

Minutes Regular Monthly Meeting May 8, 2017 at 7:30PM

Mayor Horace Reid called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Mayor Pro Tem Lillian Holman, Ed Lane, Archie Aples, and Sid Eley. Others present were Town Manager Brandon Shoaf, Town Clerk Cindy Sharber, Pam Hurdle, Edgar Salvo, Frank Norman, Mary Vidaurri, Linda Buck, Trish Signor, Douglas Layden, Michele Lawrence, Doug Freeman, and Bert Webb.

Mayor Reid led the Pledge of Allegiance and Sid Eley had the prayer.

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

Motion by Archie Aples and seconded by Lillian Holman, and passed 5-0 to approve the regular monthly minutes of April 10, 2017 as presented.

Scheduled Business Appointments

Archie Aples introduced the new librarian of the Perquimans County Library, Michele Lawrence. Michele explained that the regional library is better for the communities they serve. She said they share resources and have a courier that delivers twice a week. She said the President of the U.S. has said that funding for the libraries will be cut next year. She said the library offers more than just books. They offer E-books, computers, DVD checkout, free Wi-Fi, and free library card. Plans to hold workshops and computer classes are in the works once they move in the new building. She encouraged council to support the library.

Archie Aples, as a library board member, said he was surprised to learn that the Pettigrew Regional Library doesn't receive any local funding from cities and towns.

Library board member, Douglas Layden shared that they had a spaghetti dinner fundraiser and they raise \$7,500. They are now selling quilt squares to make a memory quilt to be hung in the new library. The cost of the squares is \$100.00 of which \$90.00 will go toward the library fundraiser and \$10.00 will go to the embroider. He said the 3rd fundraiser would be selling sidewalk squares but right now the focus is on the quilt fundraiser. He said the money raised will be for interior items such as furniture and computers.

Administrative Concerns

Archie Aples asked about repair of hole across the railroad tracks. Brandon said that was created by a sewer repair and should be fixed soon. Archie asked about when the work would begin on the municipal building bathroom. Brandon said the contractor came by last week and took so more measurements and that the demolition work will take place on a weekend and once that is complete the remodel could take place during business hours.

Ed Lane asked about when the crosswalks would be painted. Brandon said he was told warm weather but he would try to get that narrowed down. Ed Lane asked about the repair at Missing Mill Park from the lightning strike. Brandon said the area had been under water till today and maybe the contractor looked at this afternoon.

Sid Eley asked if the town had any problems from the recent heavy rains. Brandon said we received about 2" in an hour but everything seemed to have drained well.

Mayor Reid thanked Pam Hurdle and Shoaf for getting the shrubs chopped down at the house on the corner of Market Street and Covenant Garden.

Citizen Concerns

There were none.

Continued Business

Brandon said he had prepared the FEMA update memo before today but we had received the checks today for the FEMA reimbursement totaling \$59,117.14 and we will be bringing a budget amendment to council next month.

New Business

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Archie Aples, and passed 5-0 to open the public hearing for ordinance amendment for Chapter 8, Article III. Dogs and Other Animals.

Brandon Shoaf presented the changes that citizens and council had asked to be made to the ordinance.

Mayor Reid opened the hearing for public comment.

Hearing none, motion by Ed Lane 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 ordinance amendment for Chapter 8, Article III. Dogs and Other Animals as presented.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Lillian Holman, and passed 5-0 to open the public hearing for rezoning request for a Parcel along 500 Block of S. Church Street with PIN 7849-84-6398, from T-R to O-I.

Brandon Shoaf recommended a rezoning request for a parcel along the 500 block of S. Church Street, based on a unanimous recommendation from the Hertford Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Mayor Reid asked for public comment.

Frank Norman said he was not understanding what was being presented for approval.

Mayor Reid and Brandon Shoaf explained that the owner was asking for a zoning change the council was not approving any specific development.

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

Motion by Lillian Holman and seconded by Archie Aples, and passed 5-0 to approve the rezoning request as presented.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 5-0 to approve a resolution of support for a new traffic pattern at Edenton Road Street/Ballahack Road/Wynne Fork Road intersection.

Brandon Shoaf presented the proposed 2017-2018 General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund and Electric Fund budget ordinance. Motion by Archie Aples and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 5-0 to table.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Archie Aples, and passed 5-0 to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board CAMA setback recommendation as presented.

Mayor Reid presented the ABC report showing a decrease of 7.40% over last April.

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

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