

Minutes Regular Monthly September 10, 2015 at 7:30PM

Mayor Horace Reid, Jr. called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Mayor Pro Tem Lillian Holman, Carlton Davenport, Ed Lane and Sid Eley. Others present were Town Manager Brandon Shoaf, Police Lieutenant Bert Webb, Claudia Brothers and Steve Everett.

Mayor Reid led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a moment of silent prayer.

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

Motion by Lillian Holman and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 5-0 to approve the regular monthly minutes of August 10, 2015.

Scheduled Business Appointments

There were none.

Administrative Concerns

Ed Lane said there was debris in on the curb of 501 Edenton Road Street and Jeff Haskett's house on Edenton Road Street.

Lillian Holman said she was glad the old 2 ton truck at Randy's was gone on Dobb St.

Sid Eley commended Historic Hertford Inc. and the Indian Summer Festival committee for another successful Indian Summer Festival. Sid said the food vendors and the Chamber did well. He also thanked the town for the cleanup before the festival and also the police for their efforts.

Sid Eley said the ECSU Chancellor would be here for conversations over coffee next Wednesday at 8:30.

Sid Eley said we have pot holes on Dobbs Street and Penn. Ave.

Carlton Davenport said the water meter at the intersection of Front Street and Grubb Street

Lillian Holman said the 9/11 program was great.

A fire ant issue somewhere on Punch Alley, was also brought up.

Citizens Concerns

Claudia Brothers said there was a vehicle break in on Edenton Road Street to her personal vehicle. She passed out pictures. She said they took her missionary's license and she could have been knocked in the head. She said she is here to show her respect for the community.

Mayor Reid and Carlton Davenport said they were sorry and they would do what that could.

Steve Everett said he had an issue in February or March. He said he didn't know he had to sign the sheet to speak. He said his light bill was going up. He said he has seen an extension cord running to his house from the house next door. He said he has called dispatch and wants to catch whoever is stealing electricity from him. He said the Police Department tore the back door of other house up and that the Police Department report is inaccurate.

Continued Business

Brandon Shoaf shared the latest information he had received about offering Commercial Business Incentives. He indicated that General Statutes would not allow for incentives to be given through tax breaks or incentives. The Council asked him to continue looking for ways to help commercial property owners.

New Business

Brandon Shoaf presented a memo along with copies of the rate study that was presented to council at last Monday's work session. Brandon shared that we had been working with Chris Lund, of Utility Financial Services over last two months to come up with an electric rate reduction.

Brandon recommended the 7% deduction and said once they voted on which of the scenarios they would need to direct him and UFS to formulate the new electric rates, setting a public hearing for the October 14th Council meeting to adopt those rates making them effective for the October 2015 utility bills.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Carlton Davenport, and passed 5-0 to reduce the electric rates by 7% and set the public hearing for October 14th.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Carlton Davenport, and approved 5-0 to approve Budget Amendment # 2 2015-2016 as follows.

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
313350.0000	Electric Misc. Revenues		\$5,379.00
318100.7400	Electric Fund Capital Outlay		\$5,379.00

Explanation and notes:

1. The electric fund took in revenues for a new service that was not budgeted, either for the revenue or the expense of the materials and man hours. The new customer, an electric only customer, down Harvey Point Road was charged \$5,379.00 for an 1100 ft. long service. There is the same dollar amount charged to revenues and expenses, in the line items, as shown above.

Brandon presented a memo along with two drafts for the Ordinance Amendment for grass on Streets the first being more detailed redlined copy, which Councilman Davenport crafted from the first one that Brandon presented. Brandon recommended the copy that Councilman Davenport presented.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Carlton Davenport, and passed 5-0 to set a public hearing on October 14th for the ordinance amendment for grass on streets.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Lillian Holman, and passed 5-0 to approve ordinance amendment for Article 10 – Board of Adjustments. This amendment comes from a need to more closely align our ordinance with the language found in recently ratified General Statues, that allows the Town to continue to use the Planning Board as the Board of Adjustment.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Lillian Holman, and passed 5-0 to approve a resolution to declare surplus property of a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria Patrol Car, VIN: 1FAFP71WX4X106437, that does not operate and would cost more to fix than the vehicle is worth.

Mayor Reid presented the ABC report showing an increase of .0003% over August 2014.

Motion by Lillian Holman and seconded by Carlton Davenport, and passed 5-0 to order meeting adjourned.