

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

MINUTES

Governing Body Present:

Bill Bayless	Mayor
Jesse McQueen	Council Member
Eddie Martin	Council Member
David Lindsey	Council Member
Wendy Massagee	Council Member

Absent:

Johnathan Buie	Mayor Pro-Tem
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Staff Present:

Jonathan Blanton	City Manager
TC Morphis	Attorney
Tammy Kirkley	City Clerk
Jill Dickens	Finance Officer
Calvin White	Fire Chief
Scott Waters	Police Chief
Billy Stubbs	Public Works
Gerald Adams	IT Director
Stephanie Thornsby	Museum Director

Others Present: Approximately 13 attendees

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**Call to Order**

Mayor Bayless called the meeting to order.

**Invocation**

The city manager offered the invocation.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Council Member McQueen motioned to adopt the agenda and table Agenda Item No. 11. Council Member Massagee motioned to accept the motion with the change. The motion carried.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Minutes from the June 9, 2017, Regular and Closed Sessions were unanimously approved by motions of Council Members Lindsey and McQueen. The motion carried.

### Comments from Attendees

Marie Cummings presented council to give her thoughts on the cancellation of the Fourth of July fireworks display. She asked the city to make citizens aware of the gang related activity in order to be better informed. Mayor Bayless stated all agencies worked together when the decision was made.

Dr. Dale McInnis, Richmond Community College President, presented council to express the college's sincere appreciation for the City of Hamlet's assistance with the recent massive water leak that took place at the Cole Auditorium. Dr. McInnis and Brent Barbee gave their sincere appreciation for the city's help and noted they were proud to be a part of Hamlet. Special thanks were given to Chief White, Chief Waters and Robert Brown. Plans for a grand reopening of the center are being made. The lobby and banquet rooms are open for business.

Mayor Bayless asked the police chief for comments in regards to the situation surrounded by the fireworks cancellation. The chief stated all efforts were made to keep the public and community safe. Several agencies were involved in the matter.

Mayor Bayless called for any last comments of the public and none were given.

### New Business:

**Amendment to Resolution No. 2017-04.** The manager stated after researching the matter, he recommends a league fee of \$500. Council Members Massagee and Martin motioned to accept the amendment. The motion carried.

**Adoption of Ordinance No. 2017-03.** This Ordinance is designating the timber funds to that of an enterprise project. Council Members Massagee and Lindsey made the motions to adopt the ordinance. The motion carried.

**Adoption of Resolution No. 2017-05** for the sale of personal property less than \$30,000 surplus. It was pointed out that a 2004 Ford Crown Vic from the Police Department was added to the listing. Staff is planning an online auction to sale the surplus property. Council Members Martin and McQueen made the motions to adopt the resolution. The vote passed unanimously.

**Approval of Tax Releases.** The tax releases are sent per Richmond County. Motions were made by Council Members Lindsey and Massagee. The motion carried.

**Adoption of Budget Amendments.** The increases and offsets within the budget are in regards to the library donation and a slope mower. (A copy of the budget amendments are attached hereto as part of the minutes as Exhibit A) Council members Martin and Lindsey motioned to adopt the submitted amendments. The motion carried.

### Other Business:

**Manager's Report.** Mr. Blanton announced the dates, costs and dates for soccer registration. He spoke on the Farmer's Market. The manager reiterated the city's frustration with the decision to cancel the fireworks display this year; however, noted all alternatives were searched. It is the city's wishes to keep the community and the surrounding area safe.

Mayor Bayless inquired of the public works director regarding garbage container repairs. Mr. Stubbs confirmed an order is expected in 4-6 weeks.

Other Business:

Comments of Council

David Lindsey thanked the Hamlet Police and Fire Departments for their assistance in aforementioned recent occurrences. Mr. Lindsey then noted down the road, for the Christmas holidays- three days off are given to employees. He wanted to make the suggestion to see if we can keep the water department or city hall open on Friday this year as Christmas falls on a Monday. He suggested maybe the employees can bounce around the days off. He noted three business days off is a lot. He said he doesn't know if the departments can short staff it to stay open but it's just a suggestion to consider. Mr. Blanton said he understands council voted two years ago to give employees three days off for this holiday; he said he welcomes all of council's input on the matter and said staff look into. The Mayor asked to look at the inquiry and see what council's recommendations are.

Jesse McQueen thanked the employees for their assistance with the situation at the Cole Auditorium and spoke of the rarity of this type of public service. He stated Hamlet has some of the best employees and this is an example. He then said the July event cancellation was not a decision that was taken lightly and there are times when council has no control over certain things. He noted, now, the city knows they have to proactively prepare for situations of this kind and have a plan in-place. Mr. McQueen said he supported the decision made in this matter.

Eddie Martin concurred with manager on different matters.

Mayor's Comments.

Bill Bayless reiterated the decision to cancel the annual fireworks display show was not taken lightly. He noted the experience of law enforcement of outside agencies who assisted with making the decision. The Hamlet Police Department did reach out to other agencies for help and they were all busy with their own town's holiday festivities.

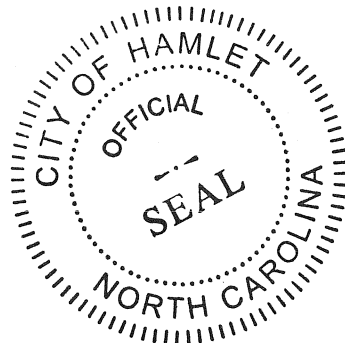
Closed Session. At 7:24 pm, a motion by Council Members Massagee and Martin was made to go into Closed Session per NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) (6) for attorney-client privilege and personnel matters. The motion carried.

Open Session reconvened at 7:36 pm. The mayor reported no votes were taken in closed session. Council reviewed the manager's 6-month probation performance. Mr. Blanton will get the 2.5% pay increase, which is in-line with all employees' increases if favorable, and the manager is now off of probation.

Motion to Adjourn. At 7:37 pm, Council Members McQueen and Massagee motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Bill Bayless & Hamlet City Council  
FROM: Jonathan Blanton, City Manager  
Jill Dickens, Finance Officer  
DATE: August 8, 2017  
SUBJ: First Quarter Budget Amendments

The following is a list of proposed budget amendments for the 1st quarter of FY 2017-2018

Enterprise Fund Expenditures:

30-399-1000	Fund Balance Appropriation	Increase	28,000.00
	<b>Total Increase</b>		<b>28,000</b>
	<b>Total Decrease</b>		<b>0</b>
	<b>Net Increase</b>		<b>\$ 28,000</b>

Enterprise Fund Expenditures:

30-810-2150	WTP M&R Bldgs & Grounds	Increase	1,600.00	new doors
30-810-2160	WTP M&R Equip.	Decrease	(1,600.00)	new doors
30-830-2160	WWTP M & R Equip.	Decrease	(710.00)	mule purchase
30-830-5740	WWTP Capital Outlay	Increase	710.00	mule purchase
30-840-5740	Waste Collections Cap. Outlay	Increase	28,000.00	pumping station pump
	<b>Total Increase</b>		<b>30,310</b>	
	<b>Total Decrease</b>		<b>(2,310)</b>	
	<b>Net Increase</b>		<b>\$ 28,000</b>	

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General Fund Expenditures:

10-351-3000 Police Dept. Misc. Revenues      Increase      1,000.00      Wal-mart grant

Total Increase	1,000
Total Decrease	0
Net Increase	<u>\$ 1,000</u>

General Fund Expenditures:

10-510-4332 K-9 Supplies      Increase      1,000.00      Purchase K9

Total Increase	1,000
Total Decrease	0
Net Increase	<u>\$ 1,000</u>

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