

**MINUTES
HAMILTON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 9, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRESENT: Greg K. Wilmoth, Mayor
Kenneth C. Wine, Vice Mayor
Michael Snyder, Council member
Brent Campbell, Council member
David R. Simpson, Council member

ABSENT: Dimitri Kesari, Council member
John Unger, Council member

STAFF: Maureen Gilmore, Town Attorney
Lori Jones, Treasurer
Jennifer Helbert, Recorder

GUESTS:

None Scheduled

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ray Whitbey of 17 N Ivandale St came forward to speak. Mr. Whitbey stated that he wanted to bring to everyone's attention that he believes that the Town's appearance has deteriorated and would ask that an effort be made to improve the appearance through Zoning Ordinance enforcement. He stated that it's obvious that there are some substantial violations within the Town and he would like to see those dealt with. He stated that the real estate prices have gone up consistently all over the County but the Town of Hamilton's have stayed relatively the same and he believes that that is because of current zoning violations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council member Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2014 as amended.

Motion: Council member Campbell
Second: Vice Mayor Wine
Carried: 5-0-2 with Kesari and
Unger absent

Wilmoth - Aye
Unger - Absent
Kesari - Absent
Simpson - Aye

Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Aye
Wine - Aye

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Outstanding Items List – Mayor Wilmoth stated that he has been away and did not have many items to report.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE:

Schedule Committee Meeting – Mayor Wilmoth stated that this meeting needs to be scheduled because there are some issues that are coming up that need to be addressed. Council decided to wait until the July Town Council meeting to schedule as there will be different Committee members appointed to the Committee.

Grinder Pump Contracts – Council member Snyder asked about the Grinder Pump Contracts and how they are connected to the end of the special tax district. Ms. Jones stated that they are not connected; it is a separate issue.

Maintenance Issues - Mayor Wilmoth stated that he has had a couple of issues brought to his attention. He stated that a motor on the digester at the Wastewater Treatment Plant went out, he went on to explain how it is working at this time with the three blowers that are there now. He stated that the Council needs to explore how the Town will move forward with repairing the digester.

Mayor Wilmoth stated that the other issue was with the clay valve at the Reservoir two weeks ago and the clay valve is what fills the ground storage tank. He stated that it had stopped working, staff was able to get it working again and is working at this point but needs to be looked at for either rebuilding it or replacing it. Mayor Wilmoth stated that that needs to be researched in the near future.

Mayor Wilmoth stated that there was a lighting strike at the Harmony Water Treatment Plant that took out a transducer that was replaced. He also stated that communications are out at Well 8 and will need to be fixed as well.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Vice Mayor Wine stated that he will be having a load of mulch delivered. Other than that everything looked good and clean.

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.

Vice Mayor Wine made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Council member Snyder
Carried: 5-0-2 with Kesari and
Unger absent

Wilmoth - Aye
Unger - Absent
Kesari - Absent
Simpson - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Aye
Wine - Aye

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Ms. Jones stated that she would be meeting with the auditors next week to set a schedule for the audit.

PUBLIC SAFETY & ZONING ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE:

Vice Mayor Wine stated that the only thing that came up was the Boundary Line Adjustment for the Baptist Church and Mr. Beniamino took care of reviewing that item and Vice Mayor Wine signed the document.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Part-time Zoning Administrator – Council member Simpson stated that the Town has received applications from two very good applicants for the job and he and Ms. Jones will be conducting interviews.

Maintenance Supervisor – Council member Simpson stated that to date they have one application for this position.

Employee/Council Member ID's – Council member Simpson stated that the Town is looking at having employee id's made in case an employee or council member needs to identify themselves to residents

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Planning Commission May meeting was cancelled.

Public Hearing/Meeting Scheduled for June 18, 2014 to look at the Verizon Application if the requested changes have been returned to the Town.

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning Commission Vacancy – The Town is still looking for someone to fill this position. Council member Simpson stated that he would go talk with the people who were listed as write in candidates for the Town Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Loudoun Council Tax Collection Case against 57 E. Colonial Highway – Ms. Gilmore stated that she accepted service of process last week for a suit filed by the County for unpaid taxes for several years. The Town has unpaid taxes as well for this property and that amount will be added to the suit and Ms. Gilmore will be filing with the County in the coming week an answer to the suit.

Replacement of US Flags – Vice Mayor Wine stated that it was determined that the flags that are put up for various events are quite worn and he is looking at getting smaller flags so that they do not wrap around the pole and get torn. Ms. Jones stated that the cost would be \$2,000 to replace all of the flags and the poles. Council consented to purchasing flag replacements.

Loudoun County Flood Insurance Study Report and Map – Ms. Jones stated that over the years the Town has had several residents call about wanting to purchase flood insurance for their homes but not being able to because the Town does not have a map and it was too large of an undertaking in the past for the Town to do this. She indicated that the County is now stating that they will run the program and allow the Town of Hamilton to participate.

Resolution 2014-02 – Virginia Retirement System (VRS) Member Contributions by Salary – Vice Mayor Wine made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-02 Member Contributions by Salary Reduction for Counties, Cities, Towns and other Political Subdivisions.

Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Council member Snyder
Carried: 5-0-2 with Kesari and
Unger absent

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Wilmoth - Aye
Unger - Absent
Kesari - Absent
Simpson - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Aye
Wine - Aye

Resolution 2014-03 - VRS Contribution Rate for the 2014-16 biennium – Vice Mayor Wine made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-03 Employer Contribution Rates for Counties, Cities, Towns, School Divisions and other Political Subdivisions at a certified rate of 8.65%.

Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Council member Simpson
Carried: 5-0-2 with Kesari and
Unger absent

Wilmoth - Aye
Unger - Absent
Kesari - Absent
Simpson - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Aye
Wine - Aye

Resolution 2014-05 - Affirmation of Budget – Vice Mayor Wine made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-05 affirming the Town Council Adoption of the FY2014-2015 Budget.

Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Council member Snyder
Carried: 5-0-2 with Kesari and
Unger absent

Wilmoth - Aye
Unger - Absent
Kesari - Absent
Simpson - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Aye
Wine - Aye

Resolution 2014-06 – Adoption of Tax Rate & Motor Decal Fee – Council member Snyder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-06 adopting the FY2014-2015 Tax Rate & Motor Decal Fee date March 1, 2014.

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Motion: Council member Snyder
Second: Vice Mayor Wine
Carried: 5-0-2 with Kesari and
Unger absent

Wilmoth - Aye
Unger - Absent
Kesari - Absent
Simpson - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Aye
Wine - Aye

Resolution 2014-04 - Appropriations Resolution for FY2015 – Council member Snyder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-04 Authorizing Appropriation and Expenditure for Release of FY2014/2015 Funds.

Motion: Council member Snyder
Second: Council member Simpson
Carried: 5-0-2 with Kesari and
Unger absent

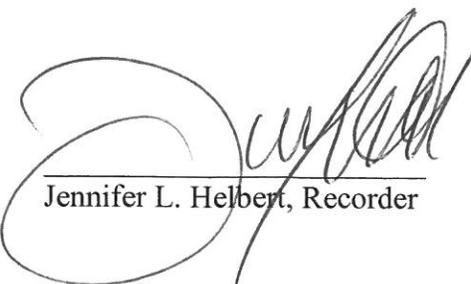
Wilmoth - Aye
Unger - Absent
Kesari - Absent
Simpson - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Aye
Wine - Aye

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.



Greg Wilmoth, Mayor



Jennifer L. Helbert, Recorder