

City of Hamlet Regular Monthly Meeting
201 Main Street, Hamlet, NC 28345
City Council Chambers
Tuesday, August 13, 2013
7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Governing Body and Staff Present:

Jeff Smart	Mayor
Tony Clewis	Mayor Pro-Tem
Pat Preslar	Councilmember
Johnathan Buie	Councilmember
Abbie Covington	Councilmember
Dewey Brower	Councilmember
Marchell David	City Manager
Tammy Kirkley	City Clerk
Steve Futrell	City Attorney
Jill Dickens	Finance Director
Amery Griffin	Police Chief
Robert Brown	WT Plant Superintendent
Gail Strickland	Zoning Officer
Miranda Chavis	Hamlet Depot & Museum Manager
Donna McMillan-Aiken	Senior Center Director

Others Present: RC Daily Journal- Iris Hunter, Bill Bayless, Bert Unger, Twila Locklear

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Smart called the meeting to order.
2. **Invocation.** Tony Clewis gave the invocation.
3. **Adoption of Agenda.** The agenda was approved by Council Members Preslar and Covington and all were in favor.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes from the July 9, 2013, regular monthly meeting were unanimously approved by Council Members Covington and Buie as presented.
5. **Comments from Attendees.** Twilla Allen, a Resident Advocate at the Lumber River Council of Governments, Division of Aging, who is Hamlet's representative presented council for a brief introduction and report. She serves as a link and need a point of contact for the Aging- Direct Service or Support. She reported that the COG will be applying for a grant in the near future to assist older adults who qualify and do not have Medicare Part D coverage which helps pay for prescriptions. Ms. Allen said they are targeting 140 individuals who have no insurance. She then gave a report on the Scam Jam event that took place at the Community College last month.
6. **Mayoral Appointment to the Hamlet Housing Commissioners.** Wanda Auman was reappointed to serve another 5-year board on the Hamlet Housing Commissioners.

7. **Council Appointment to the Hamlet Depot Museum Board.** Council Members Preslar and Brower motioned to appoint Mr. Sammy Hill per the recommendation of the Hamlet Museum Depot Board and the vote passed unanimously.

8. **Consideration of Tax Releases.** Tax Releases for August 2013 were presented and Council Member Preslar and Clewis motioned to approve the release as submitted by the tax collector. All were in favor.

Other Business.

9. Marchell David introduced the new Senior Center Director Donna McMillan-Aiken. She is doing a great job. Donna spoke to the public and to council. She was welcomed.

Marchell David noted that the offices will be closed for Labor Day on Monday September 2. We will have a Meet-Me-Downtown cleanup event, Saturday September 21 at 8:00 am, and work in the downtown area and she invited everyone to come out and help with the cleanup project. Jill will have a notice put on the water bill as an open invite.

- Miranda Chavis- Finalizing the brochure for the trail and there is a kick-off for the Seaboard Walking Trail Tour - Second Saturdays. The prices for the tickets were noted.
- Dewey Brower- Thanked the city employees and NCDOT for working on the project along Hwy 177 and Hwy 74 and said it will be safer for all once it's completed. He asked all to be safe.

10. **Comments of Council.**

- **Johnathan Buie** reported that school will be starting soon and cautioned everyone to be careful with traffic and such.
- **Pat Preslar** suggested if NCDOT continues with the sidewalk project next year to suggest looking down towards Spring Street in the direction of Sandhills Regional where there are no sidewalks currently. Mr. Preslar confirmed that the paving will be in the next phase of the NCDOT project along Hwy. 177. He also asked if the city can get a crew to cleanup some of the most recently placed "Welcome to Hamlet" signs.
- **Abbie Covington** noted the city honored several recipients in archery last month and reported that each one from the Senior Center who went to Ohio and competed placed within their age groups. Mrs. Covington congratulated all of the participants.
- **Tony Clewis** welcomed Donna McMillan-Aiken to the city. He then said the band that played in this year's Fourth of July activities requested to come back again next year.

11. **Mayor's Comments.**

- **Mayor Jeff Smart** – The mayor asked the city crews continue to hit the trouble spots in town and reported all is well.

12. **Adjournment of Meeting.** The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm by motions of Council Members Clewis and Covington. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy Kirkley, City Clerk

