

Town Of Hamilton
June 3rd 9:00 am
New Hamilton Town Hall
Budget workshop

Present: Mayor Goodrich, Commissioners: Kerry Spivey, Linda Goodrich, Patricia Moring, Judith Stewart and William Freeman.

Meeting called to order and welcomed by Mayor Goodrich.

Prayer by Commissioner Judith Stewart

Pledge to the Flag: By all.

New Business:

The first thing on the agenda for the budget meeting were the tax rates. Mayor Goodrich wanted to discuss the possibility of raising the tax rates from where they currently were at for .57 to raising them to .61 on every \$100.00. Commissioner Spivey added that it did not seem unreasonable due to the fact Williamston NC currently has their rate set at .89. Mayor Goodrich adds that this will not effect the budget tremendously but that it will add about \$3000.00 to the budget for the new fiscal year. Commissioners Spivey and Moring discussed when the tax rate was previously lowered by the old board before the property evaluations went down during previous terms.

The next issue was able to raising of the Water and Sewer rates for the next fiscal year. Commissioner Spivey discussing the effect and struggle it could potentially cause on our town citizens. Commissioner Freeman questioning about raising the sewer rates as well. Mayor Goodrich adding to both statements that we don't have a choice but to raise them if we want to be able keep operating our town and to do it more efficiently so that we are not using unappropriated funds as was done the year prior. Commissioner Spivey adding that we need to be as transparent as possible with the town and all them to have any information regarding the raise as possible. This being able to allow the people of Hamilton to understand that we are not raising the rates to do anything but allow us to operate in a more efficient manner to counteract the shortfalls that we are facing monetarily.

Further discussing Water Rates, the subject of Hamilton Ridge/Pedograph was brought up, and how their rates would be affected by the raising of the water rates, as well as the fact that they are not being charged as much as the rest of the "outside residents." Explanation of the method in how they are billed was explained to show that Hamilton Ridge is currently billed per apartment complex not by unit, so they are paying one base rate for 4 different water users. It was then discussed about the possibility of adding on the base rates for the units not currently being charged, as well as getting them to a rate equivalent to those that are billed outside of town as well. It was noted that it was unfair to the rest of the people outside of town, as well as to those people in town who are paying town taxes and that if you look at other towns their outside limits price is normally double the inside price where Hamilton's is not. Commissioner Freeman adding that we need to do what we have to do to keep the Town running.

It was suggested that the rates be changed to match the rest of the outside citizens in the new budget for FY 20-21

Motion to adjourn special call meeting made by Commissioner Stuart, Second by Commissioner Spivey. Unanimous 5-0 vote.

Budget Workshop adjourned.

Mayor

Town Clerk

Town Of Hamilton
June 3rd 10:30 am
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Special Call Meeting

Present: Mayor Goodrich, Commissioners: Kerry Spivey, Linda Goodrich, Patricia Moring, Judith Stewart and William Freeman.

Meeting called to order and welcomed by Mayor Goodrich.

Prayer by Commissioner Judith Stewart
Pledge to the Flag: By all.

New Business:

Mayor Goodrich starts with the information for the Well Head protection program. Stating that we need to be able to get a wellhead ordinance together for this if we are to proceed with the Well Head Protection Program.

Moving forward it was next discussed about the tree trimming that would be coming to the Town of Hamilton in preparation for Hurricane season of 2020 to make sure all electrical lines are clear of the risk of being damaged by branches. It was noted that we got a grant for \$5,000.00 for tree trimming, it will be a cost of just under \$6,000.00 to be able to get the job completed, which would be performed in just under 5 days.

The next topic was of the dump site here in the town of Hamilton. This was suggested to not to continue to be used by Commissioner Spivey. Commissioner Spivey was concerned with the possibility of an adverse environmental impact and just making sure we are doing right by the Town. Considering there had been indication of non-authorized personnel that had been to the location. Commissioner Spivey did include the fact that there would be an unforeseen cost that was not originally brought into the budget, which would be for landfill fees for the brush now. It was suggested by Mayor Goodrich, that we still may want to put the dump site under surveillance to make sure that no one else is using it once the Town discontinues use. Commissioner Moring suggested we make it known and give the town 6 months for this, Commissioner Spivey disagreed and suggested it be discontinued for use immediately. Motion made by Commissioner Spivey to close the use of the dumping site in the Town of Hamilton. Commissioner Freeman 2nd. Unanimous Vote 5-0

Sludge truck for the Maintenance Department needs to be painted, information given by Mayor Goodrich. This will cost the town \$2,500.00 but this needs to be done. Motion to approve \$2,500.00 for the painting of the sludge truck made by Commissioner Spivey, second by Commissioner Moring. Unanimous Vote 5-0.

Maintenance Department had requested to be able to get a lawn mower, topic was to be discussed with the Board. Mayor Goodrich informed the board that the current price they are looking at for the same brand that the Town currently operates with is roughly 14 thousand dollars. Commissioner Moring suggested to look and see if we can get it cheaper through Electricities. Motion made by Commissioner Spivey to agree to move forward with looking for a town lawn mower. Seconded by Commissioner Moring. Unanimous Vote 5-0.

Commissioners then discussed what they felt were important tasks that should be completed or looked into further, to allow better functionality of the town. This included Directional arrows for the Town Hall parking lot, welcoming packets with useful information for people moving into Hamilton from out of town, zoning ordinance, as well as other issues that the removal of dilapidated buildings. It was also discussed during this time about the possibility of needing to look into the funding of the capital

improvement project because of it's lack of completion. During this discussion town citizen Mr. Gilson brought up an issue that he felt was important about the people who are flying up and down the street at a high speed. Who wanted to know if there is anything that could be done about this, or if they have any idea on what to do to resolve this issue. At that time the Board discussed the possibility of putting speed bumps in the town in a manner that would slow down those who are speeding through the town. The Board felt that this may be a good idea. At which time Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve putting speed bumps in the Town of Hamilton in the future, seconded by Commissioner Goodrich. Unanimous decision 5-0.

The next issue on the agenda was the personnel issues, during which time it was requested by the Commissioners to have a direct understanding of who reports to whom in regards to the town employees. In regards to the clerk it was distinguished that as a whole the board is the direct supervisor of the town clerk, with the Mayor being the person to go to in the event of a situation that needs resolving on an operational basis. But that it is expected of the clerk to be as accommodating and efficient with all requests coming from the commissioners and mayor as possible. It was then distinguished that the maintenance crew was to report to their direct supervisor who would be Maintenance Supervisor. It was asked who the maintenance supervisor reports to, to which Mayor Goodrich asked previous supervisor Commissioner Freeman who his direct supervisor was, to which Commissioner Freeman responded that on operational basis, it was the Mayor, but ultimately the board as a whole. It was distinguished that, that should be how the order goes, so that the Maintenance supervisor knows who to go to for what issues. In regards to waste water it would be the waste water ORC, operationally on a day to day basis it would be the Mayor, for any matters regarding shut offs or issues that the town citizens bring it would be the town clerk, but ultimately it would be the board as a whole.

Motion to adjourn special call meeting made by Commissioner Stewart, Second by commissioner Moring. Unanimous 5-0 vote.

Special call meeting

Mayor

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