

Town of Hamilton
June 6, 2019 7:00 PM

Budget Hearing: 6:45 PM
Regular Monthly Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Budget Hearing: Present: Mayor, Commissioners Williams, Freeman, Jackson and Everett. Commissioner Staton was absent due to family issues.

Budget Hearing: At the request of the mayor it is noted that Ms. Linda Goodrich concerns about open meeting law, fire code and her comments below.

Ms. Goodrich questions budgetary spending of phone bills, office supplies, election fees, and audits for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 and if money has been included in budget if the Town accepts the school; shouldn't the public be asked if they want the school. Mayor states that you would not take on any property that you would not have something in the budget to support it. The decision to purchase property is entirely a board decision.

Regular Board Meeting: 8:45: Present: Mayor, Commissioners Williams, Freeman, Jackson, and Everett. Commissioner Staton absent due to family issues.

Meeting called to order and welcome by the mayor, prayer by Commissioner Williams; pledge to the flag by all.

Motion to approve agenda by Commissioner Everett and second by Commissioner Jackson. Carried 4-0.

May 2, 2019 minutes read by the mayor. Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Everett. Carried 4-0 unanimously.

Mayor reports that Scottie Wilkins will stop in to discuss cellphone tower the next time he is in the area. Mayor asks Commissioner Williams has he spoken to anyone about Suddenlink. Commissioners Williams states that he spoke with Mr. James first to see what we need to do to make sure we are out of the contract with Crystal Broad Band.

Old Business: Commissioner Everetts reports that the electric rate increase of 2.7% effective 4/1/2019 need Board approval whether Town should absorb or pass increase on to the customers. After a lengthy discussion it was their consensus to leave rate as is and the Town would absorb increase for now.

New Business: Ms. Kim Cockrell, Town's bookkeeper, reviewed the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance (electric, general and water/sewer funds) with Board. Mayor asked for a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance. Motion to approve by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Everett. Carried 4-0 unanimously.

Ms. Cockrell reviewed Budget Amendments with the Board. A motion by Commissioner Williams to amend budget from financials to clear out fiscal budget year. Motion second by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried 4-0 unanimously.

Ms. Cockrell explained that every 10 years municipalities are allowed tax write off; the Town of Hamilton tax write off for the year of 2008 in the amount of \$244.07 need to be approved by the

Board. A motion to approve by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Freeman. Motion carried 4-0 unanimously.

Town of Hamilton Resolution supporting the US Census read by Commissioner Williams. Motion to approve Resolution by Commissioner Everett and second by Commissioner Freeman. Motion carried 4-0 unanimously

Mayor excused himself and meeting was carried forth by Commissioner Williams, mayor protem.

Carol Shields made presentation to The Town of Hamilton and the Randolph Sisters. She also gave an update of the Rosenwald School Project.

Judith Stewart Was not present.

Financials: Board reviewed the financials together.

Motion Commissioner Everett to go into closed session second by Commissioner Jackson. Carried 4-0 unanimously.

Motion to come out of closed session by Commissioner Everett and second by Commissioner Jackson carried 4-0 unanimously.

Back in open session.

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Everett nothing at this time.

Commissioner Jackson: Fire Department is still recruiting for volunteers.

Commissioner Freeman: Mark Bacon, Engineering Service, Cary North Carolina willing to talk with Dennis DeLong to pursue \$30,000.00 research grant for smoke testing, camera, and collection system for North part of Town at no cost to the Town. Need decision from Board. Motion by Commissioner Everett and second by Commissioner Jackson. Carried 4-0 unanimously.

Commissioner Williams: Grand opening Saturday 1:00 PM at Glenique nails.

Commissioner Freeman, by request motion to have property inspected at 108 East Main Street to determine whether or not it meets the criteria for notice and other possible action under NCGS 160A-426. Motion second by Commissioner Everetts. Carried 4-0 unanimously.

A motion by Commissioner Williams to accept Edna Andrews School property from Martin County Commissioners; motion second by Commissioner Everett. Motion carried 4-0 unanimously

No further business discussed. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Jackson and second by Commissioner Freeman. Carried 4-0 unanimously.

Meeting adjourn.

DS Mathews III
Mayor

7-11-19

Carrie B. Jones
Clerk

7-11-2019