

**Town Council Meeting
January 12, 2009
Hamilton Town Office**

Mayor Whitbey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Whitbey, Vice Mayor John Unger, Mr. Ralph Baxter, Mr. Thomas Rollins,
Mr. Kenneth Wine, Mr. Greg Wilmoth.

Absent: Mr. Michael Snyder

Also Present: Ms. Maureen Gilmore, Town Attorney
Mr. David Beniamino, Zoning Administrator
Ms. Lori Jones, Treasurer
Mr. Robert McCann, Planning Commission Chairman

Minutes

Mr. Wilmoth made a motion to adopt the amended December 8, 2008 minutes into record. Mr. Unger made a second on the motion and the vote passed 5-0-1, (Aye: Unger, Wilmoth, Baxter, Rollins, Wine. Nay: none. Absent: Snyder).

Guests

Ms. Margaret Morton, Leesburg Today.

Public Comment

Mr. Lee Phillips, 104 Applewood Court, extended thanks to the Council for the publication of the water testing results and requested a list of sites where the testing occurred. Mr. Wilmoth stated that the sites were mandated by the Virginia Department of Health and usually are located in areas where copper piping might have previously been in use. Mr. Wilmoth continued to say that Hamilton has never had this type of situation before and is proactively retesting earlier than state guidelines require. Mayor Whitbey advised Mr. Phillips that this topic was on the agenda later in the meeting if he would like to be present for the discussion.

Ms. Amy Olson, 241 East Colonial Hgwy, asked whether the Town well water is tested for herbicides and pesticides. Ms. Olson was diagnosed with cancer last year and has heard of more people in Town who have also had cancer. She was hoping for information that might clarify if this was a coincidence or if there was a common cause. Inquiry was made about a Loudoun County Water Scan and what results it might yield and Mayor Whitbey responded that the Town water is tested by the State Lab but he will contact the Virginia Department of Health for information on additional testing and/or radon testing. An update will be placed on the February 1, 2009 Water Bill

Mayor's Report

The luminaries were unable to be placed out on December 24 due to predicted rain and the event was reschedule for Dec 31, which was also cancelled due to high winds. The Town now has supplies for the 2009 Christmas luminaries.

The Planning Commission will continue work on the C-2 & M-H Zoning issues at the January meeting. The December Annexation meeting was postponed and is rescheduled for January 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Parks & Recreation Committee

Mayor Whitbey is planning to meet with the Mom's Club of Purcellville in February to discuss ways that the club can contribute to the upkeep of the park.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Jones presented an overview of the budget YTD and advised that almost all of the property taxes are paid and the Town is in good shape with the budget. Mr. Unger made a motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report into record and Mr. Wilmoth made a second on the motion. The vote passed 5-0-1, (Aye: Unger, Wilmoth, Baxter, Rollins, Wine. Nay: none. Absent: Snyder).

Finance Committee

Mr. Unger asked when the County property assessments would be available and Ms. Jones advised that the information should be complete in March 2009.

Public Safety & Zoning Enforcement Committee

Mr. Beniamino continues to work on language for the definition and ordinance clarification of domestic pets. Several new letters citing Zoning Violations were mailed on January 6, 2009 and if there are any questions or concerns please contact Mr. Beniamino.

Water & Sewer Committee

Mayor Whitbey reported that the retesting of the 10 original sites is completed and that all 10 have come back at 3.5 parts per billion which is below the acceptable limits of 15 parts per billion. The written results have been delivered to the homeowners and testing will occur again in the summer. Construction of the Chemical Feed Building is scheduled to begin January 20, 2009 and will take 3 weeks to complete.

The Route 704 Waterline is still waiting on 1 easement.

A check has been paid to Patterson for the work on the Harmony Water Treatment Facility vault.

I&I update - monitors have been placed in some locations to check flow

Water & Sewer Committee meetings continue to take place every few weeks

Mr. Unger inquired about the proposed in house testing proposal and Mayor Whitbey advised that it is under review by the Water & Sewer Committee. Mayor Whitbey added that the DMR was received late Friday afternoon on January 9, 2009 and in house testing would have avoided this issue.

Planning Commission

Mayor Whitbey reviewed the request to the Town Council from the Planning Commission for a joint meeting & discussion of the Town long term vision. This would provide clear direction to the Planning Commission for completion of the Land Use section of the Comprehensive Plan review. A meeting date was set for January 24, 2009 at 8:00 AM.

Old Business - none

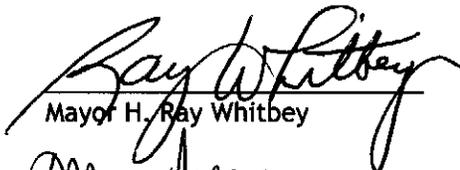
New Business

Mr. Unger made a motion to approve the 2009 Town Council meeting schedule to be on the second Monday of every month unless the meeting is scheduled on a legal holiday. In this event the meeting will be held the third Monday of the month. (October 2009 will be on the third Monday of the month due to the observation of Columbus Day). Mr. Wine made a second on the motion and the vote passed 5-0-1, (Aye: Unger, Wilmoth, Baxter, Rollins, Wine. Nay: none. Absent: Snyder).

Mr. Wilmoth made a motion to allow the Mayor the discretion to cancel scheduled meetings due to inclement weather, acts of God or emergencies. All agenda items from the cancelled meeting will be on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting. Mr. Unger made a second on the motion and the vote passed 5-0-1, (Aye: Unger, Wilmoth, Baxter, Rollins, Wine. Nay: none. Absent: Snyder).

Mr. Wilmoth made a motion to nominate Kelly Gaitten to the BZA for a 5 year term which will be appointed by the Circuit Court. Mr. Baxter made a second on the motion and the vote passed 5-0-1, (Aye: Unger, Wilmoth, Baxter, Rollins, Wine. Nay: none. Absent: Snyder).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.



Mayor H. Ray Whitbey



Ms. Mary Jussing, Recorder