Town of Haw River Town Council Meeting Monday, February 5, 2018

The Town Council of the Town of Haw River held its Town Council Meeting on Monday, February 5, 2018 in the Haw River Municipal Building at 7:00pm.

Council Members Present: Buddy Boggs, Lee Lovette, Jeff Fogleman, Kelly Allen, Steve Lineberry

Council Members Absent: n/a

Also Present: Assistant Manager Tencer, Clerk Eveker, Attorney Davis, Attorney

Lalor

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

Public Hearing

7:01 pm

The Town Council held a public hearing regarding an ordinance expanding alcohol sales on Sundays from 12 pm (noon) to 10am in accordance with NCGS 18B-1004(c).

Assistant Manager Tencer presented the Council with proposed Town of Haw River Ordinance 131-03 Authorizing the Sale of Malt Beverages, Unfortified Wine, Fortified Wine, and Mixed Beverages Beginning at 10:00AM on Sundays.

7:03pm

Mayor Boggs opened the public hearing.

Kevin Dean (235 N Wilkins) – Spoke to the Council regarding his experience with alcohol sales and encouraged the Council to approve this proposed amendment.

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

Old Business

7:06 pm

The Town Council reviewed and considered for approval a consistency statement for the Eckland rezoning case for 401 W Main Street that was heard at the January 8, 2018 Town Council Meeting.

Assistant Manager Tencer informed Council that while they denied the rezoning request for 401 W Main Street at the January 2018 Town Council Meeting, the Council needs to approve a consistency statement related to this decision.

Following brief discussion, Councilmember Lineberry read a consistency statement declaring that the rezoning request was not consistent with all the objectives and policies for growth and development within the Town's Zoning Ordinance due to safety, parking, and emergency service access concerns. Motion carried 3-2 with Mayor Boggs and Councilmember Fogleman dissenting.

New Business

7:05 pm

The Town Council reviewed and considered an ordinance expanding alcohol sales on Sundays from 12 pm (noon) to 10am in accordance with NCGS 18B-1004(c).

Following brief comments regarding the public hearing on this matter, Councilmember Lovette made a motion to approve the Haw Town of Haw River Ordinance 131-03 Authorizing the Sale of Malt Beverages, Unfortified Wine, Fortified Wine, and Mixed Beverages Beginning at 10:00AM on Sundays. Motion carried 5-0.

7:08 pm

The Town council reviewed and considered a Capital Improvement Ordinance for the Lang Street Pump Station Replacement Project in the amount of \$290,000 to cover the costs of engineering services with AWCK.

Manager Tencer spoke to Council regarding the low interest loan from the State

Water Infrastructure Authority. The Ioan has been approved for the Town in order to complete a pump station replacement at Lang Street and the funding will come through a State Reserve Project Loan for up to \$1,500,000 at 0% interest. At the December 2017 Council meeting, the Town approved an agreement for professional engineering services with Alley, Williams, Carmen, and King for the amount of \$290,000. The Town needs to set up a Capital Improvement Ordinance in the amount of \$290,000 to cover the costs of engineering services. The Ordinance will later be amended for the cost of the total project.

Following discussion, Councilmember Allen made a motion to approve the Capital Improvement Project Ordinance for the Lang Street Pump Station Replacement Project. Motion carried 5-0.

7:25 pm

Manager's Update

- Asst. Manager Tencer asked Council to consider a request from Public Services Director King to rename the Haw River Municipal Park after deceased Town Manager Earp. Additionally, Asst. Manager Tencer asked Council to consider a request to designate a capital reserve fund for the benefit of town parks in the name of the Jeff Earp Community Fund.
 - Following discussion, Councilmember Allen made a motion for the Council to designate a capital reserve fund for the benefit of town parks in the name of the Jeff Earp Community Fund. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Councilmember Lineberry made a motion for the Council to rename the Haw River Municipal Park after deceased Manager Earp with the actual name of the park to be named at a later date after consultation with the Earp Family. Motion carried 5-0.
- The staff seating project for the Council Chambers will begin this month.
- AWCK is working with staff to spec out the Lang Street Pump Station Replacement Project.
- The Newlin Farm Project has had wetlands flagged. Once this work has been approved by the Army Corp, AWCK will survey this property.
- Asst. Manager Tencer is continuing work on identifying issues with the Town's Zoning Ordinance that need to be addressed by Council.

- Winston Williams Creech and Evans auditors will present the 2016-2017 Town of Haw River Audit to the Council at the March 2018 meeting.
- Attorney Davis is still working with the Department of Commerce on the details of the agreement pertaining to the \$5 millions set aside for the Granite Mill Project.
- Asst. Manager Tencer presented the council with information regarding Councilmember Allen's request for information on leaf collection systems. Asst. Manager Tencer gave the Council three options regarding mobile collection systems and also spoke with the Council about required dump sites for collected leaves. Council then came to a consensus for Asst. Manager Tencer to continue gathering information regarding collection systems and to return to Council with results and a recommendation.
- Two of the Town's police vehicle were run into while parked in spaces in front of the HRPD. Necessary reports have been filed and repairs will start as soon as possible.
- Asst. Manager Tencer asked the Council how they would like to formally start the 2017-2018 Town of Haw River budge process. Council came to a consensus that they would like to have a Budget Workshop outside of a regular business meeting in order to start gathering information for the 17-18 Haw River Budget. Asst. Manager Tencer will work with Council to set a date and time and the meeting will be advertised accordingly.

Announcements

- Attorney Davis, on behalf of Melissa Earp, thanked the Council for all their support of both Jeff and his family during his illness and employment with the Town of Haw River.

Closed Session

7:44 pm

Councilmember Allen made a motion to go into closed session under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) and 143-318.11(a)(5). Motion carried 5-0.

8:40pm

Councilmember Lovette made a motion to return to open session. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Boggs announced that during closed session the Council discussed economic items related to the Granite Mill Project as well as the Manager's Position. He went on to state that the Council will wait until March to make their full decision, but they intend to make Asst. Manager Tencer the Town Manager in March pending a contract agreement between Council and Mr. Tencer. Additionally, the Council approved a \$1,000 raise for Asst. Manager Tencer for the month of February 2018.

8:45 pm

Councilmember Fogleman made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Buddy E. Boggs, Mayor

Melanie R. Eveker, Clerk

Sean Tencer