

TOWN OF WILSON'S MILLS
WORK SESSION MEETING
May 27, 2025

PRESENT: Mayor Fleta Byrd, Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett, Councilmembers David McGowan and Tim Brown.

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Administrator Leighanna Worley, Town Clerk Emily Matthews, Public Works Director Patrick Moore, Planning Director Wendy Oldham, and Police Chief AZ Williams.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Carolyn Dobbin and Randy Jernigan

CONVOCATION: Mayor Byrd declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

Departmental Reports

Town Administrator Worley presented the Events Report and asked if there were any questions. Councilmember Brown said he likes that our social media presence has increased and Councilmember McGowan agreed and said he also likes the website updates. Councilmember McGowan asked about the Food Truck Rodeo cancellations and Town Clerk Emily Matthews said most of the cancellations were the week of the event and some didn't show up the day of the event.

Town Administrator Worley presented the Finance Report on behalf of Finance Officer Sherry Hudson. She said there will be another budget amendment before the end of the fiscal year in June. Councilmember McGowan asked if we are expecting to have a 99 percent tax collection rate and Ms. Worley said we are predicting about 99.9 percent at this time. Councilmember McGowan asked if we have any tax delinquencies and Ms. Worley said we do not have as many as we have had before but the County takes care of those collections.

Planning Director Wendy Oldham presented the Planning Department report and Councilmember Brown asked why updates on Midtown Village is not on the report. Mrs. Oldham said the plans have not yet been submitted but once they are updates on Midtown will be included in the reports. Mrs. Oldham also reported that there is a top tier grocery store looking to come into town. Councilmember McGowan asked if the sewer line in the Cottages subdivision have been cleared out and Mrs. Oldham said yes.

Councilmember McGowan asked Public Works Director Patrick Moore about the issues with the drainage at the Community Park. Mr. Moore said he is trying to figure out how to get the drainage at the park to drain into the stormwater system at Mill Creek.

Councilmember Brown asked if the new positions for Police Officers have been posted and Chief Williams said yes. Councilmember McGowan asked if Chief thinks this will make us competitive with other departments in the County and Chief said yes this will put us at the average salary in the county. Councilmember Brown asked about a car accident that happened on Swift Creek Road and asked if it was in the same area that Council has agreed before needs traffic lights. Chief said this accident did not occur in the same area.

Town Administrator Project Updates:

Ms. Worley said a topic that was discussed in Closed Session recently regarding the need for legal counsel will be discussed again at Council's regular meeting in June.

Special Project Attorney Search:

Chamber Upfit
Schedules:

Ms. Worley said the upfit of the Council Chambers started today and the final inspection is projected to be at the beginning of November. She said if all goes as planned we should be able to hold our December Council meeting in the new chambers.

Council Retreat:

Ms. Worley said the Council has not had a retreat in 3 years and would like to get one scheduled. After further discussion it was the consensus of Council to hold the retreat on a Wednesday in order to best work with everyone's schedules. Ms. Worley said she will look into several dates and reach out to Council to decide which date is best.

Ms. Worley said our Department of Commerce Representative Bruce Naegelen will be coming in June to Council's Work Session to talk about Economic Development and our Strategic Plan. She said the cost would be about 59 dollars and he would work with a locally appointed work group to capture opinions. She said this would be about a 6 month process and then the group would meet with Council. She said this will update our Strategic Plan we already have and will add on economic development plan.

Councilmember Tim Brown asked if Chris Johnson is helping us as far as development in town and Mrs. Oldham said he is working with her to help get more industrial in town. She said until Midtown is further along we can't do very much with industrial development.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilmember Tim Brown and seconded by Councilmember David McGowan to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43pm.




EMILY MATTHEWS, CMC
Town Clerk


FLETA A. BYRD, Mayor