

**MINUTES
HAMILTON TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2014**

TOWN COUNCIL

PRESENT: David R. Simpson, Mayor
Kenneth C. Wine, Vice Mayor
Brent Campbell, Council member
John Unger, Council member
Michael Snyder, Council member
Craig Green, Council member
Dimitri Kesari, Council member

STAFF: Maureen Gilmore, Town Attorney
Lori Jones, Treasurer
Daniel Galindo, Zoning Administrator
Jennifer Helbert, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER WATER AND SEWER ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Simpson called to order the Water and Sewer Ordinance Amendments Public Hearing of the Hamilton Town Council at 7:00PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Donald Larson came forward to speak on behalf of his mother-in-law that lives on South St. Paul Street. Mr. Larson indicated that his mother-in-law is 89 years old resident who lives on a fixed income. He stated that from what he understands this Ordinance will be forcing her to hook up to the sewer.

Town Council explained to Mr. Larson that the Town is not forcing its residents to hook up to the sewer system. They explained that the only thing his mother-in-law may have to pay is the difference between what she paid for the grinder pump and the cost of the pump if she hooks up after 2019. They stated that that was in the old ordinance and has not changed in the new one.

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

CALL TO ORDER FY2015 BUDGET AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Simpson called to order the FY2015 Budget Amendment Public Hearing of the Hamilton Town Council at 7:12PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

There being no public comment the public hearing was closed.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR MEETING:

Mayor Simpson called to order the regular meeting of the Hamilton Town Council at 7:15PM.

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GUESTS:

Cari Michon came forward to speak. Ms. Michon stated that Ethan Ericksen will be handling the Christmas Eve Luminaries for the Town this year.

The Town Council presented some gifts to Ms. Michon to thank her for all of her hard work over the years.

Ms. Michon also came forward to propose a date for Hamilton Days her proposal is to again hold it at the Elementary School on June 6, 2015.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council member Kesari made a motion to approve the minutes of November 10, 2014 as amended.

Motion: Council member Kesari
Second: Vice Mayor Wine
Carried: 7-0

Simpson - Aye
Unger - Aye
Kesari - Aye

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Green - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Aye
Wine - Aye

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Utility Pole Update – Mayor Simpson stated that the VDOT permit has been issued to move the pole and according to Dominion Power the pole is scheduled to be moved on December 13, 2014.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE:

Greg Wilmoth stated that staff had made a repair to the lateral back in October that made a positive difference in the I&I.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Greg Wilmoth stated that the park looks good. He stated that he pulled out the sand box but has not pulled the horseshoe pit yet because the ground is too soft at this point. He stated that he has also done a lot of trimming there are well.

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 Kesari made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 7-0

Simpson - Aye
Unger - Aye
Kesari - Aye
Green - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Aye
Wine - Aye

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The final audit is in along with the status report should anyone wish to have a copy.

PUBLIC SAFETY & ZONING ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE:

Sidewalks– Council member Snyder asked if the sidewalk on Laycock Street has been looked at being repaired. Mayor Simpson stated the he would look into this item an bring it back to the next meeting and discuss the options with the Council

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Mayor Simpson stated that Mr. Moorefield is working out well and there are no other personnel issues.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mr. Green stated that there is a Notice of Planning Commission Action in the agenda for the Council’s information. Mr. Galindo stated that he expects to have the final plans from Verizon for the cable routers available at the January meeting. He recommended that the Town Council hold off on the public hearing on this item until their February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Offer to Purchase Property Adjacent to Town Park – Mayor Simpson stated that a letter went out to Ms. Bledsoe offering her \$3,000 and the ability to write the rest of the amount off as a donation. He stated that he has not received a response back at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town of Hamilton Water and Sewer Ordinance Amendments – Council member Unger made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 2014-014, adopting amendments to the Water Ordinance Article III, Section 3-4, Sewer Ordinance, Article III, Sections 19-12 and 19-13 and Article VI, Section 29-34.

Motion: Council member Unger
Second: Council member Snyder
Carried: 7-0

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Simpson - Aye
Unger - Aye
Kesari - Aye
Green - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Aye
Wine - Aye

Town of Hamilton FY2015 Budget Amendment: Council member Snyder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-015 presented on December 8, 2014 adopting amendments to the FY2015 Town of Hamilton Budget.

Motion: Council member Snyder
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 7-0

Simpson - Aye
Unger - Aye
Kesari - Aye
Green - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Aye
Wine - Aye

Authorize Public Hearing for Verizon SUP 2014-003: - Council member Snyder made a motion to schedule a public hearing for February 9, 2015 for SUP 2014-003.

Motion: Council member Snyder
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 7-0

Simpson - Aye
Unger - Aye
Kesari - Aye
Green - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Aye
Wine - Aye

CLOSED SESSION:

Vice Mayor Wine made a motion that the Hamilton Town Council recess its regular meeting and convene a closed session to discuss compensation of employees of the Town of Hamilton as authorized by Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) as amended. The following individuals are invited to attend the closed session:

All Town Council Members
Maureen K. Gilmore, Town Attorney

Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 7-0

Simpson - Aye
Unger - Aye
Kesari - Aye
Green - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Aye
Wine - Aye

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

Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 7-0

Simpson - Aye
Unger - Aye
Kesari - Aye
Green - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Aye
Wine - Aye

Vice Mayor Wine made a motion that the Hamilton Town Council adopt Resolution No: 2014-13, to certify that while in closed session, the participants discussed only those matters for which the closed session was convened.

Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 7-0

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Simpson - Aye
Unger - Aye
Kesari - Aye
Green - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Aye
Wine - Aye

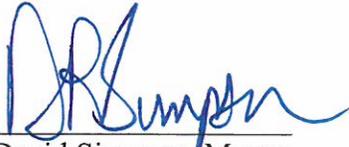
Vice Mayor Wine made a motion to approve \$5,000 for use towards Christmas bonuses for the Town staff.

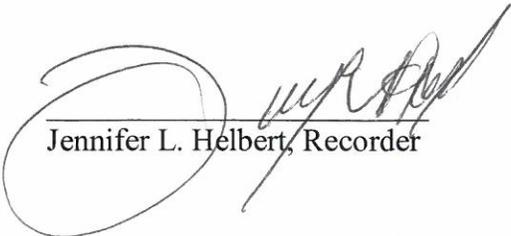
Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Vice Mayor Kesari
Carried: 7-0

Simpson - Aye
Unger - Aye
Kesari - Aye
Green - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Aye
Wine - Aye

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.


David Simpson, Mayor


Jennifer L. Helbert, Recorder