



Special Meeting - Minutes Monday, June 30, 2025

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Mulhollem
Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry
Council Member Bruton
Council Member Jackson
Council Member Buzzelli
Council Member Wilson

STAFF PRESENT:

Bryan Chadwick, Town Administrator
Marcus Burrell, Town Attorney
Kim P. Batten, Town Administrator/Finance Director
Jason Kress, Town Planner
Chris Allen, Parks & Recreation Director
Jenny Martin, Human Resources Officer/Town Clerk

COUNCIL ABSENT:

None

MEDIA PRESENT:

None

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1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER:

a) Invocation

Mayor Mulhollem called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Jeffrey D. Barnes Council Chambers located at 14094 Buffalo Road, Archer Lodge, NC and declared a quorum present. Council Member Jackson offered the invocation.

b) Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mulhollem led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

a) No Changes or Additions

Council Member Bruton asked that the agenda be amended to include a period of public comment. Debate occurred and the motion to approve the agenda was dispensed with.

Moved by Council Member Wilson
Seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Approved the Agenda

CARRIED 3 to 2 (Council Members Bruton and Buzzelli Opposed)

3. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

a) Welcome Benjamin King, Archer Lodge's new Deputy Town Clerk

Bryan Chadwick, Town Administrator, introduced Benjamin to Council and member of the public.

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b) Administration of Oath of Deputy Town Clerk Ben King by Mayor Matthew B. Mulhollem.

Mayor Mulhollem administered the oath of office to the Town's new Deputy Town Clerk Benjamin King. Benjamins mother held the Bible and Mr. Chadwick took pictures of the occasion.

[Benjamin King Oath Signed](#)

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

a) Discussion and Possible Action of Adopting the Annual Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Mr. Chadwick updated Council on matters related to the budget. He let Council know that Johnston County has reduced the fire district tax rate from 14¢ to 11.5¢. Due to the changes made at the county, Mr. Chadwick briefed Council on his updated recommended budget. Mr. Chadwick recommended that the Town's tax rate be reduced from 32¢ to 30¢. Several Members of Council asked for clarification and Mr. Chadwick along with Kim Batten, Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Officer, elaborated on changes the tax reduction will have on the budget and answered questions from Council. Council Members Bruton and Buzzelli expressed that they did not support the budget as recommended.

Moved by Council Member Jackson
Seconded by Council Member Wilson

Approved to Accept the Budget as Recommended by Mr. Chadwick.

CARRIED 3 to 2 (Council Members Bruton and Buzzelli Opposed)

5. ADJOURNMENT:

a) Having no further business, Mayor Mulhollem called for a motion to adjourn.

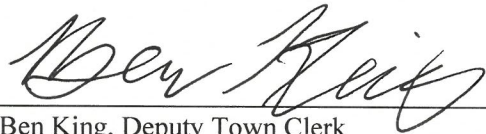
Moved by Council Member Jackson
Seconded by Council Member Wilson

Approved to adjourn meeting at 6:53 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Matthew B. Mulhollem, Mayor



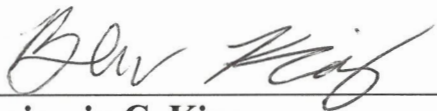
Ben King, Deputy Town Clerk



**OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF ARCHER LODGE**

I, **Benjamin C. King**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the Constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability, so help me God.

I, **Benjamin C. King**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as **Deputy Town Clerk**, so help me God.



Benjamin C. King

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 30th day of June 2025.



Matthew B. Mulhollem
Mayor
Town of Archer Lodge

