Recognition of Service & Retirement

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners recognized employee Roland Corbett for his years of service to the town at the Board of Commissioners Meeting held on January 12, 2021. Mr. Corbett has been a dedicated employee to the town’s Public Works Department since 1998. After serving almost 23 years, Mr. Corbett plans to retire at the end of January. He will certainly be missed and we thank him for his many years of service to the town!

Congratulations on Retirement!

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee launches Capital Improvement Survey

We want to hear from you! Take our 30 second survey (link to the right) to tell us what you’re interested in seeing in town! The Burgaw Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee would like to hear your opinion on future capital improvements here in Town. This survey is an extension of previous information sent out in years past. Data will be used to plan future public meetings to discuss possibilities and funding sources. Three (3) random drawings will be completed for a chance to win a $20.00 gift card for participating. Contact the Parks & Recreation Department for further information.

Paper copies of the survey are also available at Town Hall.
Recognition of Service and Upcoming Retirement for Employee Roland Corbett

Roland began his service with the Town of Burgaw in 1998 and has been a vital and dedicated employee. The Mayor and Board of Commissioners awarded him with a plaque recognizing his many years of service to the Town.

FY 2019-2020 Audit Presentation

Lee Grissom, Auditor for S. Preston Douglas & Associates, gave a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Audit. Mr. Grissom issued an unmodified opinion, also referred to as a clean audit, for the reported fiscal year.

Sewer I & I Study Update

Tony Boahn, PE, Vice-President with McKim & Creed, gave a presentation on the Inflow & Infiltration Study that was performed by McKim & Creed at the end of 2020. Mr. Boahn showed graphs that proved significant inflow into our sewer system. The next step to identify this inflow is to smoke test the sewer system.

Burgaw Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Update

Jennifer Hansen, Chairperson, along with the other TDA Board Members, Myra McDuffie and Mukesh Shah, gave an update on the efforts of the Burgaw TDA. They spoke about the Holiday Market that was held on December 12, 2020 and the Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt in which a number of businesses in Burgaw participated.

Filming in Burgaw Request

Mike Hewett, Location Manager for “This Country” TV Series, made a request to the Board to allow for Fox to conduct a Promotional Photo Shoot on Sunday, January 17, 2021, for the upcoming TV Series. The Board approved this request.

Departmental Items

Ordinance 2021-02: Police Advisory Board

Jim Hock, Police Chief, presented an ordinance to establish a Police Advisory Board. This advisory board, appointed by the Board of Commissioners, is to provide an organized forum for two-way communication between the police department and the community. The importance of citizen involvement in policing is a strategy to solidify the transparency and trust between local law enforcement and the public it serves. After discussion, the Board approved ordinance 2021-02 establishing the Police Advisory Board.

Resolution 2021-01: Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property

Jim Hock, Police Chief, requested the Board of Commissioners to authorize the surplus and sale of two (2) patrol vehicles; a 2011 Dodge Charger and a 2013 Dodge Charger. The Board approved resolution 2020-01 authorizing the disposal of surplus property.

Budget Items not Funded in FY 2020-21 Annual Budget

James Gantt, Town Manager, provided a list of items that were cut from the FY 2020-21 Budget due to the uncertainty of revenue streams during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Board reviewed the items and decided not to fund any additional capital items at this time. The Board did vote to unfreeze merit pay for employees and to add back a 1% cost of living allowance that was originally cut.

FY 2021-22 Annual Budget Calendar

James Gantt, Town Manager, provided a draft Budget Calendar for FY 2021-22 Budget preparation. The Board selected dates for the Annual Budget Strategic Planning Retreat and a Budget Workshop. The Board adopted the Budget Calendar with those dates added.

Old EMS Building Renovation Update

James Gantt, Town Manager, gave an update on the status of the Old EMS Building Renovation into a multi-purpose facility. The bid package has been prepared and published with a bid closing date of February 19, 2021.

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Meeting Recap, continued

US Highway 117 Sewer Project Update
James Gantt, Town Manager, gave an update on the status of this project. The design work is 60 percent complete and easement work should be completed by January 29th.

Item from the Board
Appointment of One (1) Member to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
Cody Suggs, Parks and Recreation Director, requested the Board select a candidate to fill a vacant position on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. The Board reviewed applications and selected Patrick Rivenbark as the newest committee member.

Public Forum
David Kornely, 109 S Wright St, introduced himself to the Board and stated that he had purchased the building at 109 S Wright St. He also wanted the Board to recognize the adequacy of underground utilities during the Courthouse Avenue Project.

Karen Harding, 318 S Walker St, spoke to the Board about the film permitting process and to complain about how filming negatively impacts businesses.

Public Hearings
Public Hearing #1 – Consideration of a major subdivision preliminary plat application for Section 1 of Stapleton Place Subdivision
Andrea Correll, Planning Director, presented the project to the Board with evidence presented by Ms. Correll, the property owner, and the project engineer. No comments were made from any member of the public. After the Public Hearing was closed the Board voted to approve the preliminary plat with conditions provided.

Public Hearing #2 – Consideration of a major subdivision preliminary plat application for Section 2 of Stapleton Place Subdivision
Andrea Correll, Planning Director, presented the project to the Board with evidence presented by Ms. Correll and the project engineer. Additional comments and evidence was presented by six (6) members of the public. After discussion by the Board, the Public Hearing was tabled to allow for the project engineer to provide additional evidence to address the concerns of the public.

Public Hearing #4 – Introduction of the new Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)
Andrea Correll, Planning Director, presented an introduction to the new UDO that has been required to be modified due to North Carolina General Statues changing. The Board will be reviewing the new ordinance and will have more discussion at a later time.

INSPECT this!
Updates from the Inspections Office
- Inspections are steady but slow due to all the rain.
- The Pender County Courthouse renovations are moving along well with some more walls and ceilings approved to cover up in the South end of the building.
- Fire Chief Jim Taylor and I are working with Little Town Learning Center for Plans reviews for an annex location downtown.
- The new owner, David Kornely of 109 S. Wright Street and Courthouse Avenue, is in the process of repointing brick to fix moisture problems in the building, but have come across issues with power line clearances for the work. Duke Energy is working with them towards possible solutions. David has big plans for the building with possible 2nd floor apartments in the future.
- Lanier Do it Best is progressing well with their expansion.
This week, the Parks & Recreation Department finished up landscaping at the pocket park on South Wright Street. Special thanks to the town’s landscaper and the town Commissioners for assisting us with these new amenities. The park now features seven (7) Wintergreen Boxwoods, two (2) Viburnum Chindo’s, and one (1) beautiful Live Oak. We are pleased with the result and hope our residents enjoy this peaceful space for years to come!

On January 12, 2021, the Town Board of Commissioners appointed Patrick Rivenbark to fill the vacancy on the Burgaw Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee. The Parks & Recreation Department is excited to bring Patrick aboard and look forward to the positive and creative ideas he will bring to the table.

Did you know?

Town of Burgaw Ordinances do not enable the keeping of chickens on property not zoned Agricultural Residential. Please do not invest in poultry without checking to see what your property is zoned.

Planning Department
910-663-3451

Open House for Courthouse Avenue Project well attended

On January 7, 2021, WithersRavenel held an Open House at the Historic Train Depot to present three concept designs for the Courthouse Avenue Streetscape project. The open house was well attended and the design that received popular vote was Concept “C” as shown to the right. The design included a park area with a water feature and space for the potential of showing outdoor movies.

For more information regarding the Courthouse Avenue Improvement Project, you may contact Andrea Correll, Planning Director, at 910-663-3451.
Please be aware of our children as they board and unload from our public school buses. North Carolina General Statute states “When a school bus is displaying its mechanical stop signal or flashing red lights and the bus is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers, the driver of any other vehicle that approaches the school bus from any direction on the same street, highway, or public vehicular area shall bring that other vehicle to a full stop and shall remain stopped. The driver of the other vehicle shall not proceed to move, pass, or attempt to pass the school bus until after the mechanical stop signal has been withdrawn, the flashing red stoplights have been turned off, and the bus has started to move.” The statute continues to say “the driver of a vehicle traveling in the opposite direction from the school bus, upon any road, highway or city street that has been divided into two roadways, so constructed as to separate vehicular traffic between the two roadways by an intervening space (including a center lane for left turns if the roadway consists of at least four more lanes) or by a physical barrier, need not stop upon meeting and passing any school bus that has stopped in the roadway across the dividing space or physical barrier.” (§ 20-217). If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Burgaw Police Department. See the brochure to the right supplied by the NC DMV School Bus & Traffic Safety Section.

Staff Spotlight

CLAY JASPER
Deputy Fire Chief
Burgaw Fire Department

Job Duties: Assist with day-to-day operations of the department

How long have you worked for the Town? 6 years, full-time

What do you love most about working with the Town? Being able to help the community

Fun Fact about me: Enjoy watching Star Wars and Harry Potter
Important reminders before you start your spring cleaning

With Spring Cleaning just around the corner, Public Works would like to remind all residents of what the town does and does not pick up by the curb:

**What we DO pick up:**

- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Appliances
- Electronics

**What we DO NOT pick up:**

- Extra trash that will not fit inside the roll cart
- Cardboard
- Whole house cleanouts

Cardboard Recycling:
Cardboard must be broken down for recycling. Waste Industries will pick-up large boxes that do not fit inside roll carts. Please break them down and set them in between your trash and recycling carts for easy pick-up.

Remember!
All trash outside your trash cart needs to be bagged!

Please remember to keep yard debris and white good piles separated for pick-up. They will not be collected if they are mixed!

Pet-A-Palooza Photo Contest underway

Do you have a good-looking pet that you would like to show off? Register today for our Pet-A-Palooza Photo Contest. Registration is open until February 5th at 5:00pm. Visit burgwnc.gov/pets to register. Multiple entries are encouraged for owners with more than one pet. Winners will be announced based on the following categories: Best in Show, Most Creative, and Most Unique.

For more information on the Pet-A-Palooza contest, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (910)-300-6401 or by email at rjordan@burgawnc.gov.
The night of July 4th is supposed to be a night of celebration, food, family, friends and fireworks, but July 4, 1939 would be noted as the day that John Robert “Mimms” Fennell was murdered. He was found behind the wheel of his car, slumped over with a gun shot wound in the parking lot of a local “Piccolo” that had a bad reputation. As the murder was investigated, it was linked to a liquor violation and thought that there was bad blood between Mimms and another over liquor. Investigators found a liquor still 3 miles from the location that Mimms was murdered that was run by Jim Moore. Moore was immediately arrested and placed in jail awaiting trial, all the while insisting he did not murder anyone and was at his still deep in the woods in Pender County until daybreak on the 5th.

Jim Moore stood trial for the murder of Mimms on July 21, 1939 and was convicted of first-degree murder in Pender County Superior Court and was the first person sentenced to be executed since the formation of the county in 1875. His execution was scheduled for September 22, 1939 and was sentenced to the gas chamber at Central prison in Raleigh. His execution ended up being delayed until December 1939.

That cold December morning, Moore sat quietly in a room next to the gas chamber as a prison worker fitted and adjusted the gas mask that would soon be strapped to his face resulting in his death. Once the worker was certain of the fit, he took the mask into the gas chamber and began mixing the acids. Moore had only 12 minutes before the Warden H. H. Wilson would enter the room and lead him to the gas chamber for his final breaths. As the seconds ticked by, Moore heard the iron door creak open and a tear ran down his cheek. Warden H. H. Wilson entered the room, but instead of directing Moore to the gas chamber, he announced that “Governor Hoey has granted you a reprieve”. Moore exclaimed “Thank God, I knew I’d find somebody who had a heart in him…”

Governor Hoey had reviewed the case and noted that the jury for Moore’s trial found him guilty of first-degree murder but had requested mercy. North Carolina State Law, at the time, had dictated the mandatory death penalty. Governor Hoey had requested a more thorough investigation to be completed and re-scheduled the execution for February 2, 1940. Moore continued to maintain his innocence. He was quoted as saying, “I could not stand here in the face of death and tell a story about it. I declare before God in heaven that I did not do the shooting and don’t know who did…”

Once again in February, Governor Hoey granted another reprieve for continued investigation and the execution was put back on the books for May 17, 1940. Following ten months of investigation, the Governor once again intervened and commuted Moore’s sentence to life in prison. The Governor stated that “The jury and others in official position in Pender County do not think the death penalty should be exacted for the reason that they doubt the reliability of the State’s evidence.”
2021 Town of Burgaw Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street, Burgaw, unless otherwise posted.

Meeting agendas can be found on the town’s website at BurgawNC.gov.

Notices for cancellations and special called meetings will be posted on the town’s website and weekly newsletter when necessary.

For questions or assistance, please contact the Town Clerk at 910-663-3441 or kwells@burgawnc.gov.

| Board of Commissioners Meetings  | Second Tuesday of every month  | 4:30 PM  |
| Planning & Zoning Board Meetings | Third Thursday of every month  | 5:30 PM  |
| Burgaw Area Tourism Development Authority | First Thursday of every month | 8:30 AM  |
| Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee | Second Monday of January, March, May, July, September, November | 5:30 PM |

RU Okay?

The Burgaw Police Department would like to remind residents and family members of the RU Okay? Program. The program calls individuals weekly to check their safety and security. The program is open to Burgaw residents who are elderly, shut ins, or just could use someone to check in on them throughout the week. Those individuals are also notified during inclement weather conditions such as hurricanes or ice storms of safety concerns. If you or a family member are interested in being added to the program, please contact the Burgaw Police Department at 910-259-4924.

Public Works Emergency Response Number

PHONE # 910-470-0457

This phone is only answered after hours, between 4:30 PM - 7:30 AM, and is for water and sewer emergencies only. Unless Public Works has been given prior Notice from Town Hall, Public Works cannot turn your water on due to non-payment shut off.

2021 RECYCLING Schedule

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