

**HAMLET CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM
201 MAIN STREET, HAMLET, NC 28345
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016
4:00 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:

Marcus Abernethy	City Manager
Tammy Kirkley	City Clerk
Jill Dickens	Finance Officer
Billy Stubbs	Public Works Director

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1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Bayless called the meeting to order.
 2. **Approval of Agenda.** Council Members Buie and Massagee motioned to approve the agenda. The motion carried in favor 5-0.
 3. **Update on Planning of Department's Budget.**
The manager reported on various updates to the budget to include:

A spray apparatus for pesticides in the horticulture department has been ordered and will go through this year's Powell Bill.

Additional part-time seasonal employees to assist full time employees. Mr. Stubbs confirmed the expected part-time salaries should be approximately \$4,500 to cover about nine weeks out of the year.

Knuckleboom Loader. The manager presented council with the quote for a demo loader demo at a cost of \$138,990. The manager asked for council's wishes on the matter.

He said the equipment will have to be put out to bid legally due to the cost and noted the advertisement requirements. This will save over \$20,000 from the originally requested amount for the equipment. Mr. Stubbs gave spec information for the vehicle.

Council Members Buie and McQueen motioned to approve the purchase of the knuckleboom loader. The vote passed 5-0.

Mr. Stubbs confirmed there will also be modifications made to the current loader. The current and the new loader both will be in service. Mr. Abernethy confirmed that a formal budget amendment will follow for the purchase of the subject vehicle.

Grant for Playground Park Equipment at Memorial Ball Park. The manager said if approved, the plan would be to update the equipment with a 5x12 structure, remove unsafe equipment, and add seating and site amenities. A sample invoice was solicited from Playworld Systems in order to have an idea of a cost for the project. A turn-key quote for the project is \$45,000, which includes removal and disposal of current equipment.

David Lindsey confirmed the fees for removal and said the dumpster fee may be removed if the city will agree to remove and transport the disposal and Mr. Buie agreed. Mr. Abernethy confirmed the city will contact 3-4 companies to request quotes. It was a consensus of council to remove the current jungle gym. The city may have to surplus certain parts that are going to be removed. The Cole has approved a conditional grant that will reimburse the cost of half of the project costs up to \$22,500. It is expected the project may be completed in eight weeks. The finance officer noted the city needs to make sure we get a check in June of this year. Mr. Martin inquired if the quote includes landscaping of the area. It was the consensus of council to make sure the area is taken care of.

Council Members Buie and McQueen motioned to approve the playground project and grant. The motions carried 5-0.

The manager stated he will try to get have a tentative rough draft of the budget to council prior to the next budget meeting.

WD James Park. Councilman Lindsey asked if council would like to apply for another grant for about the same price range to the Richmond Community Foundation. He explained the timeframe for this round of grant funding and noted another funding round will be upcoming. Council agreed to ask at this point and see what happens.

At 4:26 p.m., Tony Clewis joined the meeting.

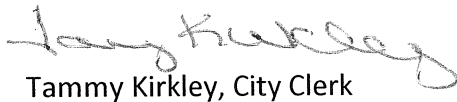
Sewer Agreement with City of Rockingham. The manager gave a brief summary of the situation. Mr. Tony Clewis provided information concerning the financing of the connecting line. The previous fees and the new proposed monthly fees for retainer only were reported. Hamlet's capacity issues and the water fees for the City of Rockingham were discussed.

Council continued to discuss the need for other routes to send the sewer. Several council members felt the new fee may be able to be negotiated. Mrs. Massagee suggested to come up with a proposal for monthly fees to offer Rockingham and to also come up with a water rate that would be fair to both parties.

Council agreed for the manager and Mr. Martin to go to the City of Rockingham to discuss a negotiation.

4. **Adjournment of Meeting.** Council Members Buie and Lindsey motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:03 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy Kirkley, City Clerk