

Minutes Regular Monthly Meeting November 14, 2016 7:30 PM

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, Todd Tilley, Frank Norman, and Police Chief Doug Freeman.

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

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

Motion by Lillian Holman and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 5-0 to approve the minutes of October 10, 2016 regular meeting.

Scheduled Business Appointments

There were none.

Administrative Concerns

Sid Eley said the public works guy did a great job repairing the water main rupture on Church Street and the windows at the old ice plant look good.

Ed Lane said he felt the shrubs at the old part of Cedarwood cemetery needed to be trimmed along the fence.

Archie Aples said he had received a thank you letter from Hattie Sharp regarding the handling and storage of a head stone.

Ed Lane said Anne Marie, Town Manager of Edenton, had shared with him how big of an asset the ladder truck was to them during the Kellogg fire.

Archie Aples said he had seen the new proposed Interstate 87 signage in the neighboring counties but none in Hertford. Mayor Reid felt it was because we didn't have any 70 mph zones in Perquimans County. Brandon said he would see if he could find out why Perquimans County doesn't have any of the signs.

Brandon Shoaf said TDA committee had been doing interviews for the Tourism and Development Authority.

Citizens Concerns

There were none.

Continued Business

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Archie Aples, and passed 5-0 to set a public hearing on December 12, 2016 to hear business registration amendment to the town's general ordinance chapter 9.

Brandon Shoaf said the replacement windows at the old ice plant building are looking good and hopefully we can replace the 2 windows on the side. Brandon said the roof at the Missing Mill Park picnic shelter is good but the building needed to be rewired. Mayor Reid asked about the building next

to the ice plant. Brandon said the structure seems to be in good condition and he will share some ideas he has during the next budget planning sessions.

New Business

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Archie Aples and passed 5-0 to set a public hearing for December 12, 2016 for ordinance amendment to section 6-11 because capacity fees is not allowed in general statute any longer, so anything in the ordinance pertaining to capacity/user fees will need to be removed.

Brandon Shoaf shared from the Indian Summer Festival committee that they are not planning on having the Indian Summer Festival in 2017 but would still like to have the car show on that date.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 5-0 to approve the street closure for the Grand Illumination.

Brandon Shoaf said the Indian Summer Festival committee would still like to have the car show in 2017 even though they will not continue to have the festival. They would like to use the Municipal parking lot and close off Punch Alley.

Ed Lane asked if they could keep the boat ramp open during this event and have the boat owners park elsewhere.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Archie Aples, and passed 5-0 to accept the school's proposal to buy the surplus fire truck.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 5-0 to adopt a resolution for the designation of applicant's agent for FEMA reimbursement. The manager and the clerk were named the agents.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 5-0 to set a public hearing for December 12, 2016 for schedule 35 electric rate restructuring proposal.

Motion by Ed Lane and seconded by Sid Eley, and passed 5-0 to approve early closure request for the town Christmas luncheon on December 22, 2016.

Motion by Archie Aples and seconded by Lillian Holman, and passed 4-0 to approve the longevity pay and call bonuses as presented. Sid Eley asked to be excused from voting since he was a recipient.

Council had been contacted by an individual petitioning to have the Post Office moved. They decided since the individual petitioning for the move was not present they would table this until the December meeting.

Motion by Ed Lane and seconded by Lillian Holman, and passed 5-0 to approve the fire department's membership request to reappoint Drew Woodard as fire chief.

Mayor Reid presented the ABC report showing a decrease of 4.97% over last October.

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