

Minutes Regular Monthly Meeting April 11, 2016 at 7:30 PM

Mayor Horace Reid called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Mayor Pro Tem Lillian Holman, Commissioners Archie Aples, Ed Lane and Sid Eley. Others present were Town Manager Brandon Shoaf, Town Clerk Cindy Sharber, Pam Hurdle, Billy Winslow, and Officer Kenny Lynch.

Mayor Reid led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the prayer.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Archie Aples, and passed 5-0 to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 5-0 to approve the March 14, 2016 regular monthly meeting minutes as presented.

Scheduled Business Appointments

There were none.

Administrative Concerns

Sid Eley asked what was being done about the awning in front of Hertford Hardware that had come unattached. Brandon Shoaf said he had spoken with Mr. Haste and the company that installed the awning is coming to reattach the awning to the building this week is what he was told.

Ed Lane and Archie Aples each received phone calls about dog problems they reported.

Sid Eley was told by Brandon Shoaf that we have a dangerous dog ordinance. Lillian Holman was told that barking would fall under the barking dog ordinance.

Sid Eley asked if the town was still enforcing the junk car ordinance. Brandon Shoaf said they continue to enforce the ordinance.

Ed Lane asked about street paving. Brandon Shoaf said he is having trouble finding a company to do overlay work. Patching was going good though.

Citizen Concerns

Billy T. Winslow read the attached concerns about the cat problem next to his house.

Continued Business

Brandon Shoaf said at the current time the load management upgrade system was down but it is impressive to see what has been installed and how it will operate.

New Business

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 5-0 to open a public hearing to consider adopting a new electric schedule for the purpose of smaller non-residential customer development.

Brandon Shoaf presented the proposed new electric rate schedule with an effective date of the July 2016 billing, called Schedule 40.

Mayor Reid opened the hearing for public comments. There were none.

Motion by Lillian Holman and seconded by Archie Aples, and passed 5-0 to close the public hearing.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Archie Aples, and passed 5-0 to approve the new electric schedule as presented.

Mayor Reid presented the ABC report showing an increase of 16.56% over last March.

Brandon Shoaf said he had just learned that the past fireworks committee had not secured a fireworks contract or funding for this year's fireworks. He stressed the importance of fireworks for Hertford. He said the cost would be \$7,700.00 taxes included. He stressed that if Hertford signed for the fireworks show, the town would be on the hook for any shortfalls of money not raised to have the show, as has been done by private individuals in the past. In talking about how to accept donations from private donors, Brandon said we would have to possibly find another entity to collect donations since the town probably wouldn't be allowed to collect the donations. He said he had reached out to HHI this afternoon to see if they would be willing to collect the donations but he hadn't heard back from them at time of the meeting.

The council expressed their willingness to keep the fireworks show. At this time the discussion regarding the fireworks was tabled to allow Brandon Shoaf time to gather more information and they agreed to have a special called meeting as soon as more information is available.

Motion by Lillian Holman and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.