

Town of Hamilton Monthly Board Meeting

Hamilton Town Hall

March 3rd, 2022 @ 7:00pm

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

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams at 7:02pm. Prayer was given by Commissioner Stewart and pledge to the flag was recited by all.

Town Clerk Allison Roebuck read the minutes from the February board meeting. **Motion to approve minutes as read was made by Commissioner Goodrich, seconded by Commissioner Spivey. Motion carried 5-0.**

Old Business

Mayor Williams called on Commissioner Stewart to give an update on the bids for the demolition of the house on South Street. She stated that bids had been submitted by Schneider Landscape and John Nicholson.

Mayor Williams asked Commissioner Freeman for an update on the missing gym chairs. Commissioner Freeman stated that the rack and chairs have still not been located. Commissioner Freeman gave a copy of the Hamilton Recreation financials to the board for review. It was noted that all itemized receipts must be kept.

Mayor Williams stated that clean up on the property owned by the Lee family located on Railroad Street has begun.

Mayor Williams discussed the lease request from the EMS for the old municipal building. The board agreed upon a lease to be written by our Town's Lawyer. Commissioner Spivey requested that the lease should include controlled access to the entire area to avoid liabilities as well as security issues. Mayor Williams said that EMS has agreed to pay their portion of the utilities.

Mayor Williams suggested holding off on revising office hours until the new computer system is up and running.

Mayor Williams mentioned that possibly the board needed to look at the present debris pickup ordinance. Some residents expressed concern that debris was not being picked up making the town look messy. Commissioner Spivey stated that the board spent a good deal of time drawing up the ordinance. He went on to say that eventually a line has to be drawn as to what will and will not be picked up. Mayor Williams suggested the board and residents set up a workshop to discuss updating and reviewing our Pick-Up Ordinance. Pick-up ordinance workshop was set for March 10, 2022 at 5 pm.

New Business

Mayor Williams presented former commissioner Mrs. Mammie Staton a plaque in memory of her late husband Mr. Ora Staton. Mrs. Staton thanked the town and residents for all of their support during this difficult time.

Will Burge was here to give an update on the Fiber Optic Internet. Mr. Burge states he is interested in providing good service and a good price through fiber optic internet, land phone line and television packages. Mr. Burge provided information to both the board and the residents.

Mayor Williams asked the board to review the financials for approval.
**Motion to approve all financials by Commissioner Goodrich and
Seconded by Commissioner Freeman, Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Jackson reported that he is pleased with the recent work around town with our ditches.

Commissioner Stewart stated that she will follow through with contacting the company with the lower bid for the demolition of the house on South Street. Mayor Williams stated that a budget amendment will need to be approved at the next board meeting to cover the cost of the demolition project.

Commissioner Spivey stated that the annual pretreatment report had been submitted. He also reported that one of the pumps was not working but that a repair was underway and the pump should be up and running in the near future.

Commissioner Goodrich stated that there was nothing to report.

Commissioner Freeman stated that he had nothing to report.

Mayor Williams requested 2 motions be made to go forward with two resolutions, one from Lee Padrick and the second from the Home programs. **Motion to approve resolution for CERRI and the associated services from the NC department of commerce made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Goodrich. Motion to approve establishing a HOME program housing consortium by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Goodrich. Motion carried 5-0**

Public Comment

Resident Moring announced that she has formed the cemetery committee with herself, Resident Hilda Taylor and Commissioner Goodrich. They will begin gathering information on the procedures for burial at the cemetery. Ms. Moring also reported that she had received a complaint regarding a recent burial. Apparently they had to clean up the area before the burial took place. Mayor Williams requested to have anyone who is arranging a burial to contact the town hall first before going ahead to make sure everything is in order.

Resident Hilda Taylor stated she would like to request more information about her high utility bill for the Month of February. Mayor Williams arranged to meet with Mrs. Taylor on March 7 to discuss her issues with her utility bill.

Mrs. Taylor also requested to have the tree by her late husband's grave to be trimmed back or cut down.

Resident Ward presented a letter to the town requesting that the old fish market be rezoned from commercial to residential. The procedure will begin by posting signage on the lot and then an ad will be put in the local newspaper, followed by a public hearing.

Ms. Johnson expressed her concerns about the pickup ordinance. Mayor Williams stated that her concerns would be discussed at the upcoming workshop.

Motion to go into closed session for personnel, matters made by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Spivey. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to return to open session made by Commissioner Stewart, Seconded by Commissioner Goodrich. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to pay an additional \$450 dollars to Hillary Reed to cover his services as ORC was made by Commissioner Goodrich, Seconded by Commissioner Spivey. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Commissioner Spivey and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to increase Town Clerk, Allison Roebuck's hourly pay rate by \$2. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried 5-0