

HAMLET CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM  
201 MAIN STREET, HAMLET, NC 28345  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017 - 7:00 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:

Jonathan Blanton	City Manager
TC Morphis	City Attorney
Tammy Kirkley	City Clerk
Jill Dickens	Finance Officer
Billy Stubbs	Public Works
Gerald Adams	IT Director
Gail Strickland	Zoning
Jennifer Turner	Tax Collector

Others Present: Media and approximately five visitors

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**Call to Order**

Mayor Bayless called the meeting to order.

**Invocation**

Reverend Steve Crews of the Hamlet Church of God of Prophecy offered the invocation.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Council Members Buie and Martin motioned to adopt the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Minutes to the February 14, 2017, Special Meeting; March 14, 2017- Budget, Regular and Closed Session Meetings were unanimously approved by motions of Council Members Buie and Martin. The motion carried.

**Comments from Attendees**

None were presented.

**Old Business:**

**Presentation of Service Weapon to Retired Captain Steve Taylor.** Mayor Bayless called Steve Taylor to the front and presented the retired HPD Captain with his service weapon. The Mayor thanked Mr. Taylor for his years of service to the City of Hamlet and wished him a great retirement.

New Business:

**Public Hearing:** The Mayor opened the floor to the hearing. The manager gave a brief summary of the proposed amendments to the sign ordinance. Representatives for Firsthealth were present to make the presentation for the sign ordinance. The new replacement signs will be the same size. There were no other comments and the hearing was closed.

Council Members Buie and Massagee motioned to approve Ordinance No. 2017-01 with the accompanying Consistency Statement of Council. The motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of Tax Releases**

Council Members Buie and Martin motioned to approve the tax releases as submitted. The motion carried.

**Adoption of Fourth Quarter Budget Amendments.**

Mayor Bayless called for questions on the budget amendments presented and there were none. Council Members Martin and Buie motioned to adopt the fourth quarter budget amendments. The motion carried.

**Mayoral Proclamation Honoring May 2017 as Older Americans Appreciation Month**

The Mayor read the proclamation aloud and presented same to Janet Robertson. Ms. Robertson introduced herself as the new liaison for the Hamlet jurisdiction and the Lumber River Council of Governments.

Other Business:

**Manager's Report.** Mr. Blanton reported city offices will be closed for Good Friday and said it will not affect the garbage pickup schedule. He stated the Hamlet Tree Board held an Arbor Day celebration recently and did a great job. Mr. Blanton thanked council and staff for their help with the budget preparations and he commended the Hamlet Police Department for their work on a recent drug bust.

**Council's Comments.**

- **David Lindsey** recognized the Seaboard Festival for the cleanup on Front Street. He said he is glad to see the Hamlet and Ellerbe baseball leagues playing together this year. Mr. Lindsey noted he hates the city decided not to accept his property on Jefferson Street for the park.
- **Jesse McQueen** said he is extremely proud to present Captain Taylor with his service weapon. He wished him well in his retirement.
- **Eddie Martin** congratulated Captain Taylor on his retirement and thanked him for his years of service.
- **Wendy Massagee** congratulated and thanked Captain Taylor.
- **Johnathan Buie** reiterated appreciation to Steve Taylor; he was pleased the city presented the service weapon. Mr. Buie wished all a happy Easter holiday.

**Mayor's Comments**

The Mayor reiterated the recognition for the Arbor Day Celebration last week. Holy Week services are going on at First Baptist Church and the public is welcome to attend. He said he attended the induction of the new president over the Community College System; he noted Richmond Community College was chosen out of 58 campuses to serve for the event. Captain Taylor was wished well and congratulated by the mayor.

**Closed Session.** At 7:16 pm, motions to go into Closed Session per NCGS Section 143-318.11 (a) (3) (6) for attorney-client privilege and personnel were made by Council Members Buie and McQueen. The motion carried.

**Open Session.** At 7:48 pm the Mayor reported no actions were taken while in closed session.

**Adjournment.** Council Members Buie and Martin motioned to close. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy Kirkley, CMC  
Hamlet City Clerk

