

HAMLET CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM
201 MAIN STREET, HAMLET, NC 28345
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017
4:00 PM

MINUTES

Present:

Bill Bayless	Mayor
Johnathan Buie	Mayor Pro-Tem
Jesse McQueen	Council Member
Eddie Martin	Council Member
Wendy Massagee	Council Member
Tammy Kirkley	City Clerk
Marcus Abernethy	City Manager
Jonathan Blanton	

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1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Bayless called the meeting to order.
 2. **Mid-Year Planning Session Schedule.** Council discussed holding a Special Meeting in February and agreed to not vote on items when all are not in attendance. The group discussed having an earlier meeting on the afternoon of the regular meeting date. It was the consensus of council to hold the first budget work session for planning purposes on February 14th at 3:00 pm.
 3. **LRCOG AMP Summary Meeting.** Mr. Buie explained the reasoning for the LRCOG summary meetings and said they are trying to make sure their presence is known. Council suggested inviting the group to attend the February 14th meeting at 3:00 pm. The manager was asked to inform the representative the presentation needs to be limited to 45 minutes maximum.
 4. **Discussion of Community Notification Options at times when Public Services are Altered.** Mayor Bayless stated the city ran into problems the last two holidays with garbage pickup. Mr. Stubbs passed out flyers last Christmas and there were problems. The City of Hamlet's facebook page and website need to continually be updated with the information listed at the top of the page. Several council members agreed to check with Mr. Stubbs to see about having a partial crew to come in during a two-three-day holiday and split the time up. It was suggested to consider having the water collection department do the same thing with staggering shifts in order to be open to the public. It was suggested to give some employees another day off at a different time. Council asked the manager to mention the recommendation to Mr. Stubbs and ask him to have a plan to present during the budget meeting for council to review.
 5. **Other.** Mrs. Massagee said in speaking with Gail Strickland about the department heads presentations during the budget retreat, some are having comfort issues with the presentations. She stated if a department head would like to come in and give a brief presentation that is fine; however, it is not necessary to give council the history on how and when the department started. She suggested allowing department heads to give the type of presentation they are comfortable in presenting. Mr. McQueen pointed out the public works director should be doing most of the presentations this year, i.e.: water, wastewater, buildings & maintenance, horticulture, sanitation, streets and collections. Council agreed it will be more effective to have

quotes or bids, if possible, ready to present during the presentations if it is a priority item request. Council discussed they would like to see a five-year plan and they would like to let the department heads know what they want to see in the presentations.

Finance Questions. Mr. Lindsey inquired about the services provided by Supreme Filters. He asked staff to look into Supreme Filters and L&B Construction to see what they do for the city. Mr. Lindsey noted we have spent more money at two different auto parts companies in Rockingham recently while spending less at Advance Auto in Hamlet. The manager stated Mr. Stubbs should be able to answer the spending for auto parts. He also questioned the amount spent on flowers/plantings in Charlotte. Mr. Lindsey said he wants to make sure we are doing business locally when applicable. Jill Dickens joined the meeting and she will look up invoices and report back to council on the matter.


6. **Closed Session.** At 4:45 pm, motions to go into Closed Session per NCGS Section 143-318.11 (a) (6) for personnel discussions were made by Council Members Buie and Massagee. All were in favor of the motions.

Open Session. At 4:52 pm, Council Members Buie and Massagee motioned to go into open session. All were in favor. Marcus explained the earlier-mentioned invoice for L&B Construction was due to a catch basin that had to be rebuilt. He reported quotes were collected and council approved a budget amendment for same. Mr. Queen asked to be kept posted about the amount of overtime that will be needed for the recent water leak.

Mayor Bayless reminded council of a previous surplus mac truck that belonged to the fire department, which has been stored at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for some time and asked if council was ok with selling the truck to Hamlet EMS for \$1. Council Members Buie and Lindsey motioned to sell the rebuilt mac truck to Hamlet EMS for \$1. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **Adjournment.** At 4:57 pm, motions were made by Council Members Martin and Buie to end the Special Meeting. All of council was in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Tammy Kirkley, City Clerk

