

**HAMLET CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 MAIN STREET, HAMLET, NC 28345
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016
4:00 PM**

MINUTES

Governing Body Present:

Bill Bayless	Mayor
Johnathan Buie	Mayor Pro-Tem
Jesse McQueen	Council Member
Eddie Martin	Council Member
David Lindsey	Council Member
Wendy Massagee	Council Member

Staff Present:

Marcus Abernethy	City Manager
Tammy Kirkley	City Clerk
Jill Dickens	Finance Officer

Staff Present: Doc Sylvain, Maurice McLaurin

Call to Order. Mayor Bayless called the meeting to order.

Discussion of security systems to be installed in city buildings. Mr. McQueen suggested installing key swipes at city hall, the fire department and the police department. He also suggested installing a burglar and fire alarm at the city shop with a camera. Council discussed security issues.

Burglar alarm, fire alarm & cameras – City Shop: Next year
Scanners for doors – City Hall, Fire Department, and Police Department: Next year
Council Chambers- Fire alarms added: Budget amendment this year.

Doc and Zach will work together on the project. David Lindsey requested to have power outlets added at council’s seats within the quote to upgrade the chambers.

Park and Recreation. Mr. Lindsey inquired about the 9-12 football playing together. As a safety standpoint, it was the consensus of council to not mix the 9-12 year olds playing together in the future. There were no issues with this age group of children playing separately; however, council does not want to combine them within the teams. Mr. Buie said the city needs to come up with proper training for the coaches to make sure the kids are being taught the correct techniques for the specific sports. The rules need to be handed down to the coaches for their behaviors as well. Mr. Abernethy confirmed if the city finds itself in this type of situation in the future; the two age groups will not be mixed. Mr. McLaurin explained the combining of ages was set up this past year in order to have a league.

Additional employee for Park and Recreation. Mr. Lindsey asked for council and staff to look in the budget for a full-time employee and have part-time as needed. He presented the idea for starting a softball program in Hamlet. The manager said Mr. Buie had suggested earlier having a time study

done within the neighboring agencies to see what is going to be the biggest bang for the buck when looking at personnel. Council had no issues with creating a softball program for the P&R Department and to look at part time help as needed. It was said the softball program may have to be like a travel type softball league playing with Cheraw, Bennettsville, Rockingham, etc.

Council inquired about having a volleyball league. Doc took a moment to explain the situation with the lighting at the gym.

Recess. The meeting recessed at 5:00 pm. Mr. Sylvain and Mr. McLaurin exited the meeting.

At 5:25 pm, the meeting reconvened.

Preview of Regular Meeting Agenda. Council discussed the proposed parking ordinance on the agenda for the Regular Monthly Meeting tonight. Section 11-157 was discussed. Mr. McQueen suggested allowing the manager and the police chief to review the language in the Code of Ordinances. Council asked the manager to get with the attorney and the police chief on the matter.

A complete agenda preview was given for tonight's Regular Monthly Meeting.

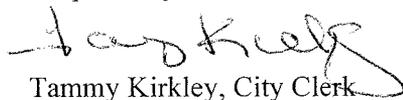
Fireworks Display. Council discussed the 2016 firework show and adding funds to allow for a bigger show. The manager explained that he is going to communicate with the vendor who presented the show last year for clarification on what will be included. He said he will contact the Tourism Board and/or Duke Energy about donations as well.

South Hamlet Parking Lot. Mr. Lindsey offered questions about the condition of the soil at the South Hamlet parking lot. It was reported that Mr. McLaurin has contacted the company that did the work on the parking lot and they are coming back to look at the area.

City Lake Pier. The increasingly unsafe condition of the pier was discussed. Mr. Martin said the Caboose at the city lake needs to be sandblasted, repainted with the correct colors and the correct Seaboard emblem added back to it. The manager confirmed Benny Billingsley is checking on the matter. The location and condition of the fountain was questioned. Mr. Martin said the city needs to beautify the road front of the city lake area by building a few picnic shelters and removing some trees.

Recess of Meeting. At 6:30 pm, Council Members Buie and McQueen motioned to recess the meeting until 7:00 pm. The vote passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Tammy Kirkley, City Clerk