



Town Manager's Report

February 1, 2024

Monthly Meetings/Trainings – This month I attended a half day training through the UNC School of Government focused on strategic planning. This was very timely with the Council’s ongoing strategic planning efforts. We held our final bi-weekly call with the Development Finance Initiative from the UNC School of Government and met with the Granville County Schools Superintendent to kick off the School Resource Officer (SRO) program at the three local public schools. The SRO program is set to begin February 1st. We held a few meetings with HagerSmith as they work to finalize the design and landscaping plan for the Gazebo Park performance stage. Other meetings for the month were held with the Butner Athletic Park Concessionaire, a few developers/brokers interested in Butner, and the NC Wildlife to better understand their role as well as archery zones within Butner. I had the opportunity to meet with the Stem mayor and took a Tour of Stem. Mayor Jordon and I attended the Community Relations meeting at the Butner Federal prison – it was encouraging to hear they are looking to start back with community focused programming for inmates. *For Your Information.*

C Street Sidewalk Design Work – This month we finalized and signed the contract with Timmons Group for designing the next sidewalk sections (C Street from 12th to 24th Street and 24th Street between C and D Streets). The schedule from the engineer indicates a timeline of design through the end of 2024. Completion of design may extend further if right-of-way acquisition or other issues are encountered. We anticipate meeting with the Council to determine a final route in March with surveying to begin by May and 60% design plans complete by mid-summer. *For Your Information.*

D Street Ballfield Lights Update – Crews are wrapping up replacement of the poles, lighting fixtures, and wiring at the D Street ballfield. The council previously authorized this project in November following an inspection. The total cost of the project is less than \$60,000. The field should be ready for the spring season. *For Your Information.*

Damage to Greenway Footbridge – The storms on January 9th brought heavy rainfall and wind gusts which compromised and damaged the foundation structure for the greenway footbridge. The bridge is blocked to access, and public works staff is evaluating options for a repair. We anticipate needing an engineer which will lengthen the time for the repair. We will keep you posted as a timeline is established. *For Your Information.*

SGWASA Policy Changes – SGWASA is revising their System Development Fee Policy as per state law and updating their existing water and sewer allocation policy. The updates are focused on updating the timeframe of when water and sewer allocations are committed to a project and paid by the development entity. Additionally, the updates would remove baseline allocations for

each community in favor of providing allocations based on the more modern capacities of the infrastructure. The Town has been provided with a 30-day public comment period and staff has met with SGWASA and provided initial comments. *For Your Information.*

Food Truck Friday – The Town’s event planner is working to plan new events for Gazebo Park and would like to introduce a “Food Truck Friday” event. The event would allow for a few food trucks to set up at Gazebo Park one Friday a month from 11AM to 1:30PM. The underlying goal is to support locally owned vendors and provide them with opportunities for self-promotion in Butner while providing a better variety of food options for residents and local workers. We intend to begin introducing this in the spring. *For Your Information.*