



Town of Haw River Town Council Meeting Monday, November 2, 2020

The Haw River Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, November 2, 2020 in the Haw River Municipal Building at 6:00 pm.

Council Members Present: Mayor Kelly Allen, Mayor Pro-Tem Lee Lovette, Steve Lineberry & Patty Wilson

Council Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: Town Manager Sean Tencer, Town Clerk Lesley Gonzalez, Town Attorney Charles Davis & Town Attorney Jake Wright.

Mayor Kelly Allen called the meeting to order and gave the invocation at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Kelly Allen read the rules & policy for public speaking.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes from October 5, 2020 regular meeting.

Councilmember Lovette made a motion to approve the October 5, 2020 regular minutes.

Motion carried 4-0

Old Business

1. None.

New Business

1. Town Council approved the adoption of the 2019 Local Water Supply Plan Resolution per the attached from NC Division of Water Resources (NCDEQ). Please note: Town Staff has filed a LWSP every year since 2007.

Councilmember Lineberry made a motion to approve the resolution for 2019 Local Water Supply Plan Resolution per the attached from NC Division of Water Resources (NCDEQ) as presented to the Council.

Motion carried 4-0

2. Town Council conducted interviews for the open council seat with the following candidates (by alphabetical order). If a Candidate is appointed, they will need to take an Ethics course within 6 months and will run at next Election year.
 - a. Debbie Brown – 906 Keck Road
 - b. Kristin Smith – 2264 Haw River-Hopedale Road

Ms. Debbie Brown was interviewed first, and Kristin Smith was interviewed second. Each candidate answered two (2) questions per Councilmember.

- Mayor Allen: “Would you run for Town Council at next election?”

Brown: Agreed to run for council at the next election, if appointed to the vacant seat.

Smith: Agreed to run for council at the next election, if appointed to the vacant seat

- Mayor Allen: “If asked can a property be rezoned from residential to commercial? What would be the basis of your decision be? How would you determine if it would be beneficial or not beneficial to the Town?”

Brown: First research how the property would benefit the Town.

Smith: Ask would it take away the character of Haw River?

- Councilmember Lovette: “What are your feelings/ideas on how to get more involvement from the community in the Town’s Government?”

Brown: Have more community events like “National Night Out” and offer things/events for children.

Smith: Use more social media to advertise, flyers. Continue to have Community Events.

- Councilmember Lovette: “What is the Town’s biggest issue for growth in the next 5 years?”

Brown: Getting more businesses open along with more people.

Smith: Need to grow, people underestimate how good it is to live in the Town.

- Councilmember Wilson: “If elected, is there something you would hope to accomplish as Councilmember?”

Brown: Just to have a longtime resident voice out in the community and misses seeing the Town when it was in its prime.

Smith: To work as a team to introduce new ideas for the Town.

- Councilmember Wilson: “Town Council must sometimes render a decision to follow policy and make difficult decisions. Are you willing to take on this responsibility?”

Brown: Yes, have worked with attorney for 44 years and is used to dealing with difficult people.

Smith: Absolutely, one will never make 100% of the people happy but council decides what’s best for the community.

- Councilmember Lineberry: “Do you have any issues with any department in the town of Haw River?” Is there any one thing that you would like to change in the Town if you were able to?”

Brown: No issues with any department. Yes, would like to see more Christmas decorations, USA Flags replaced and would be willing to donate/replace the current ones we have in honor of her father.

- Councilmember Lineberry: “Is there any one thing that you would like to change in the Town if you were able to?”

Smith: I would like to downplay negativity by some people.

- Councilmember Lineberry: “Would anyone at the Police Department be against you (Mrs. Smith) in filling this position?”

Smith: No, I would not know of a reason being I only know 2 of the officers. Nor do I have any issues with our Fire or any other department.

Attorney Charlie Davis passed out ballots for Councilmembers to vote and sign. Ballots were totaled and decision was a “tie” with two (2) votes for Ms. Brown & two (2) votes for Mrs. Smith. Therefore, the positions will remain open until the next election.

Councilmembers agreed to wait until the next interested candidate will run at the next election on November 2, 2021.

Public Hearing

1. None

Reports

1. Department Reports

- a. Monthly Reports were submitted – Police, Fire, and Building Inspections.

Manager's Update:

1. N-Focus - Comprehensive Land-Use Plan – **Completed**
2. Lang Street Pump Station – Possible UDSA loan with 2-3 % interest with financing up to 40 years. Possible 45% grant involved due to low poverty level on that census tract. Town staff (AWCK) is looking into this. **On-going**
3. Town Attorney Charlie Davis drafted a maintenance/lease agreement between the Town and D3 Development Inc. (Mike Hill) regarding the property that was deeded to the Town along the river. Mike Hill is currently reviewing it. **On-going**
4. PTRCG – Town staff has been working with Ann Taylor with PTRCG on the new personnel manual. We are setting up a meeting to review the new personnel manual with senior staff, and hope to bring it to council TBD. **Ongoing**
5. Haw River Fire Truck/Fire Truck Equipment/Parks & Rec. Mower – Town Council awarded the RFP to First National Bank, and the Town was approved for the \$640,000 loan. **Completed**
6. The Coronavirus Relief Fund (per NC House Bill 1043) is being administered by Alamance County for the U.S. Department of Treasury which will help cover any COVID-19 related costs for municipalities within the county. Haw River is set to receive funds in the amount of \$43,189.42. **On-going**
7. Town Manager is working with PTRCG (Jesse Day and Kelly Larkins) on changes to the Haw River Zoning Ordinance to ensure compliance with the new 160D NCGS. **On-going**
8. Need to pick a day for the Christmas Party for Town Staff and Town Council. Will revisit closer to December due to Governor Roy Cooper's order. **On-going**

Mayor Allen and Councilmembers want to give Town Manager Tencer an Employee Evaluation. Councilmembers will go into Executive Session to complete employee's evaluation. Councilmembers will be completed with the January 2021 Council meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

6:52 Closed Session Began

Councilmember Patty Wilson made a motion to go into Executive Session.

Motion carried 4-0

7:07 pm Closed Session Ended

Mayor Allen informed everyone that the closed was a personnel matter and it will be handled by Town Manager Tencer for further assessment.

No Open Forum


Councilmember Wilson made the motion to adjourn.

Motion carried 4-0

Council Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Kelly Allen, Mayor



Lesley Gonzalez, Town Clerk