

**TOWN OF SELMA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2016**

PRESENT: Mayor Cheryl Oliver, Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy, Councilmember Tommy Holmes, Councilmember William Overby, Councilmember Mark Petersen, Town Manager Jon Barlow, and Town Attorney Alan “Chip” Hewett.

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Finance Director Karen Johnson, Planning/Economic Director Julie Maybee, Police Chief Richard Cooper, and Interim Town Clerk Brenda Thorne.

Fire Chief McDaniel entered the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

CONVOCATION: Mayor Oliver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Selma Jernigan Building and declared a quorum present.

Johnston County Commissioner Ted Godwin offered the invocation.

PLEDGE TO FLAG: Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Oliver stated that at the request of Charles Hester, item 6a. under Open Forum/Citizens’ Requests needed to be removed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mark Petersen and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes

Continued Council Meeting – June 20, 2016

Regular Council Meeting – July 12, 2016

Work Session Meeting – July 18, 2016

Councilmember Overby stated that there were many “to dos” in the minutes that needed to be captured and kept up with.

A motion was made by Councilmember William Overby and seconded by Councilmember Mark Petersen to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECOGNITIONS/
PRESENTATIONS –**

Police Chief Richard Cooper introduced new Police Officer Stephen “Will” Carter. He said that in June, Mr. Carter graduated from Wake Community College, and would be an asset to the Police Department. Chief Cooper stated that he was originally from

**Recognition of New
Police Officer Stephen
“Will” Carter:**

Indiana, but lives in Garner. He said that he has one little girl and a boy on the way. Chief Cooper stated that he has three years of college from N.C. State. He said that Officer Carter was a Marine Sergeant, and has had two tours of duty in 2007 and 2011 Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Recognition of New
Firefighter Ben Meyer:**

Town Manager Barlow stated that the Fire Department was on a call and would be present as soon as they could.

**OPEN FORUM/
CITIZENS’ REQUESTS-
Charles Hester, 409 E.
Griswold Street:**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**PLANNING &
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
UPDATE:**

**Andrew’s Way
Preliminary Plat
Approval – Wade
Eason:**

Planning Director Julie Maybee stated that this was for the consideration of a preliminary plat for Andrew’s Way subdivision. She said that the property owner, Mr. Wade Eason, and the engineer, Mr. Andrew Hodge, were present. Ms. Maybee stated that the property was located just off Buffalo Road. She said that Town Council has approved a variance from the sidewalk requirements and the curb and gutter requirements. Ms. Maybee stated that this site is located in a watershed. She said that they have provided all the information as required by ordinance for a preliminary plat approval. Ms. Maybee stated that the soils have been evaluated by the Johnston County Environmental Health Department, and the entrance location has been approved by the NCDOT. She said that the lot meets the minimum lot size, and would be served by a septic tank. Ms. Maybee stated that they have provided the restrictive covenants, which included the maintenance of the road. She said that the subdivision was located in the R-20 Zoning District, which include stick-built single-family homes, modular homes, double-wide and single-wide manufactured homes as a permitted use.

Ms. Maybee stated that the Planning Board considered this request at its July meeting, and by a five to one vote recommended approval of the request. She said that it was contingent on receiving the restrictive covenants and the homeowners’ association documents. Ms. Maybee stated that the maintenance of the road would be the responsibility of the property owner until it is turned over to NCDOT. She said that this proposed subdivision is in accordance with Selma’s Future Land Use Plan. Ms. Maybee stated that staff recommends approval.

Mayor Oliver questioned the nature of the one vote against.

Ms. Maybee stated that in her opinion, it was the receipt of the restrictive covenants, which have been provided.

Mayor Oliver asked what governs Andrew's Way signage and lighting.

Ms. Maybee stated that the fire hydrants have been looked at by the Fire Department. She said that the lighting would be served by Duke Power, which would set the lighting requirements. Ms. Maybee stated that the subdivision would be served by Johnston County water.

Mayor Oliver asked if the Andrew's Way signage comes into existence later.

Ms. Maybee stated that that as of now, it is proposed as a private street. She said that if it were a public street, NCDOT requirements would apply. Ms. Maybee stated that right now, it is going to be a private, paved street that would be maintained by the property owners.

Councilmember Petersen stated that the water approval was done back in 2009, and advised that it was good for two years. He asked if it has been updated.

Ms. Maybee stated that the Engineer, Mr. Andrew Hodge was present and would answer that question.

Mr. Andrew Hodge of Adams & Hodge Engineering, 335 Athletic Club Boulevard, Clayton, N.C. stated that the water permit had expired, which had a two-year limit. He said that they have talked with Johnston County, and have to resubmit the plans to make sure there were no new requirements. Mr. Hodge stated that the County would update it or reapprove it.

Councilmember Petersen asked if there was any change to there being a maximum of three-bedroom homes.

Mr. Hodge asked if that was for the septic layout.

Mr. Petersen stated that based on the information from the Johnston County Health Department, "Determinations were also based on the premise that no more than a three-bedroom single family residence will be located on each lot".

Mr. Hodge stated that was the way they generally look at all lots unless you specifically tell them there is going to be a four-bedroom house on it.

Mr. Petersen stated that these were huge lots to have a three-bedroom house.

Mr. Hodge stated that as far as he knew, those properties would have no more than a three-bedroom house.

A motion was made by Councilmember William Overby and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy to approve the preliminary subdivision plat for Andrew's Way. Motion carried unanimously.

**Selma Municipal Code,
Chapter 17 Revisions –
Progress Report:**

Planning Director Julie Maybee stated that going back to the Strategic Plan that one of the goals set by Council was creating a safe, viable, inviting Town for new and existing residents. She said that a strategy that was identified was the need to revise the Town's Development Regulations, which is key to economic growth. Ms. Maybee stated that the provisions were to be clear, consistent, user friendly, enforceable, and to comply with the General Statutes. Ms. Maybee provided Council with an update on where they were at on the ordinance revision, which was more than 50% complete. She said that at a future time, she would like to have a joint meeting between Town Council and the Planning Board to discuss the Administrative Procedures. Ms. Maybee stated that the update was moving along with the goal of completion still set for December.

Town Manager Barlow stated that they were at the point that they could go ahead and schedule the joint meeting for some time in August or September.

Mayor Oliver stated that the date for that joint meeting would be discussed at the same time as the work session.

**Economic Development
Update:**

Planning Director Maybee stated that today she took the opportunity for a windshield tour of the Town. She said that many things have occurred since the last update. Ms. Maybee reviewed photos of new businesses that are being created in Town. She said that there is a lot that has been happening. Ms. Maybee stated that they were close to growing to where they were in 2015, which was nearly \$21 million worth of capital investments in the Town. She said that so far for 2016, the Town was at \$9.5 million. Ms. Maybee stated that she thought that was through the vision of the Town Council, and having an environment that is proactive towards growth. She said that it was also having the support of administration, the Town Manager, and Town Attorney. Ms. Maybee stated that it took all the staff members and the community partners to bring about economic growth. She said that was how they were able to make progress. Ms. Maybee stated that the key for growth in our area is

having an ordinance that is user friendly. Ms. Maybee thanked Council for funding of the Chapter 17 rewrite so that the Town could move in that direction.

Planning Director Maybee reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that showed new businesses and older businesses reinvesting in their properties. She also discussed her trip to Covington, Georgia. Ms. Maybee advised Council that Selma would be impacted by the expansion projects at the pharmaceutical plants in Clayton.

Councilmember Overby stated that the presentation was great. He asked if they have taken the extra step to send a thank you note or letter to these businesses appreciating their effort of investing in bringing everything up.

Planning Director Maybee that one thing that the Appearance Committee was working on was recognizing businesses for improvements. She said that there were a number of those already on slate.

Mayor Oliver stated that mentioned at today's State of the Communities meeting that any point and time during the buildout in the pharmaceuticals, they were expecting about 3,500 workers there. She said that Selma has the opportunity to gain a lot from this.

**TOWN MANAGER'S
REPORT &
RECOMMENDATIONS –
Town of Selma Logo
Design Update:**

Town Manager Barlow stated that in the Town Council package was a conceptual redesign of the Town of Selma logo might look like. He said that this was the culmination of a project that the Marketing Committee started investigating back in 2015. He said that one of the Marketing Committee members was a graduate of Wake Tech Graphic Design School, and took the opportunity to use them as a class project to look at our logo. Mr. Barlow stated that five or six groups came to Selma to look at the Town's architecture, and made a presentation as to what some of their thoughts would be as to what an updated logo might look like for the Town. He said that over time, the Marketing Committee took a different direction. Mr. Barlow stated that as a group, working through what they thought would be an updated, cleaner logo. He said that it gone through the process with the Marketing Committee for quite some time, and was presented at both visioning sessions.

Town Manager Barlow stated that the gateway project was the big project that the Marketing Committee was working on, starting with the five main gateway entrances into Town. He said that before the money was spent on the "Welcome to Selma" signs, they thought it would be worth investigating what it needed to look like.

Town Manager Barlow stated that this was probably the first time Council had seen the logo, and asked for their feedback. He said that the Marketing Committee put a lot of time and effort into coming up with this design.

Councilmember Overby stated that the recommendation was to adopt the revised logo. He said that he did not think that they were at the point to adopt the logo.

Town Manager Barlow stated that they were at a point that if Council would like to adopt it, they could. He said that if there was something else they would like to see; he would like to hear it.

Councilmember Overby stated that he would like to understand the cost to do it. He said that he did not want to see the Town spend \$100,000 to change out its' logo.

Town Manager Barlow stated that up to this point, there has not been any expense. He said that the graphic design work has been done by the Johnston County Visitor's Bureau.

Councilmember Overby asked what was wrong with the one that they have now.

Town Manager Barlow stated that he did not have any notes other than the Johnston County Visitor's Bureau has \$10,000 in their budget to help with the entrance signs. He said that to implement as far as letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc. there would be a cost, and would get that for him.

Mayor Oliver stated that the costs could be staged in some manner so that it was not a huge amount all at once.

Councilmember Overby stated that he does not take that answer as a good answer, and does not see anything wrong with what they have now. He said that he did not know why they were pursuing a new logo. Councilmember Overby stated that he did not see any reason to make these changes. He said that they needed to spend the money and effort elsewhere, especially I and I.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy stated that it does not portray our original self. She asked if anything was going to put under it or is this what they are to accept.

Town Manager Barlow stated that this was the final conceptual design. He said that the tagline would be the next phase. Mr.

Barlow stated that if this were a go, the next phase would be a tagline to go with it. He said that there was still some more work to do.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lacy asked if it was incomplete.

Town Manager Barlow stated that they were at a point where it needed to be discussed before they went any further as far as the design of it, before any effort was into looking at the tagline. He said that there were gateway projects that the Marketing Committee was trying start. Mr. Barlow stated that the Committee wanted to look at what freshen and update the logo to make it more appealing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy stated that it needed to have something about the railroad.

Mayor Oliver stated that was in one of the depictions that Wake Tech had. She said that they did not want to lock in to just the railroad.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lacy stated that Selma was a railroad town. She said that if they were to include something with the railroad, it would be better.

Mayor Oliver stated that they could include the railroad in some of the banners that they have, but “Selma” would be in this type font and color for consistency.

Planning Director Maybee stated that the Marketing Committee went through many designs. She said that it was her understanding that they wanted to bring the design up to be more current. Ms. Maybee stated that because of the multi-colors on the Town’s billboards, the copy was difficult to see.

Councilmember Overby stated that they failed to put any cost.

Mayor Oliver stated that where the cost would come in at, if it were approved, would be a prioritization of a rollout. She said that there were a couple of places where the Town does not have gateway signs, and some places where the gateway signs are not in good condition or visible. Mayor Oliver stated that their thought was rather than repair those, to look at a refresh of the vision of it. She said that she thought the rollout schedule, which would have to be approved by Council, would be where cost would come into play.

Town Manager Barlow stated that to this point, there have been no costs for preparing it. He said that there was some money in the

budget this year for billboards along I-95. Town Manager Barlow stated that one of the people that do billboards have advised that the current logo is very hard to see with the colors that the Town has. He said that it was all tied together by trying to update it and over time place it on everything that the Town does. Town Manager Barlow stated that it would placed on vehicles, shirts, gateway entrances, etc. He said that it seemed to be a good time to take a look at it. Mr. Barlow stated that they wanted to have a fresh start because they are looking at the gateways, and doing some gateways in Town, and needed to tie together including the billboards.

Councilmember Holmes stated that they were jumping ahead of the cart. He said that the cost was one thing, and the citizens have had no say so.

Mayor Oliver stated that those at the visioning sessions did, but could extend that.

Councilmember Holmes stated that he was not going to vote on something with four to five people on a Committee makes the decision for the Town. He said that he wanted the citizens to be involved.

Mayor Oliver asked Councilmember Holmes for his recommendation on how to get that input.

Councilmember Holmes stated he would like to see it in the newsletter, and schedule a public hearing. He said that the public hearing needed to be scheduled out three or four months to give everyone a chance to look at it. Councilmember Holmes stated that he was not going to vote because they have no cost information.

Town Manager Barlow stated that if they would like to proceed with the idea that they would like to look at it some more and get more input, Council needed to deliberate on it.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lacy stated that they needed more time.

Councilmember Tommy Holmes made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember William Overby to table the logo design update until more information is presented to Council. Motion carried.

**Recognition of New
Firefighter Ben Meyer:**

Fire Chief Phillip McDaniel stated that he wanted to introduce the Town's new Firefighter Ben Meyer. He said that Mr. Meyer comes to Selma from the Wake Forest Fire Department with about nine years of experience.

Fire Chief McDaniel thanked Council. He said that this was a part of the growth that he has talked about for several years.

**Former Town Hall
Property Needs and Use
Assessment:**

Town Manager Barlow stated that Council requested that he take an in-depth look at the former Town Hall, and give some recommendations as to what the Town's needs would be. He said that it is currently used for storage by Finance, Administration, Recreation, and Human Resources. Mr. Barlow stated that needed to go through and purge. He said that after a certain amount of time, there were certain files that need to be disposed of. Mr. Barlow stated that Human Resource Files have to be kept for 30 years.

Councilmember Petersen asked if they could be digitized.

Town Manager Barlow stated that they could be digitized, but it was extremely expensive for the volume that the Town has. He said that it was something that the Town needed to consider going forward. Mr. Barlow suggested that Council consider surplusing the building. He said that the Town did not have any current needs for the building. Mr. Barlow stated that it was a key piece of real estate, and recommended that the Town lease or sell the property. He said that there were some statutory requirements that the Town would need to fulfill if Council did decide to sell the property.

Mr. Barlow stated that he would like to keep the second floor for storage, He said that after staff purges the records, office furniture, and IT equipment; and declare that surplus. Mr. Barlow stated that everything remaining could go on the second floor. He said that the Town does not have any facilities that size to store anything without having to pay for storage somewhere else. Town Manager Barlow stated that he did consider the old Coin Shop, but the Planning Director pointed out that would be against the Town's code to use the building as storage. He said that they could declare that surplus along with the old Town Hall building.

Councilmember Overby stated that it had not been rented in over three years.

Mayor Oliver stated that if Council was interested in selling the property, the Preservation North Carolina website lists properties. She said that she understood that developers that are interested in overhauling historic properties use that website, which might be a way of advertising it. Mayor Oliver stated that they list properties that are for sale, but did not know about properties that were for lease.

Town Manager Barlow stated that they could do it both ways. He said that it could be listed for sale, but also have a lease option.

Councilmember Petersen asked if the building was sold, what would the Town would use as storage.

Town Manager Barlow stated that the Town would have to rent some spaces. He said that the Town did not any space that would hold that volume.

Councilmember Holmes recommended that the Town keep the building for storage and rent the first floor out. He said that when they pull out all that equipment, they would have to buy another building to store everything. Councilmember Holmes stated that right now, they have a place to store it.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lacy asked if the website that Mayor Oliver discussed earlier would lease buildings.

Mayor Oliver stated that she was not sure. She said that the Preservation North Carolina has two parts to their website. Mayor Oliver stated that on one, they buy historic properties and list them for sale. She said that on the other, people that have historic properties to sell, they just put it up. Mayor Oliver stated that she would have to take another look.

Councilmember Overby asked Town Attorney Hewett since the old Coin Shop was a part of the other building if it could be separated and sold as a unit by itself.

Attorney Hewett stated that he thinks the answer is going to be no, because it is affixed to the existing building. He said that it would have to be subdivided and create a separate parcel. Attorney Hewett stated that he was not sure that it would meet the requirements of a separate parcel.

Councilmember Overby stated that when someone goes into the Coin Shop, there was no way to get into the old Town Hall building. He said that it was just like a building by itself.

Attorney Hewett stated that he would have to look at segregating it to see if he could create a complying lot. He said that it would be a minor subdivision.

Councilmember Overby stated that even though the Town had not rented the building in over three years, it would be a good place to put a business.

Mayor Oliver stated that folks have shown interest in the building, but none have followed through.

Councilmember Overby stated that he was okay with searching what is out there without making a total decision. He said that he wanted it to be looked at one more time to see what their options were and what could be done. Councilmember Overby stated that he was interested in what it would cost if they sold the building, and what it would cost to store items from that building including renting a building or bringing in of a storage unit in the back parking lot. He said that he wanted to be able to balance both. He asked if it were good to keep the building and not sell it, or buy storage.

Councilmember Petersen asked if they kept the building, what renovations needed to be done.

Town Manager Barlow stated that the two condensing units on the old side are out and need to be replaced. He said that the fan motor in the air conditioning unit on the Administration side needs replacing, which would be done within the next couple of weeks.

Councilmember Petersen asked about the roofing, and if there were any leaks.

Town Manager Barlow stated that he was not aware of any problems except for the back window that is upstairs. He said that he did not know when the last time that roof was replaced.

Councilmember Petersen stated that the Administrative offices in the old building had quite a bit of a mold problem, so water was getting in from somewhere.

Town Manager Barlow stated that the basement stays wet.

Mayor Oliver asked Town Manager Barlow to come back with some options for Town Council to look at as far as using the building for storage or selling the property.

Councilmember Overby asked that it be looked at for personnel use.

Town Manager Barlow stated that was one thing that was looked at as a group. He said that as of today, there were no needs.

**Revised Planner II Job
Description:**

Town Manager Barlow reviewed with Town Council the latest version of the Planner II job description, which incorporated some of the suggestions for the new person. He said that this person would take over the day-to-day operations of the Planner. Mr.

Barlow stated that this would allow Ms. Maybee to move more into Marketing and Economic Development. He said that the new Planner II position would now supervise Code Enforcement. Mr. Barlow stated that staff did incorporate the five-year's experience requirement. He said that this was posted in several locations, and as of today, they do not have anyone that has applied.

Town Manager Barlow recommended to Council that they adopt the Planner II job description as part of the Town's Job Classification Plan.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tommy Holmes and seconded by Councilmember William Overby to approve the Planner II job description to be included in the Town's Job Classification Plan. Voting Yes: Mayor Cheryl Oliver, Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy, Councilmember Tommy Holmes and Councilmember William Overby. Voting No: Councilmember Mark Petersen. Motion carried.

**Minimum Housing
Code/Boarded Up
Houses Update:**

Town Manager Barlow presented Council with several tables that listed properties that are currently open cases as far as code enforcement, blighted, unsafe buildings or structures. Mr. Barlow stated that there were 11 on the list, but now has 7 listed. He said that Johnston County Inspections Department does the entire Town's minimum housing code enforcement. Mr. Barlow stated that the dates were included on the tables in yellow as to when the County's inspector went out and did the exterior inspection of those structures. He said that they were not only looking at the boarded up house violation, but were doing a complete inspection looking for other violations of the minimum housing code. Mr. Barlow stated that the County was making good progress, and would give the Town an update on the remaining seven.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy stated that she had been approached by a family regarding an issue with bed bug infestation.

Town Manager Barlow stated that he had the address and would add that to the list.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lacy asked if the inspector would be able to go inside the boarded up houses.

Town Manager Barlow stated that when the building inspector gets notification of a minimum housing code violation, they could gain entry to make that inspection. He said that what the inspector wants is compliance. Mr. Barlow stated that they would make the owner

or tenant aware of the issue, which they might not be aware of other issues, but would go in and address them all at one time.

Mayor Oliver stated on some of these the report date was May 25th and were in mid-August, and were trying to get the inspections done. She said that from earlier comments there was a staff shortage, and asked what the expectation was around this.

Town Manager Barlow stated that Johnston County Chief Building Inspector Dean Barbour advised Planning Director Maybee that he was shorthanded. He said that Mr. Barbour has recently hired some new staff, and is making progress.

Mayor Oliver stated that if they were to report one tomorrow, did they have a general expectation of turn around or if it varied from case to case.

Planning Director Maybee stated that it depended upon their time. She said that in Johnston County there has been a lot of growth, and they get to Selma's needs as fast as they can. Ms. Maybee stated that there was a hearing process that they do have to follow. She said that they have to give the citizen the opportunity to bring the property into compliance.

Mayor Oliver asked that as the updates are available that they be placed in the back of the book or updated on the Town's website. She asked if the process was not working to let Council know.

Town Manager Barlow stated that the process seemed to be working much better since they were down to seven.

Financial Statements:

Town Manager Barlow stated that included in Council's packet were the financial statements for the first month of the fiscal year. He said that the tax revenues to not come in until later on in the year.

Mr. Barlow stated that the Water Fund revenue was at 8%; Sewer Fund revenue was at 9%; and the Electric Fund revenue at 8.5%. He said that all looked good.

Mr. Barlow stated that in the year-to-year comparison, the General Fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund received more revenue the first month of 2016-2017 than the first month of the previous fiscal year. He said that the Electric Fund was about half of what it was last year, but thought it was a timing issue of when the Town pays for power and when power was accounted for in the financial statements.

Councilmember Overby asked if the I and I project on Noble Street was complete.

Town Manager Barlow stated that they were supposed to finish July 31st, but were finishing some services this week. He said that it has gone really well, and have expanded the project. Mr. Barlow stated that they have not run into any concerns except for one area where the waterline was in the way of a new manhole. He said that was approved and funded within the project. Mr. Barlow stated that there should be a change order coming within the week to change the project upstream to include additional manholes that are feeding Noble Street. He said that they were going to be able to do a lot more on that project than they had originally thought.

Mayor Oliver stated that it was important to watch and trend the I and I. She said that at the next work session they were going to look at some SCADA reports.

Town Manager Barlow stated that they would have a question and answer session on what SCADA could do, and see what Council was looking for.

Mayor Oliver asked if there were reports that could automatically be generated from SCADA.

Town Manager Barlow stated that he was not sure, but would find out.

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S
REPORT:**

Town Attorney Hewett stated that he did not have anything to report on, but would like for Council to go into closed session at the end of this meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT &
RECOMMENDATIONS –
CSX Ditch Issues:**

Mayor Oliver stated that Council had previously discussed the CSX ditch issue where the water is ponding at the end of Webb Street. She said that she has escalated the issue with CSX, and they have acknowledged receipt of the request.

**Town Hall Dedication &
Open House:**

Mayor Oliver stated that a Town Hall dedication and open house has been discussed, but a date has not been set. She asked if Council would like to schedule it for one of the Gazebo Galleria Saturdays.

Councilmember Petersen suggested Railroad Days.

**Gazebo Galleria
Update: Next Event
August 20th:**

Mayor Oliver stated that the next Gazebo Galleria was scheduled for August 20th. She said that at the last event, there were a small number of vendors, but they were quality vendors with great

entertainment. Mayor Oliver stated that Parks and Recreation staff was to be commended for pulling the event off with short notice.

Mayor Oliver asked in parallel with the Gazebo Galleria on those Saturdays, have some other special event like a bike decorating contest or a chili cook off. She said that this would give people another reason to come.

**Bailey Feed Mill
Award:**

Mayor Oliver stated that the Johnston County Economic Development Commission awarded Bailey Feed Mill with their Partnership Award at the latest Commissioner's meeting.

Mayor Oliver stated that the Town of Selma needed an award to recognize businesses. She asked Council and staff to think of appropriate awards.

**Work Session with Rick
Hester Follow-Up:**

Mayor Oliver stated that Council met with Johnston County Manager Rick Hester in a work session to go over the sewer lines. She said that Councilmember Overby had asked for more clarification on the Pine Level and the Wilsons Mills end. Mayor Oliver stated that was going to be put together and presented to Council.

**Visioning Session
Follow-Up:**

Mayor Oliver stated that she was working on getting all the data put together from the Visioning Sessions, and would have that ready to present soon.

General Comments:

Mayor Oliver stated that the street resurfacing project has gone well.

Town Manager Barlow stated that S.T. Wooten was the contractor for that project. He said that they were pleased with their work.

Mayor Oliver stated that Council had discussed looking at other streets and putting those out for bid. She asked if that was in progress.

Town Manager Barlow stated that he needed to see where they are in putting next year's list together.

Councilmember Overby reminded Town Manager Barlow to exclude the areas where they know I and I issues are and would be tearing up the road.

**Date for August Work
Session:**

Mayor Oliver stated that two meetings needed to be scheduled, which included a joint Council and Planning Board meeting, and a Town Council Work Session.

After discussion by Council, a joint Town Council and Planning Board meeting was scheduled for August 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., and a Town Council Work Session was scheduled for August 23, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

**COUNCILMEMBERS’
REPORT &
RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Councilmember Holmes asked if an article was included in the newsletter regarding recognition of the Police Department.

Town Manager Barlow stated that there was an article.

Councilmember Holmes stated that on 9/11, the Smithfield Church of God was going to recognize all the Law Enforcement, Fire, and Rescue Squad with a luncheon at 12:00. He asked that everyone remember our Police Officers.

Councilmember Overby stated that on 9/11, Selma Original Freewill Baptist Church in Selma was going to do the same thing at 4:00. He said that they were going to recognize the Police Department, Fire Department, and Rescue Squad. He said that he anticipated closing off Lizzie Street for the kids to have fun as well.

Councilmember Overby stated that his next issue was the Civic Center. He said that as a Council, they need to take another look at that. Councilmember Overby stated that he would like for it to be added back to a Work Session agenda. He said that as of last week with that project being in process for eight months, they have only taken in \$20,000. He said that at that rate, it would take them 15 years to reach the \$300,000 goal.

Mayor Oliver stated that the corporate donations have just begun being solicited. She said that she knew that commitments have been made, and things would probably speed up.

Councilmember Overby stated that if it does not, he would like to see the property surplus and sold.

Mayor Oliver stated that Ms. Williams is scheduled to give an update at the September meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION –
NCGS 143-318.11(3) –
Litigation, 143-318.11(4)
Economic Development,
143-318.11(6)
Personnel:**

Town Attorney Hewett stated that the Town Council needed to go into closed session per North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(4) a matter regarding a pending litigation matter, 143-318.11(5) a matter of economic development, and 143-318.11(6) a personnel matter.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy and seconded by Councilmember William Overby to go into closed session. Motion carried unanimously. 7:21 p.m.

Town Council returned to regular session at 8:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember William Overby and seconded by Councilmember Tommy Holmes to approve the lease agreement for a hair salon for \$300 per month plus insurance at 103 East Anderson Street. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember William Overby and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

BRENDA W. THORNE, Interim Town Clerk