

MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL

April 14, 2026

Whitsett Town Hall Building

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at the Whitsett Town Hall. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice, Council Members Craig York and Lee Greeson. Also present were Town Administrator Karen Horne and three citizens.

Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present. He asked Council Member Lee Greeson to give the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

1. Adoption of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting

- Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice asked if he had a motion to accept the minutes from the March 10, 2026, Regular Meeting. Council Member Craig York made the motion to accept the March minutes. Council Member Lee Greeson seconded the motion. The adoption of the March 10, 2026, the Regular Town Council Meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
- Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice asked if he had a motion to accept the minutes from the March 10, 2026, Public Hearing. Council Member Craig York made the motion to accept the Public Hearing minutes. Council Member Lee Greeson seconded the motion. The adoption of the March 10, 2026, Public Hearing minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

2. Update on Well and New System

- Council Member Lee Greeson informed the council that all the work has been completed. They had to do a little extra work to give more water pressure to the fire department. Mr. Greeson felt that the charge for increasing the water pressure should be paid by the fire department since they were the only one have issues with the water pressure. Town Administrator Karen Horne added that the company had to return to the Town Hall because they neglected to lower the pump as we asked them to do. There was not enough reserve in the 20 gallon pressure tank to give the appropriate pressure to the fire department. The company suggested there be two new pressure tanks added to the system and the fire chief stated this needed to be done. The company put in the new tanks and the fire department reports that the water pressure is great now.

3. Update on Ballfield Bathroom

- Council Member Craig York reported that the bathrooms are still being reviewed by the Guilford County Health Department. Guilford County has made a proposal on what to do with the septic tank to bring it up to code. The quote was between \$8,000 and \$10,000. Gerald Clapp feels like he can get the tank up to code for a lot lower cost. Mr. York is still waiting to hear from Mr. Clapp.

4. Update on Town Hall Reno Project

- Council Member Craig York made the Council aware that the money from the Restoration Grant needs to be spent by the end of June. The structural engineer is coming soon to make a plan on how to secure the upstairs floors.

5. Town Hall Security Monitoring System

- Council Member reported that a representative had come to look at what we need at the Town Hall front door so the doors can stay locked, and the staff can see who is at the door needing to enter the building. Mr. York also discussed new doors for the building with this representative and hopefully will get a quote soon from them.

6. Landscaping Update

- After the Council looked at the front lawn of the Town Hall to see what they would like to have done at the Town Hall. They would like to remove the dead bush as well as the bush on the other side of the sign near the sign and trim the boxwoods. They also want it to be mulched

7. Any Other Old Business

- Mayor Pro Tem Rice asked if there were any further Old Business and there was none.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board

- No Meeting

Enforcement Officer

- No business to discuss

Town Administrator

Update on Hudson Way DCC's

- Town Administrator Karen Horne informed the Council that Hudson Way has put porta johns along the main road of the development, they have all their permits, so they are ready to start putting in houses. They have DCC's for up to six units.

NEW BUSINESS

Financials

- Mayor Pro Tem Rice presented the P&L sheet in the Council packets to the Council. He asked if there were any questions and there were none.
- The Council also had a Budget Amendment in their packets to review and ask any questions. Council Member Lee Greeson made a motion to approve the budget amendment and Council Member Craig York seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Also in the Council packets was a copy of the proposed General and Water budgets for 2026-2027. Mr. Rice asked that the Council carefully review those budgets and ask any questions or make any suggestions regarding them at the next meeting.

Set Date for Public Hearing

- Council Member Lee Greeson made a motion to set the date for the Public Hearing to review the 2026-2027 proposed General and Water budgets for June 9, 2026. The motion was seconded by Council Member Craig York and it was approved unanimously.

Any New Business

- Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice asked if there was any new business and there was none.

- **Any New Items from Council Members**

- Council Member Craig York asked who we need to contact to fix the large pothole at the entrance to our parking lot. Town Clerk Barbara York will reach out to the DOT to see if they can do this job.

- **Announcements**

- Mayor Pro Tem Rice asked if there were any announcements and there were none.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mayor Pro Tem Rice asked if there were any speakers from the floor

- There was a citizen from Burlington that had a few questions and comments regarding the traffic congestion through our town.
- A congressional candidate, Richard Ojeda introduced himself to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, Council Member Craig York made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Council Member Lee Greeson. The motion carried; and the April 14, 2026, Town Council meeting adjourned at approximately 6:38 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at the Whitsett Town Hall.

Chip Bell, Mayor

Jerry Rice, Mayor Pro Tem

APPROVED: