**Town of Haw River**

**Town Council Meeting**

**Monday, September 9, 2013**

The Town Council of the Town of Haw River held its Town Council Meeting on Monday, September 9, 2013 in the Haw River Municipal Building at 7:00pm.

Council Members Present: Mayor Buddy Boggs, Lee Lovette, Jeff Fogleman, Kelly Allen, and Ashley Warren

Council Members Absent: None

Also Present: Manager Jeff Earp, Clerk Melanie Hamilton, Attorney Rob Jennings

Mayor Boggs called the meeting to order and gave the invocation at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Boggs then presented a service award for 15 years of service to Capt. Toby Harrison of the Haw River Police Department.

**Public Hearings**

7:02 pm

**The Town Council of the Town of Haw River held a public hearing to discuss the rezoning of property, legally described as a portion of Alamance Co Tax Map #13-22-15 (as recorded in Alamance County Registry Deed Book 75 page 470), from R-18 to B-2. The property is owned by Phillip and Pam Thompson and located at 2541 Bason Road.**

The Mayor opened the public hearing. Manager Earp gave a briefing to the council on the request. He also reported that he had two adjoining property owners call him about the rezoning. The first was John Sneed of 907 Keck Road in Haw River. Mr. Sneed wanted to know more about the request and for what purpose it was needed. After it was explained to him that the owners wanted to place a hair salon on the property, he stated that he supported the rezoning. The other was Janet Cope, of 2645 Bason Road Mebane, NC, who stated that she had no problem with the rezoning as long as it would not mean a significant increase in traffic.

The Council discussed traffic and asked Mrs. Thompson about the purpose for the request. Mrs. Thompson Stated that she planned to build a small salon and that there would be no more than three customers at a time at the facility.

No members of the public chose to speak and the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:06 pm.

**Consent Agenda**

7:03 pm

**The Council reviewed minutes from the August 5, 2013 regular meeting.**

Council Member Allen made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

**New Business**

7:07 pm

**The Town Council will consider a request from Phillip and Pam Thompson concerning the rezoning of property, legally described as a portion of Alamance Co Tax Map #13-22-15 (as recorded in Alamance County Registry Deed Book 75 page 470), from R-18 to B-2. The property is located at 2541 Bason Road.**

Council Member Lovette made a motion to approve the rezoning request. Motion carried 5-0.

7:09 pm

**The Town Council will consider a revised MOU between BGMPO, Guilford and Orange County concerning Transportation Planning.**

The Town Council reviewed and considered the Transportation Planning MOU and discussed the changes from the earlier versions they had reviewed. They noted the most significant change was that the voting structure was changed to give Mebane a third vote to make them equal with Graham, since both municipalities are of the same population size. The Council also reviewed a resolution supporting the MOU document.

Council Member Allen made a motion to approve the MOU between BGMPO, Guilford and Orange County concerning Transportation Planning. The motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Fogleman made a motion to approve the Resolution regarding the MOU between BGMPO, Guilford and Orange County concerning Transportation Planning. The motion carried 5-0.

7:11 pm

**Manager’s Update**

Manager Earp gave the Council an update on the following projects/issues:

* Shared an invitation to the NCLM Business Meeting in Hickory, NC
* Requested that the Council set a Public Hearing for their October meeting in regards to needed ordinance updates and amendments. By concensus the Council set the public hearing for October 7, 2013
* Manager Earp informed the Council that Officer Chrisp had been subpoenaed to give a deposition in regards to the Alamance County Sheriff’s Department lawsuit with the U.S. Department of Justice. He informed Council that Attorney Davis would be accompanying Officer Chrisp to the deposition.
* Manager Earp informed the council of the recent problems with the soft start on pump 2 of the Main Sewer pump Station. The soft start was under warranty and we received a replacement for free and we also bought an extra to have for emergencies.
* Manager Earp informed the council that the HRPD received donated equipment from Surveillance Consulting and is working with area businesses and churches to deter property crimes.
* Manager Earp informed the council of the new e-verify regulations placed on the Town by new state legislation.
* Manager informed the council that the town has been requested to join in a public transportation feasibility study. The Study will be performed by Prime Professional Services. The Cost of the study would be divided between the County and all municipalities in Alamance. The cost to Haw River would be $290. This amount represents a pro rata share by population. Council Member Lovette made a motion to approve the Towns participation in the study at a cost of $290.00. The motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Boggs voting against.
* Manager earp informed the council on the NCDOT Sidewalk Project. He stated that NCDOT requested that the town changed our plans, at site visit, to include curb and gutter. This will delay the project as the revised plans have been submitted and are awaiting approval.
* Manager Earp informed the council that town staff and engineers are working to alleviate water drainage issues between the Family Dollar site on Roxboro Street and property behind site owned by Thomas Kilgallon.
* Manager Earp then asked the council to consider a request from Ronnie Brantley at 713 West Main Street to have a second adjustment on his utility account within a twelve month period because of a leak found in his Pool’s filter system that resulted in him using approximately 45,000 gallons of water. He is asking that the sewer charge be waived above the minimum. After review and discussion of request Council Member Allen made a motion to deny request. The motion Carried 5-0.
* The Mayor asked Manager Earp how the Tax and Tags program that allows NC tag offices to collect the Town’s vehicle tax. Manager Earp informed the Mayor that we have received one payment but too early to tell if revenue collections will increase as expected.

7:28 pm

Announcements

* Council Member Lovette asked if the playground equipment at Redslide Park had been put in yet. Manager Earp stated that the vendor promised to install before end of September. Council Member Lovette also asked when NCDOT would change the speed limit on the 70 Bypass to which Manager Earp stated he did not know.
* Council Member Allen discussed the town’s funding of ACTA and a recent newspaper article about their financial situation. After discussion Council Member Allen Made a motion to freeze the allocated funding and asked that the funding be moved to the General fund contingency line in the Budget. The Motion carried 5-0

The Council then instructed Manager Earp to get updated information on trip volume regarding Haw River residents from ACTA and bring back to council so they could decide what level of funding is appropriate.

7:36 pm

There being no other business, Council Member Fogleman made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

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