

**TOWN OF SELMA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JERNIGAN BUILDING  
110 E ANDERSON STREET  
OCTOBER 10, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Cheryl Oliver, Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy, Councilmember William Overby, Councilmember Mark Petersen, Town Manager Elton Daniels, and Town Attorney Alan “Chip” Hewett.

Councilmember Tommy Holmes was unable to attend tonight’s meeting because of illness.

**OTHER STAFF PRESENT:** Finance Director Karen Johnson, Planning/Economic Development Director Julie Maybee, Police Chief Richard Cooper, Fire Chief Phillip McDaniel, Recreation/Library Services Director Joe Carter, Electric Director Donald Baker, Deputy Town Clerk Jamie Whitley, and Town Clerk Brenda Thorne.

**CONVOCATION:** Mayor Oliver called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and declared a quorum was present.

Steve Reed of *The Selma News* led in prayer.

**PLEDGE TO FLAG:** Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy led in The Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Councilmember William Overby asked that under item 4a the September 12, 2017 Closed Session Minutes be removed.

Town Manager Elton Daniels requested that Item 5b – Recognition of New Employee Greg Lane be removed from the agenda. He asked for the addition of Item 9g – Transportation Improvement Project U-5795.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** **Minutes**  
Regular Meeting – September 12, 2017  
Continued Meeting – September 27, 2017

A motion was made by Councilmember Mark Petersen and seconded by Councilmember William Overby to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECOGNITIONS/  
PRESENTATIONS –  
Recognition of Retiring  
Town of Selma Employee  
Donnie Pate:**

Mayor Oliver read the following Resolution of Appreciation in Recognition of 25 Years of Service for Electric Line Crew Leader Donald Pate.

**RECOGNITION OF 25 YEARS OF SERVICE  
DONALD A. PATE  
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

**WHEREAS,** Donnie Pate will be retired on October 31, 2017 from the Electric Department as Electric Line Crew Leader for the Town of Selma, North Carolina, after 25 years of faithful service; and

**WHEREAS,** Donnie Pate began his tenure with the Town of Selma on November 8, 1989 in the Electric Department as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Lineman, and through the years worked his way up to Electric Line Crew Leader; and

**WHEREAS,** His retirement will create a loss of an extremely knowledgeable, competent, and experienced employee as well as the absence of a respected co-worker; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor, Selma Town Council, and citizens of Selma wish to express to Donnie Pate their deep appreciation and gratitude for the service rendered by him to the Town of Selma over the past years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Mayor Cheryl L. Oliver and the Town Council of the Town of Selma, North Carolina, express to Donnie Pate our deepest appreciation and gratitude for the dedicated service rendered during his 25-year tenure with the Town of Selma and offer him our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity, and good health in his future endeavors.

**DULY ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2017.**

**Recognition of New  
Employee Greg Lane:**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**Kelly Wallace – the  
Greater Smithfield/Selma  
Chamber of Commerce  
Presentation:**

Kelly Wallace of the Greater Smithfield/Selma Chamber of Commerce thanked Town Council for inviting her to present tonight and also thanked them for investing in the business community. She said that it was the Chamber's mission to promote and enhance the area's economic, educational, and social wellbeing. Ms. Wallace stated that this was done through business referrals, networking opportunities, marketing opportunities, educational seminars, and partnerships. She said that the Chamber could not achieve its mission without fostering relationships. Ms. Wallace stated that the Greater Smithfield-Selma Chamber was focusing on workforce development. She said that there was a lack of available skilled labor, and the Chamber was trying to address the situation. Ms. Wallace stated that the Chamber was working closely with the school system making them aware of the opportunities available.

Ms. Wallace stated that the Chamber wants to grow the Selma business base. She asked for everyone's help in encouraging businesses, and sharing the benefits of a Chamber membership. Ms. Wallace stated that the Chamber offers some discounts on marketing and workers' compensation that could be beneficial to some business members. She said that there were opportunities to engage through committees. Ms. Wallace presented to Town Council a sample of the Chamber's latest newsletter.

Ms. Wallace thanked Town Council for their partnership.

Councilmember Petersen stated that this past Friday was Manufacturer's Day. He said that he showed a webcast in one of his classes. Councilmember Petersen stated that one of the things talked about was the loss of manufacturing jobs because of the perception that many jobs are being outsourced overseas. He said that the country was not losing manufacturing jobs, but was actually losing the workforce. Councilmember Petersen stated that there were skilled jobs out there waiting for people, but the area does not have the workforce to accomplish those jobs. He said that a lot of the jobs were new types of manufacturing, and new skills being required. Councilmember Petersen stated that in about five years, there would be about two million jobs waiting for people that have the necessary skills. He said that these jobs do not always require a college degree. Councilmember Petersen stated that the U.S. is still the largest manufacturer in the world. He said that the a workforce needed to be developed so that they could go out and take these jobs. Councilmember Petersen thanked Ms. Wallace for her work with the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy also thanked Ms. Wallace. She said that schools need to be emphasizing the technology that is existing. Mayor Pro-Tem Lacy stated that students need to know that they have to be technically inclined to get these jobs.

Councilmember William Overby stated that they need to focus on the positive and not as much as the negative.

Ms. Wallace stated that Johnston County was ideal for manufacturing distribution with the highway infrastructure, rail, and proximity to everything else along the east coast. She said that Johnston County should embrace and nurture that, and then look at how they could develop the future workforce. Ms. Wallace stated that it could have a significant impact on Johnston County and adjacent communities as well.

Mayor Oliver stated that more discussion about how education and the workforce come together is being heard in many communities. Mayor Oliver thanked Ms. Wallace for coming out tonight.

**Presentation by American Legion Post 141 to the Selma Civic Center:**

Tom Small, Treasurer for American Legion Post 141 of Selma, stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Oliver and the Town Council for purchasing the old American Legion building and turning it into a Civic Center. He said that they were glad to see the building live on and provide an asset to the community. Mr. Small stated that the American Legion wanted to return a small amount of the money that was paid for the building. Ms. Small presented Ann Williams with a check from the American Legion Post 141 in the amount of \$1,000.00.

American Legion members present: Tom Small, Kyle Yarboro, Sheryl Anderson, Norvan Brown, Steve Brown, C.J. Ellis, Johnny Wheeler, and Councilmember Mark Petersen.

Mayor Oliver thanked the American Legion for their past and current service in the community.

**OPEN FORUM/  
CITIZENS' REQUESTS:**

No one was present to address Town Council.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS –  
Public Comments  
Regarding the Purchase of  
the Selma Pool Located at  
212 W. Griswold Street –  
Jean Kelly, 310 Ricks  
Road, Selma:**

Jean Kelly of 310 Ricks Road stated that she serves on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club. Ms. Kelly presented a slide show of Boys and Girls Club members swimming at the pool. She said that the pool was closed last summer, and was missed by the kids. Ms. Kelly asked Town Council to notice that there were several of the kids that do not own bathing suits, which indicates how precious this opportunity to go swimming is. Ms. Kelly asked Town Council to consider purchasing the pool.

**Ann Williams, 405 N.  
Massey Street, Selma:**

Ann Williams of 405 North Massey Street stated that her parents were charter members and helped build it. She said that she visited the pool about every day for about six years. Ms. Williams stated that Selma had a swimming team that practiced from 6 am to 9 am before the pool opened. She said that every kid needs to learn to swim. Ms. Williams stated that a comment had been made at a prior meeting that this was the only public pool in Johnston County. She said that the Aquatic Center in Smithfield is a public pool. Ms. Williams stated that it is by membership. She said that it would cost between \$40 to \$50 for an individual membership. Ms. Williams stated that the pool was enclosed for year-around use. She said that the Aquatics Center has a drop-in rate of about \$8 per person per day. Ms. Williams stated that the Aquatics Center is operated by the Smithfield Parks and Recreation Department.

Ms. Williams stated that she would like to see the Town to accept the property. She said that she would like to see the Town of Selma have what the Town of Smithfield has, which is a pool that can operate, and children in this Town can learn to swim.

**Molly Stone-Sapir, 301  
North Brevard Street,  
Selma:**

Molly Stone-Sapir of 301 North Brevard Street stated that she was currently serving on the Selma Parks and Recreation Committee. She said that as a seven year old growing up in Washington, DC, her neighborhood consisted of people from different countries that all spoke a different language, wore different clothing, and all ate different food. Ms. Stone-Sapir stated that being a seven year-old at this new school was intimidating and struggled to make new friends. She said that her family began to spend a lot of time at the public pool. Ms. Stone-Sapir stated that the public pool was an affordable way for her parents to keep her and her four siblings entertained and out of trouble. She said that the pool gave her the opportunity to make two new best friends. Ms. Stone-Sapir stated that Selma was a Town full of diverse people with varying experiences, and much to learn from and teach one another. She said that a community pool that can provide an affordable, safe, not to structured place for all kids to play together would be a place for friendships to flourish and for lifelong memories to be made. Ms. Stone-Sapir stated that Selma has an opportunity to open a resource like this in our community feels as if it would be a chance for Selma to take its own tiny step towards making things better everywhere.

Town Attorney asked if Ms. Carol Harper could give some input as to the membership and ownership of the pool before the public hearing is closed.

Mayor Oliver stated Ms. Carol Harper spoke at the September meeting, and was asked to attend tonight's meeting. Mayor Oliver stated that she received a phone call this morning from someone who considers themselves a current stockholder of the pool, and was not one of the people named in the presentation or documentation. She said that Ms. Harper could speak to how the four names surfaced, and help Council understand the membership.

**Carol Harper, 45 Linda  
Lane, Selma, NC:**

Ms. Harper stated that 200 families put the money together to build this pool in the 1950's. She said that over the years, memberships declined and stock became too expensive. Ms. Harper stated that stock was \$300 and a membership was \$300. She said that families could not afford to pay that so they did away completely with the stock. Ms. Harper stated that a person who had stock and did not pay his/her dues consecutively for two years, the stock would become null and void. She said at that time the pool dues were \$150 and the stock was \$300, so \$150 and \$150 is \$300. Ms. Harper stated that is was in the bylaws that if you do not pay your dues for

two consecutive years then the stock is null and void. She said that when she purchased her stock 20 years ago, she bought it from someone that did not want to be a member any longer. Ms. Harper stated that she paid \$300 for it and paid \$150 in dues. She said that she has kept her stock active for the past 20 years. Ms. Harper stated that if someone has come forward stating that they still have their stock certificate and have not paid their dues for two consecutive years that stock is null and void.

Mayor Oliver stated that Town Attorney Hewett received a copy of the bylaws today, and asked if the statement regarding the two consecutive years was in the bylaws.

Both Mayor Oliver and Carol Harper stated that they have been contacted by possible stockholders.

Ms. Harper stated that they needed to go back in the records to determine if these people that were coming forth were current stockholders.

Attorney Hewett stated that he was unable to find the two-year part.

Ms. Harper stated that this was something that she could look into. She said that this was a non-profit organization, and thought that these individuals would be in agreement to let the Town have the property.

Councilmember William Overby asked when was the last time the pipe system under the pool was replaced.

Ms. Harper stated that she did not know. She said that she did not know anything about underground, and did not know a lot about the pumps inside. Mr. Harper stated that a new one was purchased a couple of years ago. She said that when the pool is filled, it is filled with fire hoses and not Town water. Ms. Harper stated several years ago, an engineer came out to the pool to check the drains, and was told that the pool was in very good shape.

Attorney Hewett stated that according to the records for the corporation, there are only four surviving shareholders, which are the four individuals that signed the contract.

Ms. Harper stated that according to their records that was correct.

Mayor Oliver asked Ms. Harper if she could find the latest set of bylaws.

Ms. Harper stated that she would.

A motion was made by Councilmember William Overby and seconded by Councilmember Mark Petersen to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. 6:33 p.m.

**PLANNING &  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT –  
Blighted Property Update:**

Planning/Economic Development Director Julie Maybee gave a PowerPoint presentation and provided the following updates on blighted properties from the September Council meeting.

- 404 South Brevard Street – Town Attorney Hewett has provided staff with a title opinion. Multiple property owners were identified and conversation has occurred about what is going to be done with this property. Staff is trying to find an effective way to get the property owners to bring the property into compliance.

Attorney Hewett stated that one family member resigned from handling the property, but another has stepped forward to take over the property. He said that the property has some code issues, but is not to the point of a demolition.

Councilmember Overby asked how much time would be given.

Attorney Hewett stated that at this point there has not been a deadline established. He said that if Town Council wants to communicate that, there is a channel of communication to do that.

Mayor Oliver stated that rather than letting it linger, there is an ordinance in the Town's Code regarding boarded windows, and recommended using that to push the action forward.

- 816 South Sumner Street – Has met the maximum fine threshold of \$1,000, and has been turned over to the Town Attorney.

Fire Chief McDaniel stated that the family has contacted him about receiving the paperwork, but has not heard back from them since.

Mayor Oliver asked if there was a target date for getting back with Fire Chief McDaniel.

Ms. Maybee stated that the case has been turned over to the Town Attorney. She said that they are trying to come up with a solution to help abate the problem.

- 507 North Pollock Street – Obtained an electrical permit on September 8, 2017. They have six months to start work. If it is discontinued for more than a year, the permit expires.
- 603 River Road – Considerable progress has been made bringing the property up to compliance. Renovations are almost complete with plans for other properties in the area.
- 624 South Massey Street – Permits (building, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical) obtained October 20, 2016. The permit is still valid, but will expire soon if no work has been done. Follow-up will be done in December.
- 900 West Railroad Street – Staff was asked to verify if anyone was living in the structure. As of this afternoon, no one was in the house, and there are no utilities turned on to the structure.
- 106 Dr. Martin Luther King Way – Currently working with the property owner and Fire Department. According to Fire Chief McDaniel, the family member that has Power of Attorney of the property has given them a release to burn. At this time, they are waiting on an asbestos report. If it comes back as having asbestos, the property owner would be responsible for having it removed. If the report were to come back negative, it would take about 45 days to burn.
- 624 South Massey Street – Permits have been obtained and have not expired at this time.
- 109 West Waddell Street – Handicap ramp has been removed. There was an open permit, but it has expired. This will be discussed at the next Historic Properties Commission meeting for possible demolition by neglect. Because this is a historic building, Dervin Spell is researching grants for restoration of this building.
- 409 North Sellers Street – Initial complaint was work being done without a permit on April 6, 2015. On April 13, 2015, the owner obtained zoning and building permits on the property.
- 902 West Anderson Street – The structure was declared unsafe in 2015. There was a transition in staff with Johnston County. Again, the structure has been declared unsafe, and follow-up will occur with that.

**TOWN MANAGER'S  
REPORT &  
RECOMMENDATIONS –**

Town Manager Elton Daniels stated that there was a lot of discussion about the pool tonight. He said that staff requests that

**Consideration of an Agreement for the Purchase of the Selma Pool at 212 W. Griswold Street:**

Town Council deliberate on the purchase of the Selma pool with consideration of some of the information gathered tonight.

Mayor Oliver stated that what might be the best thing to do is to agree to accept the property, but not commit to any intended use. She said that there was the membership question, and they were still awaiting answers to questions about the pool itself. Mayor Oliver stated that Councilmember Overby had a question about when the last time was the infrastructure of the pool had been maintained. She said that they were not sure of a policy, and what the cost would be to the Town to have a pool. Mayor Oliver stated that more due diligence was needed. She said tonight, they do not understand the ongoing cost of a pool. Mayor Oliver stated for that reason she would suggest accepting the property without locking into an intended use.

Councilmember Overby asked if the amount they were talking about was for taxes.

Attorney Hewett stated that it was for taxes and a past due utility bill.

Councilmember Overby asked if everything is wiped off the books, and the property becomes Selma's. He said that the earnest money was throwing him off.

Town Attorney Hewett stated that was to make the contract binding, and give the Town time to do additional due diligence. He said that if the Town decided not to purchase the pool, the money would go back to the Town.

Mayor Oliver stated that the Town would be spending \$500 in the earnest money.

Attorney Hewett stated that in order to trigger the contract dates, the earnest money deposit once paid gives consideration for it. He said that it keys in the Town's examination period and gives the Town the ability to go in and do additional due diligence. Attorney Hewett stated that if the Town decides during its examination period (the day of the contract out 30 days) that it does not want to buy the property, the Town would terminate the contract and would get the \$500 earnest money back.

Mayor Oliver questioned if the Town should purchase the property, the \$500 earnest money would go towards the cost of the property.

Attorney Hewett stated that was correct, and there was nothing in the contract that obligates the Town to any proposed use.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy asked if the Town should do the earnest funds, would the property be Selma's for a certain length of time.

Attorney Hewett stated that it would not be the Town's. He said that the \$500 validates the contract because the sellers have already signed the contract. Attorney Hewett stated that the only lacking part was acceptance, which means Town Council would vote to accept or deny it. He said that if the Town should accept it, the Town would sign off on it, pay the \$500 to acquire the right to additional examination and due diligence. Attorney Hewett stated that this gives the Town 30 days to determine if it wants to buy the property.

Councilmember Petersen asked if that would give them enough time to find about the other stockholders.

Attorney Hewett stated that it should.

Councilmember William Overby stated that he was in favor of a Town pool, but there were some unknowns. He said that they need to look at the number of kids versus the number of required lifeguards. He said that the Town would need to employ people to be there. Councilmember Overby stated that liability of operating a pool was something they should also see.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy stated that she agreed with accepting and keeping it as a pool. She said that kids need to know how to swim. Mayor Pro-Tem Lacy stated that many people come to Selma saying there is nothing to do. She said that this would give these people something to do. Mayor Pro-Tem Lacy stated that she hoped that Town Council would consider keeping this pool. She said a lifeguard position for a high school student would be good. Mayor Pro-Tem Lacy stated that there were a lot of pros.

Mayor Oliver stated that nothing in the agreement was mentioned regarding intended use, but questioned Page 2 where Intended Use was defined.

Attorney Hewett stated that in terms of the representation of the seller as to what it can be used. He said if the Town acquires title to it, there is no obligation in the contract for the Town to continue the use of the property as a pool. Attorney Hewett stated that it meets its current intended use. He said that could be confirmed.

Councilmember Overby stated that he would like to make sure, because if the Town tries to operate the pool and it does not work, the Town could go another direction and do something else.

Attorney Hewett stated that he did not want Town Council to lock into the \$4,670.05 price. He said that there would be additional interest on the property taxes.

Mayor Oliver asked if there was an estimate on the additional interest.

Attorney Hewett stated that it should not be a large amount, but there would be an increase.

Councilmember Overby asked if that was for the County and Town taxes.

Attorney Hewett stated that it was.

Councilmember Petersen stated that he would like for the Town to authorize the earnest money and validate the contract which would give the Town 30 days to do its due diligence. He said that if the Town needed to have someone come in to inspect the piping and inspect for intended use, this would give the opportunity to do so. He said that this would give the opportunity to find out if there were any other stockholders. He recommended that the Town go ahead and do it.

Councilmember Overby stated that he would second that if he could be provided a date of when the 30 days start.

Town Attorney Hewett stated that the 30 days would begin tomorrow, October 11, 2017.

Councilmember Overby asked Town Manager Daniels if there was someone that can do what they are asking.

Town Manager Daniels stated that Recreation Director Joe Carter has already started a lot of that work. He said that with regards to the new information tonight about stockholders, he would have to have the Town Attorney to do the title work. Mr. Daniels stated that once that information is received, it would be brought back to Town Council. He said that he did not know how long the title work would take, but staff has already started looking into the condition of the pool.

Attorney Hewett stated that the title work is done. He said that the pool has owned it for a long time. Attorney Hewett stated that the

ownership was fine. He said that they need to verify who is on the membership roll.

A motion was made by Councilmember Petersen and seconded by Councilmember William Overby to authorize the earnest money and validate the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of a Narcan  
Policy for the Selma Police  
Department:**

Town Manager Elton Daniels stated that the nation was facing an opioid crisis. He said that the Narcan would allow officers to stop the fatality rate. Mr. Daniels stated that many municipalities and counties across the nation are implementing similar policies. He said that officers would go through training to be certified to administer this medication.

Police Chief Richard Cooper stated that included in the Town Council packet was a five-page policy. He said that there was a growing opiate crisis across the nation. Police Chief Cooper stated that Dr. Pearson sent out a memo asking for a meeting on November 3, 2017 with community leaders regarding the increasing opiate related deaths throughout Johnston County. He said that in 2015, Johnston County had 23 opiate related deaths and 6 heroin-poisoning deaths (numbers were not available for 2016). Police Chief Cooper stated that as far as cost, the medicine was \$40 per dose and would go into six patrol units. He said that the medication has a shelf life of two years; therefore, it would be replaced every other year. Police Chief Cooper stated that there were grants available to receive the product for free. He said that Police Officer Vause would do the training, who is also a part-time paramedic with Johnston County EMS.

Mayor Oliver asked if Clayton uses this policy.

Police Chief Cooper stated that this was the exact same policy that the Town of Clayton uses. He said that Officer Vause came from Clayton, and he actually helped with establishing their policy.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mark Petersen and seconded by Councilmember William Overby to approve the policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager Daniels asked Police Chief Cooper to review the Halloween Trick or Treating guidelines.

Police Chief Cooper stated that Halloween would be on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for children 12 years of age and under. He said that this information would be included in the October Selma Tracks Newsletter.

**Consideration of Bids for  
DOT Ricks Road Project:**

Town Manager Elton Daniels stated that bids were opened on October 3, 2017 regarding the Ricks Road Project. He said that staff is requesting that the bid be awarded to T&D Solutions in the amount of \$272,214.28. He said that this work would be at little or no cost for the Town.

Electric Director Donald Baker stated that this was the Ricks Road Project, but it was actually three projects in one. He said the three projects included the Water Plant upgrade, the Ricks Road and the Buffalo Road Projects. Mr. Baker stated that one of the projects was so small staff was afraid that it would not receive any bids. He said that this is to cover the cost of all three projects of which two projects would be reimbursed by NCDOT. Mr. Baker stated that this project was included in the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget.

Councilmember Overby stated that two of the three projects were going to be funded by NCDOT. He asked how much the third project was going to be.

Mr. Baker stated that in was in the packet, which he did not have with him. Mr. Baker estimated the third project to be about \$100,000.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mark Petersen and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy to approve the bid by T&D Solutions in the amount of \$272,214.28. Motion carried unanimously. Voting Yes: Mayor Cheryl Oliver, Councilmember Mark Petersen, and Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy. Voting No: Councilmember William Overby. Motion carried.

**Update on Street Sweeper:**

Town Manager Elton Daniels stated that there have been questions from citizens regarding the street sweeper. He said that it was originally estimated that repairs would not be complete for a couple of months. Mr. Daniels stated that the Town has received notification from the manufacturer that the parts are on the way. He said that the street sweeper should be operational by the end of October.

**Budget Amendments –  
Budget Ordinance  
Amendment #8:**

Town Manager Elton Daniels stated that this budget amendment was in the amount of \$13,141.57, which was the recognition of funds received from the insurance company for the totaled truck in the Electric Department.

A motion was made by Councilmember William Overby and seconded by Councilmember Mark Petersen to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #8. Motion carried unanimously.

**TOWN OF SELMA  
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT # 8  
FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Selma, County of Johnston, State of North Carolina, and Meeting in Budget Session this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017 that the Town Budget adopted on June 22, 2017, for FY 2017/2018 is hereby amended and adopted:

Section I. To amend the Electric Fund (Fund 63) for unanticipated/unbudgeted revenues and expenses during FY 2018. The Town's Electric Funds (Fund 63) accounts are to be amended as follows:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
63-3350-0000 Miscellaneous Revenue (R)		13141.57 Increase
63-7220-5400 Cap. Outlay - Equipment (E)	13141.57	Increase

Section II. Copies of this Budget Ordinance Amendment shall be furnished to the Town Clerk, the Budget Officer, and the Finance Officer, and shall be available for public inspection and audit.

**DULY ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2017.**

**Budget Ordinance  
Amendment #9:**

Town Manager Elton Daniels stated that this budget amendment was for the transfer of funds received for the Civic Center to the Civic Center designated line item. He said that those funds were not in the Civic Center account. Mr. Daniels stated that staff was recognizing those revenues and placing them in the proper account.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mark Petersen and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #9. Motion carried unanimously.

**TOWN OF SELMA  
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT # 9  
FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Selma, County of Johnston, State of North Carolina, and Meeting in Budget Session this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017 that the Town Budget adopted on June 22, 2017, for FY 2017/2018 is hereby amended and adopted:

Section I. To amend the General Fund (Fund 10) for unanticipated/unbudgeted revenues and expenses during FY 2018. The Town's General Funds (Fund 10) accounts are to be amended as follows:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
10-3833-0003 Don. to Selma Civic (R)		24300.00 Increase
10-4190-3512 Selma Civic Ctr Renov. (E)	77529.73	Increase

10-3990-0000 Fund Balance Appropriated 53229.73 Increase

Section II. Copies of this Budget Ordinance Amendment shall be furnished to the Town Clerk, the Budget Officer, and the Finance Officer, and shall be available for public inspection and audit.

**DULY ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2017.**

**Financial Reports:**

Finance Director Karen Johnson stated that with the Town being in the third month of the fiscal year, the Town was pretty much on target in some of the funds. She said that in the General Fund Revenues, the Town received 50% of its Powell Bill funds. Ms. Johnson stated that the other revenues were in the average. She said that in the General Fund expenditures, there were a few departments that exceeded their expenditures, but some of those were due to items that are paid at beginning of the fiscal year.

Town Manager Daniels clarified that “exceeds” did not mean exceed the budget, but meant exceeded this time year-to-date.

Ms. Johnson stated that the Water Fund, Sewer Fund, and Electric Funds were on target.

Ms. Johnson stated in the General Fund, more property taxes were received last year than this year. She said that in the vehicle taxes, more revenue has been collected this year than last year.

Mr. Daniels stated that this was due to how vehicle taxes are done now. He said that when someone gets a new car all the fees are combined. Mr. Daniels stated that hopefully that number would continue to rise as citizens continue to purchase new vehicles.

**Railroad Days Update:**

Town Manager Daniels thanked Recreation/Library Services Director Joe Carter and staff for their hard work during Railroad Days. He said that one employee who was in charge of the helicopter rides was involved in an accident earlier that morning; however, the pilot was unable to attend because of a family matter. Mr. Daniels stated that he enjoyed Railroad Days. He said that he and his family enjoyed the Chew Chew Food Truck Rodeo and the Welcome Reception that were held the night before.

**Transportation Project  
U-5795:**

Town Manager Daniels stated that this was a project that Town Council has been working on for quite some time. He said that it actually coincides with some of the Work that Mr. Baker was discussing, which would be happening on Ricks Road. Mr. Daniels stated that this portion was the widening of Ricks Road to three lanes and sidewalks. He said that Selma’s portion of the project was going to be 20%.

Councilmember Petersen stated that he still questions the necessity of having sidewalks on both sides of Ricks Road.

Mayor Oliver stated that she saw it as part of a larger plan where a gateway is being built into Town. She said that there was a sidewalk project on Highway 301 that would merge into this. She said that she sees people walking and pushing strollers in the street. Mayor Oliver stated what they did not know was how many more people would walk if they had sidewalks to walk on.

With no further comments, a motion was made by Councilmember William Overby and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy to approve the Transportation Improvement Project Municipal Agreement of Betterments Project U-5795. Voting Yes: Mayor Cheryl Oliver, Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy and Councilmember William Overby. Voting No: Councilmember Mark Petersen. Motion carried.

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S  
REPORT:**

Attorney Hewett did not have anything to report on.

**MAYOR'S REPORT &  
RECOMMENDATIONS –  
Proclamation by  
Governor Roy Cooper for  
Public Power Week:**

Mayor Oliver read the following Proclamation by Governor Roy Cooper for Public Power Week, October 1 – 7, 2017.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ROY COOPER  
GOVERNOR  
PUBLIC POWER WEEK  
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**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF  
NORTH CAROLINA  
A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, public power is a crucial component of cities and towns across North Carolina, contributing to the overall health of communities by providing reliable electricity, excellent local service, and prompt restoration; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's more than 70 public power cities and towns are among more than 2,000 across the country; public power meets the electric needs of 40 million Americans, almost 15 percent of electricity consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, many of North Carolina's public power cities and towns have been electric providers for more than 100 years; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina public power communities illuminate the homes and workplaces of 1.2 million people across the state, more than the populations of Raleigh and Charlotte combined; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina’s public power utilities are valuable assets that contribute to the well-being of the community and provide economic development opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina’s public power utilities are dependable institutions that are committed to providing excellent service; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes Public Power Week to commend our state’s public power cities and towns for their outstanding contributions to our communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 1 – 7, 2017 as **“PUBLIC POWER WEEK”** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

**Public Information  
Sharing Sessions for I-95  
and Highway 70  
Interchange:**

Mayor Oliver stated that Town Council discussed at its last meeting the changes that would occur along Highway 70 as Highway 70 becomes Interstate 42. She said that there would be many changes along the way to bring Highway 70 up to interstate standards. Mayor Oliver stated that the Town of Selma gets involved at the Buffalo Road interchange and the I-95/Highway 70 interchange. She said that since Selma was impacted in two areas, she has asked a person to present a brief overview of the Feasibility Study. Mayor Oliver stated that this session would be on October 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. She said that something else that they have been wanting to do was to have a meeting with Representative Larry Strickland. Mayor Oliver stated that Representative Strickland would begin at 7:00 p.m. with an overview of major legislation that would be of interest to Selma.

**NCLM Conference and  
Triangle J Regional  
Summit:**

Mayor Oliver stated since the last meeting she and Town Manager Daniels attended the NCLM Conference and the Triangle J Regional Summit. She said that at the NCLM Conference, she was in one meeting about promoting what the Town has and getting that message out. Mayor Oliver stated that the Triangle J Conference talked about community engagement that she would share later.

Town Manager Daniels stated that what stood out to him was how municipalities work together on certain projects, and was something that he hoped that Selma could do. He said that from a marketing standpoint, there were a lot of things in store regarding the

rebranding of Selma and revitalizing uptown. Mr. Daniels stated that he has several meetings scheduled regarding the potential of grant funding, as well as the Main Street Program.

**Event Marketing:**

Mayor Oliver stated that many people have put in a lot of work for events in Selma, but sometimes the attendance is small. Mayor Oliver requested an analysis of the media reach to see where they are advertising and who was the target audience.

Councilmember Overby stated that the Town should publicize the new business coming downtown. He said that the citizens of Selma should also be acknowledged. Councilmember Overby stated that the Town should have some way of marketing it so people would know.

Town Manager Daniels stated that this is one of the items on his vision board. He said that he hoped to see a turnaround on that shortly.

**General Comments:**

Mayor Oliver thanked every department for its involvement in Railroad Days. She said that the additional pieces that were brought in made it special on this 150<sup>th</sup> year.

Mayor Oliver stated that on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. the Town of Smithfield is having its Ghost Walk in Riverside Cemetery. She said that the Ghost Walk was being expanded this year, and would include folks from around Johnston County. Mayor Oliver stated that she has been asked to do the part of Blanche Mitchener.

**COUNCILMEMBERS'  
REPORT &  
RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Councilmember Overby asked for an update on the bulk trash pickup throughout the Town.

Town Manager Daniels stated that there have been some concerns with regards to the bulk pickups. He said that a supervisor from Waste Industries' corporate office road with one of its drivers on Monday. Mr. Daniels stated that drastic improvements were seen, and hoped that does not have to occur all the time. He said that he was working with the Public Services Director Alex Fuller to create some ways in which staff could assist to make sure everything is being picked up when it should. Mr. Daniels stated that he has noticed that Waste Industries is a five-year contract. He said that in previous positions he has renegotiated those type contracts. Mr. Daniels stated that Town Council should see some drastic improvements moving forward.

Councilmember Overby stated that sometime in the past, he requested cost information on Selma going back into the business of picking up its own garbage. He said that the Town was spending

over \$500,000 annually for Waste Industries to pick up garbage. Councilmember Overby stated that this was the second time that Selma has called in to find out why bulk was accumulating on the streets.

Councilmember Petersen stated that Railroad Days was a phenomenal event. He said that he wanted to commend Joe Carter, Joni Hubble-Zeneberg, and Melissa Dooley for the job they did. He said that the Chew Chew Food Truck Rodeo event on evening before Railroad Days was very nice.

Councilmember Petersen stated that he had not heard anything regarding Selma Precision Forge in sometime.

Town Manager Daniels stated that there were some economic development issues that would need to be discussed in closed session.

Councilmember Petersen stated that he was happy to move forward on the pool. He said that he thought it was an excellent opportunity for the Town.

Mayor Oliver stated that she wanted to piggyback on the comments regarding the Chew Chew Food Truck Rodeo. She said that when possible, pair events with other functions. Mayor Oliver stated that the Food Truck Rodeo was paired with the events at the Ice House, and both events were successful.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy thanked Joe Carter and Joni Hubble-Zeneberg for an awesome Railroad Days. She said this was one of the things that Council has talked about, which was recognizing people that do great jobs.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Lacy asked Council to not let the pool go down the drain. She said that the Town needs the pool.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Town Council did not have anything to discuss in closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.