

**HAMLET CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 MAIN STREET, HAMLET, NC
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013
7:00 PM**

Minutes

Present:

Jeff Smart	Mayor
Tony Clewis	Mayor Pro Tem
Pat Preslar	Councilmember
Dewey Brower	Councilmember
Marchell David	City Manager
Tammy Kirkley	City Clerk
Steve Futrell	City Attorney
Jill Dickens	Finance Director
David Knight	Fire Chief
Amery Griffin	Police Chief
Robert Brown	WT Plant Superintendent
Others: Present:	RC Daily Journal- Dawn Currie; William Lunceford, Richard Lunceford

Absent: Councilmember Abbie Covington and Johnathan Buie

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1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Smart called the meeting to order.
 2. **Invocation.** Mayor Pro Tem Tony Clewis offered the invocation.
 3. **Adoption of Agenda.**
Motions were made by Councilmember Preslar and Clewis to adopt the agenda as presented. Vote passed 4-0.
 4. **Approval of Minutes.**
The following five sets of minutes were adopted collectively by vote of 4-0. Motions were made by Councilmember Clewis and Preslar.
 - March 9, Planning Session Day 2
 - April 9, Closed Session
 - May 14, Regular Monthly Meeting
 - May 22, Budget Work Session #2
 - May 22, Closed Session
 5. **Comments from Attendees.**
Staff Sgt. William Lunceford, a Hamlet resident serving in the National Guard presented council to thank the city for allowing him to fly the Hamlet flag during his duty in Afghanistan.

Staff Sgt. Lunceford thanked council and the city for their support. Mayor Smart stated it was a pleasure for Mr. Lunceford to fly the city's flag and added if it is ever needed again, he may use it. Mr. Preslar told Mr. Lunceford it was an honor for the city, and he thanked him for the opportunity.

New Business

Mayor Smart said Councilmember Covington and Buie could not be here tonight but council will move forward with the budget process.

6. Presentation of Budget Message from City Manager.

City Manager Marchell David presented the Budget Message for FY 2013-14. Per NCGS § 159-11 and the Local Government Budget & Fiscal Control Act, the budget balances at \$7,569,355, a copy of the Budget Message is incorporated by reference and hereby made part of the minutes. The message concluded with Mrs. David thanking council and staff for their support in helping to make the City of Hamlet a destination.

7. Public Hearing for the 2013-2014 FY Budget.

Mayor Smart stated that a Public Hearing has been scheduled for tonight in order to allow comments and questions concerning the proposed 2013-2014 FY Budget. He then opened the floor to the public hearing and invited anyone with comments to speak. No comments made. Mayor Smart then closed the floor to the public hearing.

8. Adoption of the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance.

With there being no questions concerning the submitted 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance, Mayor Smart called for a vote. Councilmember Clewis and Preslar motioned to adopt the 2013-2014 FY Budget Ordinance. The vote passed 4-0.

9. Consideration of an Updated Longevity Pay Plan.

Marchell David briefly discussed the updated Longevity Pay Plan which council has reviewed and changed. She reported the changes have been included per council's request. Mayor Smart confirmed the longest serving employees will be paid first and the plan will work down to the employees with a minimum of 10 years of service; the payments will be made over a three year period. Motions were made by Councilmember Clewis and Preslar to accept the Pay Plan as presented. The vote passed 4-0.

10. Adoption of Year-End Budget Amendments.

The city manager gave explanations for the requested budget amendments. A motion was made by Councilmember Preslar and Clewis to adopt the year-end or fourth quarter budget amendments as presented. The vote passed unanimously 4-0.

11. Motion to Approve Submitted Tax Releases.

Mayor Smart recognized the submitted tax releases from the Tax Collector and there were no questions of council. Councilmember Clewis and Brower motioned to approve the tax releases as submitted. The vote passed 4-0.

Staff's Reports. Tammy Kirkley reported that staff has been working on a transfer of locations for stored documents and expects to have the remaining boxes transferred to the basement of the Visitor's Center by the end of the month.

12. City Manager's Report.

Mrs. David announced that there will be a reception for the Arts Richmond Presentation of the Seaboard Hotel Project on June 17 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Arts Richmond. This is a collaborative mixed media interpretation of the Seaboard Hotel constructed by five Hamlet citizens. Laura Daskall through Arts Richmond will donate project to the City of Hamlet where it will be housed in the Depot. Mrs. David also announced that city offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day; Thursday's garbage collection will take place on Friday, July 5.

13. Councilmember's Comments.

- **Dewey Brower** thanked the city crews for all of their work during the storms last week and he recognized the new directional signage erected in various locations of the city.

- **Pat Preslar** stated Hamlet's P&R baseball games are finishing up this week and invited everyone to come out to the games. He noted the some of the activities scheduled for the fourth of July including the fireworks show.

- **Tony Clewis** thanked staff for their hard work on the budget and thanked the department heads for using their funds wisely. Mr. Clewis stated a big day is planned to take place on Main Street in Hamlet on July 4th. "The Extrodinars" a band from Hickory, NC, will be playing on the 4th before and after the fireworks. Main Street will be closed off for children's and adult's activities. Mr. Clewis invited everyone to come out and enjoy the day.

14. Mayor's Comments.

Jeff Smart reported council was able to get the speed limit lowered on Hwy 177 S. with NCDOT. He cautioned the citizens to honor the new 45 mph speed limit and said this will hopefully slow down traffic along the area. He inquired about the construction of the new sidewalks planned near Monroe Avenue and Mrs. David confirmed NCDOT is currently getting the contracts together for the project. Mayor Smart noted the amount of work that goes into putting a budget together. He said although Mrs. Covington and Mr. Buie are not here, they participated in the preparation of the budget. He was pleased to report the budget balanced with no tax increase or any other type of fee increase.

The manager took a moment to welcome the Richmond County Chamber of Commerce office to the Hamlet Depot; she reported the city is excited about the move.

15. Motion to go into Closed Session.

At approximately 7:35 pm, motions were made by Councilmember Preslar and Clewis to go into closed per NCGS §143-318.11 (a) (4). All were in favor, vote 4-0.

At 8:01 pm, open session reconvened by motions of Preslar and Clewis and all were in favor. The mayor reported that no decisions were made while in closed session.

18. Motion to Adjourn Meeting.

At approximately 8:02 pm, Councilmember Preslar and Brower motioned to adjourn the meeting and the vote passed with a 4-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy Kirkley,
City Clerk for City of Hamlet

