

**Town of Hamilton Monthly Board Meeting
New Hamilton Town Hall
September 1st 2022 @ 7:00PM**

Present: Mayor Williams, Commissioners: Jackson, Stewart, Spivey, Goodrich and Freeman

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams at 7:04PM. The prayer was prayed by Commissioner Stewart and Pledge to flag was recited by all.

Town clerk Allison was called on by Mayor Williams to read the board minutes from the August 4th 2022 meeting. Mayor Williams states we have not received the information back from the attorney Coleman as of today. We have sent her the MOU, Junk car ordinance and other issues that were raised in the meeting. Presentation of Veterans community village, Mayor Willaims requesting information about the grants that Lee Padrick suggested. Commissioner Stewart will contact Kevin about the grants. Property on south street with the tree follow up, Commissioner Stewart requested to know who took down that property across the street. At this time the tree remains. Commissioner Freeman says he hasn't been to the gym due to heat, but plans to go in before October. Tree people came in from Kinston due to heat they returned and didn't finish or follow up with the tree at the Raynor address. The return to complete hasn't

Motion to approve the minutes as read by Commissioner Stewart, Seconded by Commissioner Goodrich, 5-0 all in favor motion carried.

New Business

Resolution read outloud to conduct a study for the water and sewer evaluation.

**see attached add information

Motion to participate in the viability study by Commissioner Spivey, Seconded by Commissioner Jackson, 5-0 all in favor motion carried.

Commissioner Goodrich Donations for murals were requested in the past; they have the funds to pay for the mural to be put onto the building. Requesting maybe the town could supply funds to buy supplies to paint the mural. On October 16th they will meet and discuss maybe changing and looking into the final project before Mike paints the mural up onto the building.

Dementia Alliance Annual donation request to donate \$500.00 towards the walk by commissioner Stewart, seconded by commissioner spivey, 5-0 all in favor motion carried.

Motion to approve the department of aging donation request in the amount of \$100.00 by commissioner s

pivey, seconded by Stewart, 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Requesting to put up a donation box in the town hall by Commissioner Stewart and call out a system to request to bring supplies into the office for the donations. Commissioner Stewart and Commissioner Goodrich states they will follow up with Mr. Gregory Lentine the new principal to see what needs are needed. **Motion to start a community project to support the south creek middle school to collect donations by Commissioner Goodrich, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.**

Public Power Week in the past we have gathered at the old town hall to give out to town residents. When Covid hit they supplied everyone in town a small pouch and gave it out to the town residents. Last year we raffled off the items by account numbers and 30 people were selected and the winners were contacted by phone to come by town hall to collect their prizes. Mayor Williams and Commissioner Freeman will meet at the office tomorrow to discuss and place the orders for Public Power Week.

Review of the financials Commissioner Freeman requested we look into the rental of the portable toilets. If this is not a need we should cut the cost of this unless required by OSHA to have one site.

Commissioner Report

Commissioner Jackson states several dead cherry trees around town that are out front of the old town hall and others located in Claudia Everetts, Robert Scotts & Velma Hortons front yards. Mayor Williams suggested that we just cut down the ones in front of Old Town Hall. The other locations will require the town to contact the residents before we cut down trees out of residents property owners.

Commissioner Stewart cut around the grass that is growing up through the potted plants around town, the ferns around the town hall still look good despite the humid weather.

Commissioner Spivey sludge pump has been removed and sent off to be checked out. Requested to start having the clerk to give a report to the board monthly about office information.

Commissioner Goodrich limbs removed from some power lines but not finished, the backhoe fuel tank reputed and needs to be replaced, Replaced several street lights that are out, Mike was able to fix the bucket truck, also requesting to have financial report to find out the amount of monies he has available to work with throughout the year. Commissioner Freeman would like for Mike to come attend the next board meeting.

Commissioner Freeman states that railroad street extension due to it was a dirt road before being unable to receive packages. Commissioner Freeman's address is 205 Railroad Street but they are unable to locate his address on GPS. **Motion to adopt South Railroad the be adopted as Railroad Street by Commissioner Freeman, Seconded by Commissioner Goodrich, 5-0 all in favor motion carried.**

Mayor Willams states two projects that needs to be done in town, we recently did a walk through at our Morris Lynch Center and our EMS (old town hall) Building. Some of the repairs and updates to the Morris Lynch Center are as follows: floor tiles estimated for flooring from the carpet shop, enclosure for brooms, GFCI sockets, bigger trash cans, replacing lighting etc. EMS (old town hall) building the old termastates needs to be replaced along with other minor items they listed throughout the walk through. EMS is concerned about no lighting behind the back of the building where they enter into the building. Mayor Williams will have Mike look into the lighting issue for safety reasons.

Public Comments

Patrica Mooring requested to have Dementia Alliance signage to be placed throughout the town. She thanked the town for our donation to the Dementia Alliance. The lease law in town due to the pitbulls that are running loose throughout the town. Requesting to put this lease law into the next newsletter for the residents. Identify the houses of the owners of the dogs and get the information into the Town Clerk.

Mattie Randoulp "Who determines what limbs are to be trimmed throughout the town?" Mayor Williams states they have not completed the Hurricane clean up at this time due to heat and sickness while Kinston was recently working in town they were unable to complete this task.

Residents all present stated that the entire town looks great. They have been working around town and cleaning up the town work looks great.

Motion by Commissioner Stewart to enter into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, 5-0 all in favor motion carried.

Motion to return back into open session by Commissioner Stewart, Seconded by Commissioner Spivey, 5-0 all in favor motion carried.

Motion to set the salary of Michael Farmer to \$14.00 for his hourly rate by Commissioner Spivey, Seconded by Commissioner Goodrich, 5-0 all in favor motion carried.

Requested to send the letter to the Hardware Store about the clean up around the building for town.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Spivey, 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at PM.

Mayor, Ervin Williams

Town Clerk / Finance Officer, Allison Roebuck