discussions by the Council, it was decided to purchase one speed sign now and possibly one next fiscal year, if it appears that the first one was worth the investment.

**MOTION** was made by Councilwomen Wrenwick to approve the purchase of one Evolis Radar Speed Sign this fiscal year, with the possibility of purchasing another sign from the 2018/2019 budget. Councilman Meachem made a second, motion carried.

## **XI. Sedalia Spring Litter Sweep / G.C. Spring Clean-up**

Councilwomen O. Jones announced that the Sedalia Spring Litter Sweep and the Guilford County Spring Clean-up events went well. They both were held on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The county's event began at 8am over at the Sedalia Elementary School, where they collected appliances, electronics, tires and documents for shredding. The town's event began at 9am starting at the Sedalia Town Hall, where Sedalia residents received supplies (vest, bags, gloves, pickers, etc.) and got together to pick up trash from the roadside to beautify the community. This year there were a few more volunteer's participating, so things did move along quicker than usual. The town also had a dumpster available in the town hall parking lot until 6pm only for Sedalia residents to discard of unwanted items. The county emailed some results that showed numbers from last year's and this year's event. This year, there was a total of 267 customers that came through to drop off items. The category was documented by tonnage, and the items they collected the most was scraped tires, which was over 29 tons. Overall both events did very well. The town does this in the fall and in the spring every year, so she requested that everyone come out and be a part of these events.

Mayor Pro Tem V. Jones added that cleaning up our town is not an easy thing to do. It's one thing to see our residents pass by and see us out there picking up trash, and not help, but nothing hurts more than to see an hour or two later, there is trash thrown out on the roads again. She said she cried as she passed by less than two hours later because someone came through and dumped trash on Sedalia Road.

Another residents said she lives on Sedalia Road and people dump trash in front of her house right after their grass is cut and it happens all the time.

#### **D. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

\*\*Steven Buccini introduced himself saying he currently lives in Whitsett but was born and raised in Guilford County. He is the Democratic candidate running for NC State House of Representatives. He will likely be running against Jon Hardister in the upcoming election. He stated that he would love to speak with anyone interested after the meeting and he bought some cards to hand out as well. He thanked everyone and said he would appreciate everyone's vote.

\*\*Valerie Jones, 6100 Burnside Road, said that it is with a heavy heart, that she informs the citizens that the town is losing our Town Clerk. Other than kidnapping her, there's nothing we can do to make her stay:). The Council understands that when greater pastures call, you must follow your heart. Her last day is May 18<sup>th</sup>, so please let her know how much you love her. Also, if anyone knows of someone who could come close to filling the position, please let the Council know.

Annie Williams, 634 Sedalia Road, stated that she is sad about this news. She added that the Lord laid it on her heart to come to tonight's meeting. She normally works and don't get off until 9:00, so she's glad to be here but she is sad about this news. She told the Clerk that she appreciates her hard work and her kindness that she's shown her over the years and wherever she goes, don't forget about Sedalia.

Cam Dungee said thank you to everyone for being so sweet. She reminded everyone that she does still live in Sedalia and she plans to try to be a part of town activities as much as she can. She loves this town as much as everyone else, so she doesn't plan to disappear.

\*\*Shinita Wrenwick, 6201 Bagues Way, said she attended a tea over at the CHB Museum. They mentioned that they had been working on renovating the Canary House on campus. The initial estimation was for it to be finished in 3 months, but now that they are required to bring it up to code, it will take about 6 months. During this renovation, the only thing they will lose is the handicap ramp. There are two steps at the front, so if someone was coming to visit who would need access to the ramp, they wouldn't be able to come inside during the 6-month renovation period.

\*\*Howard Morgan, 6208 Blue Lantern Road, stated that he also heard the terrible ruckus going on outside his home late that Saturday night. He called highway patrol twice, trying to get someone out there. He found out that two of his other neighbours had called as well. He was told that the Sheriff had already been out and didn't see anything. Sometimes these guys making noise like this will go into the woods, so they may not be seen right off. However, this time he was explaining to the dispatcher on the phone that he was standing in his yard and had been outside for a while watching them drive by. This is what we're sometimes dealing with. He also wanted to let people know that if they have to call in a complaint like this, where there are loud noises, shooting, etc, go ahead and contact highway patrol directly because this is who 911 will transfer you to anyway.

\*\*Ophelia Jones, 6508 Rolling Acres, stated that this is not a big concern but it's something that needs to be looked at. There is a resident who has placed wood sticks into the ground to make a rope fence, but it goes all the way up to the road. It's in the right a way, and we all know that this is not allowed. It appears that he trying to keep someone from making ruts in his yard.

Brandon Emory (CEO) said this would be a violation to set-back regulations. He said he can enforce zoning violations the same as he can with nuisance violations. Any type of fencing or accessory structures are required to follow set-backs. He could go by to speak with the owner if someone would send him the property address.

#### E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

All regular scheduled meetings are held at the Sedalia Town Hall at 7pm

- The Sedalia Town Hall will be closed on May 28<sup>th</sup> in observance to Memorial Day.
- The next Town Council Meeting will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>. This will also be a public hearing to vote on adopting the budget for fiscal year 2018/2019.
- The next Planning Board meeting will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup>
- The next Town Council Agenda Meeting will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>

Mayor Morgan thanked everyone for coming and meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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