

The Smithfield Town Council met in Closed Session pursuant To NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at approximately 8:35 pm in the Conference Room of the Smithfield Town Hall. Mayor M. Andy Moore presided.

Councilmen Present:

Emery D. Ashley, Mayor Pro-Tem
Marlon Lee, District 1
J. Perry Harris, District 2
Travis Scott, District 3
Roger A. Wood, District 4
John A. Dunn, At-Large
Stephen Rabil, At-Large

Councilmen Absent

Administrative Staff Present

Michael L. Scott, Town Manager
Ted Credle, Public Utilities Director
Dale Boyette, Water Plant Superintendent
Shannan Williams, Town Clerk

Also Present:

Bob Spence, Town Attorney

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) to Consult with the Town Attorney

Wholesale Water Agreement with Johnston County

Town Manager Michael Scott informed the Council that he and staff had been reviewing the wholesale water agreement with Johnston County. The Town Manager explained that the Town is currently under contract with Johnston County until 2024 and should the Town wish to attempt to renegotiate the contract then there is a potential for litigation. The Town Manager further explained that there are several items in the current contract that is more beneficial to Johnston County than they are to the Town.

After general discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to authorize Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro-Tem Ashley and Councilman Harris to meet with a delegation of Johnston County elected officials in a neutral team approach to include the Town Manager and the County Manager on the wholesale water contract and the metering of the sewer that is currently being charged by the County to the Town.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

Mayor Pro-Tem Ashley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wood, to reconvene in open session. Unanimously approved at 9:15 pm.

M. Andy Moore, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannan L. Williams, Town Clerk