

**MINUTES
HAMILTON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 8, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Town Council was convened at 7:00 PM with the following attendance:

PRESENT: Greg K. Wilmoth, Mayor
Kenneth C. Wine, Vice Mayor
John Unger, Council member
Michael Snyder, Council member – Late
James Thomas Rollins, Jr., Council member
David R. Simpson, Council member

ABSENT: Dimitri Kesari, Council member

STAFF: Lori Jones, Treasurer
David Beniamino, Zoning Administrator
Maureen Gilmore, Town Attorney
Jennifer Helbert, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wilmoth called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Wilmoth led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING:

a) Town of Hamilton Proposed Budget Amendments FY2012 Advertisement

There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dean Smith of 32 North King Street came forward to speak. Mr. Smith stated that it is his understanding that the issue of the fire siren is on the agenda tonight and he would like to ask the Council if they could vote to go along with what the other surrounding Towns are doing and that is removing the siren and go with other ways to notify the volunteers. He also believes that the siren being sounded could possibly cause hearing damage for people that live close by and he would like the Council to support having the siren silenced.

Connie McCrary of 54 East Colonial Highway came forward to speak. Ms. McCrary stated that she had heard that the Council would be discussing turning off the fire siren at the meeting tonight as well. She stated that this is a very antiquated system and it is time to turn it off.

John & Lori Bouman of 124 Delaware Avenue came forward to speak. Mr. Bouman stated that they are here to inquire about two issues. One is a detached garage permit that is on hold at the County at the Town's request and they are here to find out what the Town's intent. He stated that the other issue relates to the need obtain a zoning permit from the County for two unoccupied dwelling units and in order to proceed with the permit, according to the County, they need to have the Town assign addresses to those two dwellings.

Donna Norton of 15 West Colonial Highway came forward to speak. Ms. Norton stated that she is here to discuss the fire siren issue and unless the Fire Department can submit a compelling argument then she would like to see the siren turned off.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice Mayor Wine made a motion to approve the Town Council meeting minutes of July 11, 2011 with minor changes.

Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Council member Unger
Carried: 6-0-1 with Kesari Absent

Council member Unger made a motion to approve the July 21, Town Council minutes as submitted.

Motion: Council member Unger
Second: Vice Mayor Wine
Carried: 6-0-1 with Kesari Absent

Council member Unger made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2011 with minor changes.

Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Council member Unger
Carried: 6-0-1 with Kesari Absent

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Manhole Replacement Cost – Reimbursement Request Response – Mayor Wilmoth stated that a manhole was damaged during the milling and paving that VDOT. He stated that Purcellville came and helped with the repair of the manhole and he sent the bill for that work to the contractor, Francis O. Day Co. Larry Crouse, of Francis O. Day, responded via letter that his superintendent and the VDOT inspector discovered that the manhole frame in question was rusted and showed many stress cracks, and that the damage was not caused by the contractor, but due to the age and condition of the frame.

PMMP Update – Mayor Wilmoth stated that the Town has submitted the final data and that Triad is working on a final report.

Hamilton Volunteer Rescue Squad Thank You – Mayor Wilmoth stated that the Town received a note of thanks from the Rescue Squad for the donation that the Town made.

Vehicle Repair Update – Mayor Wilmoth stated that this is from the vandalism that took place. He stated that the 06 GMC has been repaired and returned. The 03 GMC is in the process of being repaired. He stated that the gate on the fence has been the biggest inconvenience that the Town has had to deal with. He stated that he believes that it will be back in operation within the week.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE:

Backwash Valve at Wells 1 & 4 – Mayor Wilmoth stated that these two valves need to be replaced and he will be getting a price on replacing them.

Check Valve Replacement at Reservoir – Mayor Wilmoth stated that there has been a small leak in that valve for a long time and he is hoping to get that replaced soon.

VDH Inspection August 16, 2011 – Mayor Wilmoth stated that this inspection will be next Tuesday on the 16th.

WWTP Permit – Mayor Wilmoth stated that the advertisement and public comment period is coming up and the comment that the Town will make is that we have a copper level that we have to maintain and in the new permit it says that it needs to be 15PPM but that the Town is struggling to make that.

Update I&I Plan – Mayor Wilmoth stated that he submitted a quarterly report to them the end of July and they had to give the Town the opportunity to redraw the plan.

Meter Replacement Program – Mayor Wilmoth stated that the Town has replaced 65 meters in the last month and hopes to replace another 30 or 40 before the next cycle, which will leave about 50 of manual reads after that so this should be a real time savings to the Town.

Sludge Press – Mayor Wilmoth stated that he is trying to do a cost comparison of what it would take to haul sludge out vs. what it would cost to run the press and get a new dump truck. He believes that it may be more economical to haul it. The plant is running very efficiently and we are hauling about two loads a month.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Reston Bike Club Century Ride – Council member Unger stated that they will be limiting the ride to 1,500 riders and Hamilton will still be one of the major stops along the route.

Hamilton Park – Vice Mayor Wine stated that he spoke with Norris Beavers and he indicated that he would speak with his teams about making sure that the park is cleaned up after they use it. He also stated that he cleaned up the park after the last storm and hauled away a truck load of limbs and leaves.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Monthly Treasurer's Report – Ms. Jones issued a report to the Council and answered any questions that they had about the report.

Council member Unger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Motion: Council member Unger
Second: Vice Mayor Wine
Carried: 6-0-1 with Kesari absent

Council member Unger made a motion that the Council authorize the Town Treasurer to move to the next step to collect the delinquent utility accounts listed.

Motion: Council member Unger
Second: Council member Simpson
Carried: 6-0-1 with Kesari absent

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Council member Unger stated that the auditors were here last week.

PUBLIC SAFETY & ZONING ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE:

Mr. Beniamino gave an update on Planning and Zoning Enforcement to the Town Council.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

None Scheduled

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Comprehensive Plan Review – Chairman McCann gave an update to the Town Council. Mr. Beniamino stated that there was a conversation at the Planning Commission about what streets the Town owns and which ones VDOT owns and who would be responsible for their maintenance. He stated that VDOT is willing to come to the Town and discuss these issues.

Chairman McCann also stated that the Planning Commission discussed the Fire Department Siren.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Department Siren – Tornado Alerts – Mayor Wilmoth stated that the Council has received Commissioner Campbell's letter and has heard from the public.

Vice Mayor Wine stated that Philomont and Hamilton are the only Fire Departments in the County that are not staffed 24 hours by paid fire fighters and they are the two departments that still use the siren.

The Town Council indicated that they would look into partnering with the County to find out the best solution for the problem.

Address Assignment Outside Town Limits – Ms. Gilmore gave an update to the Council regarding this issue. She stated that she spoke with the County Attorney and received a map from him to bring back to the Council to discuss. The Council requested that the Town Attorney explore options with the County regarding the Town being able to assign addresses themselves instead of having the County assign the addresses.

Vice Mayor – Vice Mayor Wine thanked former Council member Unger for his years of service as Vice Mayor.

NEW BUSINESS:

National Payroll Week Resolution – Council member Snyder made a motion to adopt the National Payroll Week Resolution.

Motion: Council member Snyder
Second: Vice Mayor Wine
Carried: 6-0-1 with Kesari absent

FY 2012 Budget Amendment - Council member Unger made a motion that the Hamilton Town Council amend the Town of Hamilton FY2012 Budget to include Operating Revenues of \$7,000 in Insurance Claims, CIP Revenue of \$23,000 from Prior Year Surplus, and CIP Expenditures up to \$30,000 to purchase a pickup truck.

Motion: Council member Unger
Second: Council member Snyder
Carried: 6-0-1 with Kesari absent

CLOSED SESSION: Vice Mayor Wine made a motion that the Hamilton Town Council recess its open meeting and convene a closed session to discuss the following:

- 1) Actual or probable litigation, authorization for which is contained in Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(7);

Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Council member Snyder
Carried: 6-0-1 with Kesari absent

Vice Mayor Wine made a motion that the Hamilton Town Council adjourn the closed session and reconvene the open meeting.

Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Council member Snyder
Carried: 6-0-1 with Kesari absent

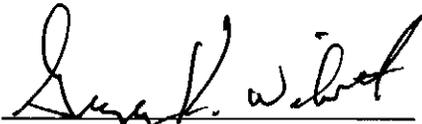
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Vice Mayor Wine made a motion that the Hamilton Town Council certify that while in closed session, to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body.

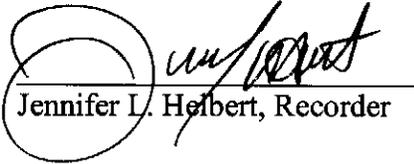
Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Council member Snyder
Carried: 6-0-1 with Kesari absent

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.



Greg K. Wilmoth, Mayor



Jennifer L. Herbert, Recorder