**Town of Haw River**

**Town Council Meeting**

**Monday, November 3, 2014**

The Town Council of the Town of Haw River held its Town Council Meeting on Monday, November 3, 2014 in the Haw River Municipal Building at 7:00pm.

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

Council Members Absent: Jeff Fogleman

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

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

Mayor Boggs then publicly acknowledged staff member Glen Tufts for 20 years of dedicated service to the Town of Haw River. Mr. Tufts was unable to attend the meeting so his service award will be presented to him tomorrow by Manager Earp.

**New Business**

7:03 pm

**The Council was presented the results of the annual fiscal year Audit (2013-2014) by Jim Winston of Winston Williams Creech Evans & Co, LLP.**

Jim Winston from Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans & Company, LLP spoke to the council regarding the recent audit that was completed for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The firm issued an unqualified opinion for the town, which is the best possible result for this audit. Mr. Winston guided the council through a presentation (presentation outline attached) detailing the major points of the audit and provided some insight into the results.

7:24 pm

**The Council considered a request from Darrell Turner concerning sewer line repair at 124 1st Street.**

Councilmember Warren recused herself.

Manager Earp presented the Council with a request from Darrell Turner of 124 1st Street for municipal assistance with the cost of his recent sewer line repair. In his request, Mr. Turner states that he had a sewer line blockage and had to replace line all the way to the main. Murphy’s Plumbing and C&J Utilities were contracted to fix the problem. Mr. Turner is asking the Council to consider reimbursement for some or all of the cost of the $950 he paid to C&J Utilities.

Following brief discussion, Councilmember Allen made a motion not to reimburse any of sewer line repair costs. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilmember Warren returned to open meeting.

7:29 pm

**The Council considered accepting donation from an anonymous donor toward a park bench.**

Manager Earp presented the Council with an anonymous donation of $400 to Red Slide Park to go towards a park bench and plaque.

Following brief discussion, Councilmember Lovette made a motion to accept the $400 donation for a bench at Red Slide Park. Motion carried 4-0.

7:30 pm

**The Council considered approval of a proclamation concerning “Red Ribbon Week”.**

Manager Earp presented the Council with a request from Greg Ross with the General Nathaniel Greene Young Marines for the Council to consider approving a proclamation in support of National Red Ribbon Week. This week provides an excellent opportunity to support the fight against illegal drugs. Red Ribbon Week in is honor of fallen DEA Special Agent and former Marine Enrique “Kiki” Camarena and his fight against drugs and the crimes of the drug cartels.

Councilmember Allen Made a motion to approve the proclamation in support of “Red Ribbon Week”. Motion carried 4-0.

7:31 pm

**Manager Earp presented information concerning Alamance Counties’ 9/11 Memorial Project.**

Manager Earp presented the Council with some information regarding the Alamance County Board of Commissioners approved design for a sculpture that will be used to showcase a piece of steel taken from the former World Trade Center Tower 2 and donated to Alamance County.

7:39 pm

**Manager’s Update**

* FEMA reimbursements have come in from the March 2014 Ice Storm and an overtime payout was offered to Town employees for that time period. 7 employees were offered a payout option and 3 requested to be paid out for that overtime.
* The Town’s audit was approved by the LGC and a letter discussing separation of duties was sent to the Mayor.
* On Thursday, Ron Boone with NCDENR will be here to conduct an annual inspection of our water/sewer system.
* A developer has expressed interest in Granite Mill and Manager Earp is looking at the possibility of giving away some Town land for local business development. The Town also owns 3 or 4 other properties that we will likely list with the Chamber of Commerce for potential economic development.
* 2014 Flood Map appeals are currently being advertised.
* The HR Fire Department was featured in a current issue of *The Carolina Fire Rescue EMS Journal*.
* Chief Wade was sent a letter from Mark Quale, MD with the Alamance County Office of the Medical Director commending the HRFD on their excellent care given on a recent cardiac arrest call.
* Chief Wade sent a memo to Manager Earp highlighting an outstanding job done, above and beyond their normal duty, by some of the Firefighters of the HRFD. These guys responded to a recent incident and the man involved was in the military. Our firemen helped assist him with car repairs and gave him a place to stay overnight while his vehicle was being fixed.

7:50 pm

Announcements

* Councilmember Lovette thanked staff and department heads for another successful audit and for staying under budget.
* Councilmember Allen had a recent traumatic injury call from her home and extended huge thanks to the responders.
* Mayor Boggs reminded everyone to get out and vote!

7:53 pm

Councilmember Lovette made a motion adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

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Buddy E. Boggs, Mayor Melanie R. Hamilton, Clerk