

City of Hamlet Regular City Council Meeting
201 Main Street, Hamlet, NC 28345
Council Chambers
Tuesday, July 9, 2013
7:00 pm

Minutes

Present:

Jeff Smart	Mayor
Pat Preslar	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

Others Present: RC Daily Journal- Iris Hunter, Bill & Linda Bayless, Carolyn & Johnny Pruitte, Ben Mercer, Terry Mercer, Kris Reep, Valeria Lunceford, John Smith, Kim Pruitte, Hatie Reep, Delani Reep, Danny Reep, April Witherspoon, Malynda Campbell, Paige Pruitte, Logan Campbell, Steve Davis, Christy Covington, Paul Scholl, Jr., Blaine Campbell, Ty Pruitte, Johnny Pruitte, Bill Dennis

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Tony Clewis

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Smart called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation.

Mr. Bill Dennis offered the invocation.

3. Adoption of Agenda.

Motions were made by Council Member Buie and Brower to adopt the agenda as presented. The vote passed 4-0.

4. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes to the June 11, 2013, Regular and Closed Session meetings were adopted collectively with motions being made by Council Member Covington and Buie. The vote passed 4-0.

5. Comments from Attendees.

No comments were presented.

New Business:

6. Mayoral Proclamation Recognizing Tyson Pruitte.

The mayor read aloud and offered a proclamation recognizing Ty Pruitte, a local teen, whereby congratulating and offering him best wishes from the city on his recent archery accomplishments and upcoming competition in China. The mayor then presented the proclamation to Ty Pruitte.

7. Mayoral Proclamation Recognizing the Hamlet Senior Center Archery Team.

Mayor Smart read aloud the proclamation recognizing Hamlet Senior Center Archery team members Pete Wheeler, Terry Mercer and Valeria Lunceford for their recent accomplishments as an archery team, and he wished the team members in the upcoming Summer National Games in Ohio. Mayor Smart then presented team member Terry Mercer with the proclamation.

8. Approval of the Annual Tax Settlement.

The tax collector submitted the annual tax settlement for the year 2012. Hamlet currently has over a 96% collection rate and efforts will continue to collect the unpaid taxes. Councilman Preslar and Buie motioned to approve the tax settlement as presented. The vote passed 4-0.

Other Business:

- **Paul Scholl**, grandfather of Ty Pruitte, presented council and thanked the city for supporting Ty's endeavors.
- **Robert Brown** announced the City of Hamlet's Water System was recently recognized with a turbidity award, which is part of the N.C. Area Wide Optimization Award from the NC Division of Water Resources. He reported that 49 water systems were recognized for surpassing federal and state drinking water standards and Hamlet being one of them. Mr. Brown presented the award to the mayor and council. Mayor Smart recognized Mr. Brown and the employees for their efforts in making this award happen.
- **Tammy Kirkley** reported that Hamlet's soccer registration has started and regular registration will run thru Friday, August 2, with a \$30 fee, and late registration will run from August 5 – 9, with a \$40 fee.

9. City Manager's Report.

Marchell Adams-David reported that the North Carolina Department of Transportation has begun the improvement project along Highway 177, a portion of which is located near the Monroe Avenue area. She also reported the city experienced great 4th of July activities this year and that everyone seemed to enjoy the day.

10. Comments of Council.

- **Dewey Brower** thanked all who participated in helping to make the Fourth's fun day activities a success.
- **Johnathan Buie** backed up the compliments made regarding the Fourth of July activities. He congratulated the individual and the team that was recognized at the meeting tonight for their accomplishments. Mr. Buie also commended Robert Brown and the water plant for their award.

- **Pat Preslar** reiterated that it was a great day in Hamlet on July 4th. He thanked the HBDA, the volunteers, Miranda Chavis and all participants for their involvement. Mr. Preslar noted Hamlet budgets the funds for the activities and the fireworks for the community and he thanked council.
- **Abbie Covington** thanked the city employees who helped to make the activities possible. She also congratulated everyone mentioned tonight on their accomplishments.

11. Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Jeff Smart reported the city alone budgets \$10,000 per year for the fireworks display show and budgets another \$2,500 for other activities for the Fourth. He then thanked the fire dept personnel for volunteering with the fireworks show and said it helps to provide for a better show with utilizing our personnel.

13. Motion to Adjourn.

At approximately 7:23 pm, motions were made by Council Members Covington and Buie to adjourn the meeting. The vote passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy Kirkley, City for the City of Hamlet