

Minutes Regular Monthly Meeting November 9, 2015

Mayor Pro Tem Lillian Holman called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Carlton Davenport, Ed Lane and Sid Eley. Mayor Horace Reid was absent because of a medical condition. Others present were Town Manager Brandon Shoaf, Town Clerk Cindy Sharber, Archie and Lora Aples, Jeff Best, Donna Godfrey, Executive Assistant Pam Hurdle, Lieutenant Bert Webb, Tony Riddick and Charlan Owens.

Mayor Pro Tem Holman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sid Eley had the prayer.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 4-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Carlton Davenport and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 4-0 to approve the minutes of October 14, 2015 as presented.

Scheduled Business Appointments

Jeff Best with Carr, Riggs and Ingram presented the draft audit report. It was only a draft at the time of the meeting because of the pending Local Government Commission approval.

Motion by Carlton Davenport and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 4-0 to accept the 2014-2015 draft audit as presented pending approval from the LGC.

Administrative Concerns

Brandon Shoaf said that paving and patching of streets and sidewalks would continue as long as weather permitted.

Brandon Shoaf will look into adding a stop sign at the intersection between the bus garage and the high school.

Citizens Concerns

There were none.

Continued Business

Brandon Shoaf said he was still working on the commercial business incentives.

Brandon said the date of the Unhilly 100 bike ride request he had received last month had been changed to April 9, 2016. He did contact the neighbors around the tree park about allowing camping for the bikers. He said he only received 1 response back and it was favorable.

Motion by Ed Lane and seconded by Sid Eley, and passed 4-0 to allow street closure and camping for the Unhilly 100 bike ride April 9, 2016.

New Business

Motion by Ed Lane and seconded by Sid Eley, and passed 4-0 to approve FY 2015-2016 budget amendment # 3 as follows:

To amend the General Fund as follows:

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
104200.5700	General Fund-Administration Misc. Exp.		\$7,500
103990.1400	General Fund Balance		\$7,500

Explanation and notes:

1. The cost estimate from Ben Gallop to go through the foreclosure proceedings for:
 - a. 309 Dobb St.
 - b. 319 W. Market St.
 - c. 315 W. Market St.
 - d. 221 King St.
 - e. 413 Dobbs St.

These are the properties we discussed about 2 months ago that could be foreclosed on because of unpaid liens. At that time the Board expressed interest in getting these moved. Since then, Habitat has expressed interest in, at least, 2 properties on that list and an adjacent owner to one of them has said she may be interested in the past.

2. \$7,500 is what Ben estimates it will take to get them to foreclosure and is not something I had budgeted for, so that's why I show fund balance used here.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Carlton Davenport, and passed 4-0 accept with regrets the resignation of Donald Morris from the Hertford Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mayor Pro Tem Lillian Holman opened the Public Hearing for Perquimans County CAMA Core Land Us Plan.

Donna Godfrey presented a copy of the items that needed to be changed from the copy that council had received of the CAMA Core Land Use Plan at the prior Council Meeting.

Ed Lane asked Donna Godfrey if they could receive a correct copy after the changes had been made. She said they could.

Hearing no more comments, motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 4-0 to close the public hearing.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 4-0 to adopt the resolution supporting the County's plan.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 4-0 to close for Christmas at noon on December 22nd.

Motion by Ed Lane and seconded by Carlton Davenport, and passed 3-0 to approve staff longevity bonuses and firemen call response bonuses. The Council excused Sid Eley from voting at his request because he is a fireman and would benefit from the approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Lillian Holman presented the ABC report showing an increase in sales of 13.12% over last October.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Carlton Davenport, and passed 4-0 to adjourn the meeting.