

Minutes Regular Monthly Meeting November 10, 2014 at 7:30 PM

Mayor Horace Reid called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Carlton Davenport, Mayor Pro Tem Lillian Holman, Ed Lane and Sid Eley. Others present were Town Manager Brandon Shoaf, Nancy Theodore, Sara Winslow, Connie & Frank Jaklic, Brenda and Glenn White, Fran Ownley, Larry Brickouse, and Pam Hurdle.

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

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

Motion by Lillian Holman and seconded by Carlton Davenport, and passed 5-0 to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion by Carlton Davenport and seconded by Lillian Holman, and passed 5-0 to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2014 Closed Session as presented.

Schedule Business Appointments

There were none.

Administrative Concerns

Ed Lane said the pond at the corner of Edenton Road and Ballahack Road need to be mowed around.

Carlton Davenport said there are holes at the intersection of Market Street and Church Street.

Horace Reid said another hole on Covent Garden has appeared.

Citizens Concerns

Nancy Theodore said she had made a suggestion at the September 8th meeting to post the council meeting minutes on the Town's webpage. She feels this would allow citizens to stay more informed.

Sara Winslow said that yard waste is not being picked up in a timely manner and that some has been out as long as three weeks.

Connie Jaklic said the trees on 17 look great. She said it was good to see the barge pulling up to start work on the marina behind the Town Offices. She also asked if all the Council members and Mayor were going to attend the NCDOT meeting on Thursday and were they aware that the S-Bridge project website had been updated to show that all the funding for the project was coming from the State now and not the original formula of 80% from the Federal Government and 20% from the State. She also asked if they had any idea what that meant for the project and why it happened. She followed up by asking about how long could citizens expect it to take to have answers for questions when they ask the Council.

Continued Business

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Lillian Holman, and passed 5-0 to approve the demolition contract resolution for 410 Market Street.

Motion by Lillian Holman and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 5-0 to approve the demolition contract resolution for 413 Dobb Street.

New Business

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Lillian Holman, and passed 5-0 to approve the NCEMPA Retail Billing Services Agreement.

Brandon Shoaf advised that Attorney Ben Gallop is currently working on a lease agreement between the Town and Historic Hertford Inc. for the use of the Missing Mill Park Bldg.

Brandon Shoaf presented a draft amendment to the Council for their review outlining standards for substandard commercial properties similar to the one already in place that deals with substandard residential properties in Town. He advised that the attorney was still reviewing the draft as well.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Carlton Davenport, and passed 5-0 to approve closing for Christmas lunch at noon on December 23rd and reopening on Monday December 29th.

Motion by Ed Lane and seconded by Carlton Davenport, and passed 5-0 to approve longevity bonuses for staff and call volume bonuses for firemen as presented.

Motion by Lillian Holman and seconded by Sid Eley, and passed 5-0 to reappoint Bob Clinkscales to the Planning Board for 3 years which would end December of 2017.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 5-0 to reappoint Joseph Hoffler to the Hertford ABC Board for 3 years which would end August of 2017.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 5-0 to approve putting approved minutes on the Town website from prior meeting and drafts of the latest minutes.

Mayor Reid presented the ABC report showing a 15.31% increase over October 2013.

Mayor Reid allowed Connie Jaklic to ask again about the bridge funding issue of the Federal Funding being pulled from the S-Bridge project. She wanted to know why this happened and what it meant for the project. She also asked if the interstate idea from Raleigh to Hampton Roads came into play in this decision. Mayor Reid answered by saying he nor the Council Members did not know the answer to those questions.

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