



Town of Haw River Town Council Meeting Monday, Oct 7, 2019

The Haw River Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, Oct 7, 2019 in the Haw River Municipal Building at 7:00 pm.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: Town Manager Sean Tencer, Town Clerk Lesley Gonzalez, and Attorney Charlie Davis

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

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes for the September 2, 2019 regular meeting.

Councilmember Kelly Allen made a motion to approve the September 2, 2019 regular minutes.

Motion carried 5-0

Old Business

1. Town Council will consider entering into a professional service agreement with La Bella, P.C. to conduct a pavement condition survey for all town streets within town limits of Haw River.

Bob Wilson with La Bella P.C. spoke at the meeting regarding the services that they provide in surveying street conditions for any type of wear or damage. The survey will list the conditions of

all town streets in ranking order of lowest to highest based on their condition. Data is provided to the municipality, and it's the town's discretion on what the priorities are for repaving/repairing.

Councilmember Lee Lovette made a motion to approve the contract on entering into a professional service (one time only) with La Bella, P.C. to conduct a pavement condition survey for \$10,000.00 from the Powell Bill on all streets within town limits of Haw River

Motion carried 4-1 (Council Member Steve Lineberry dissenting)

2. Town Council will have a discussion regarding the landscape agreement with North Carolina Railroad (NCRR) about the appearance of the railroad right-of-way along Graham Road/Highway 49.

Town Council discussed the landscape agreement with North Carolina Railroad (NCRR) about the appearance of the railroad right-of-way along Graham Road/Highway 49. Town Manger Tencer had town employees bush-hog the area a few days ago. The Town could continue to mow and spray or possibly hire a contractor. NCRR will not do anything to maintain the area. Therefore, the Town will have to continue to maintain the R/W area with a combination of town staff and a private contractor. Town Council agreed with that for now.

Public Hearing

1. None

New Business

1. Town Council to consider the reappointment of Mr. Phillip Morgan (ETJ) for another three-year term to the Haw River Planning Board. The Town needs to advertise for another ETJ applicant.

Councilmember Lee Lovette made a motion to reappoint Mr. Phillip Morgan (ETJ) for another three (3) year term to the Town of Haw River Planning Board.

Motion carried 5-0

2. Town Council will consider options on replacing Ms. Betty Hall on the Haw River Planning Board. Town staff has received a recent application for Ms. Debbie Brown – 906 Keck Road wanting to serve on the Planning Board.

Town Council agreed on replacing Ms. Betty Hall on the Haw River Planning Board. Town staff did receive a recent application from Ms. Debbie Brown at 906 Keck Road wanting to serve on the Planning Board. All applicants are to submit applications with Town Clerk Gonzalez. Any applications will expire within 2 years. Town Council agreed to have the positions be advertised

in the newspaper. Deadline for applications will be on November 30, 2019 and applicants are to attend the December 2, 2019 meeting to review.

No Vote was taken

3. Town Council will hear presentation from Chelsea Dickey with Motley (Economic Development) regarding some grant opportunities with the Town on community branding, social media, and community projects.

The grant money will pay for Motley's fee and the social media fee. The social media fee is \$400 per month and it can be on a 1 – 3 month term. Motley is responsible for writing up all grants. They have worked with Graham on the "Love Graham" design and the Town of Gibsonville has received grants with Motley's help. Grants are mostly distributed in November and in the Spring. Upon agreement of services, Motley will prepare a "mock grant" then present it to the Town Manager and Councilmembers for review.

Reports

1. Manager's Report submitted:

a. Monthly Reports – (Police, Fire, Building Inspections, and Animal Services)

b. Manager's Update

- Sean and Holli have been sending information to the Auditors
- The Lang Street Pump Station bid came in over \$300,000 over budget because of the need for a retaining wall. The Town is requesting if DEQ can give us more money and/or extend our loan term. The loan would be increased from \$1.5 million to \$1.9 million. The LGC will have to approve the new loan as well. Council members have agreed to ask State Representatives for more available money, grants, etc.
- NC General Statue 60-D requires the Town have a comprehensive land-use plan. Town Manager will get more details as the time comes.
- No update on MVP Pipeline project
- Duke Energy Mercury Vapor plan: The North Carolina Utility Commission has asked Duke Energy to completely phase out all Mercury Vapor streetlights over a one to three year time frame. This will increase our light bill by about \$345.00/month. The Town has 162 lights and they will be replaced with LED lights. Duke Energy's also requested rate increase will be around 6%.

- PTRCG; Town job descriptions are complete and will be added to November agenda for meeting.
- Town Manager is working with PTRCG about updating the Employee Personnel Manual. Ann Taylor does have some suggestions on updates. The main goal is to make sure that the personnel manual meets all federal and state guidelines. Cost will be \$4,200 dollars.
- Ms. Alvis property clean-up is showing progress.
- Fire Truck purchase – Federal Government has dropped interest rate twice. The Town can afford to wait until April to send out an RFP for financing the new fire truck.

Open Forum

None

Announcements

- Mason Lovette Band is ready and set up for Oct 17, 2019. The Haw River Ladies Auxiliary will provide food and drinks and it will be on Stone Street.
- Councilmember Lineberry appreciates the Town Manager and the staff for cleaning up Railroad right away
- The Special Olympics Trail Run is coming up Oct 19. We have 65 runners this year last year was 100 and donations will be taken on Police Department.

Adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Councilmember Wilson made the motion to adjourn.

Motion carried 5-0

Buddy Boggs, Mayor

Lesley A. Gonzalez, Town Clerk