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Present: Tim Sessoms, Lynne DeVaney, John Doggett, John O'Day, Janelle Robinson, Reece Walker, Scott Whitaker, Bob Hornik, Lance Heater.

*NOTE: DeVaney made a motion at 8:07pm to go into closed session for the purpose of consulting with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3). This motion was seconded by Walker and carried unanimously.



Hornik reported that the Town had lost the case in the matter of Dunham v. Whitaker regarding the Town's imposition of fees for sorting confidential from non-confidential emails in a request for all emails of Whitaker and attorney Bill Hill for a 2-year period. The ruling stated that the Town had to provide the requested records at no charge and to pay attorney fees in excess of \$69,000. Council discussed an appeal of the ruling; however, the consensus was to not appeal due to the concern of incurring further legal expenses.

Closed session ended at approximately 8:45pm.

Tim Sessoms, Mayor

Lance G. Heater Town Clerk