

**Town of Haw River  
Town Council Meeting  
Monday, October 4, 2010**

The Town Council of the Town of Haw River held its Town Council Meeting on Monday, October 4, 2010 in the Haw River Municipal Building at 7:00pm.

Council Members Present: Mayor Buddy Boggs, Lee Lovette, Kelly Allen, and Ricky Honeycutt.

Council Members Absent: Jeff Fogleman

Also Present: Manager Jeff Earp, Atty. Robert Jennings, Clerk Melanie Hamilton

Mayor Boggs called the meeting to order, gave the invocation, and swore in the new Town Clerk, Melanie Hamilton, at 7:00 pm.

**Public Hearing**

There was no public hearing.

**Consent Agenda**

7:03 pm.

The Council reviewed the previous meeting's minutes from September 13, 2010.

Councilman Lovette made a motion to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

**Old Business**

There was no old business to be discussed.

**New Business**

7:04 pm

**Review of Lake Jordan Buffer Ordinance and setting of Public Hearing date.**

Manager Earp gave a brief overview of the Lake Jordan Buffer Ordinance. He also pointed out to the Council that this legislation is different in that it was first approved by the state and then comes to the Council for approval. The state has already passed this ordinance and the Planning Board reviewed the ordinance at their meeting held on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Board noted the unorthodox order of passing this ordinance in addition to the potentially high fines associated with violations. The Planning Board took no action on this ordinance and passed it along to the Town Council without a recommendation. After discussion, Councilmember Honeycutt made a motion to set the public hearing date for November 1, 2010. The motion carried 4-0.

7:13 pm

**Setting of Committee Meeting date concerning Jordan Lake Nutrient Strategy Stage One Program**

Manager Earp informed the Council of the upcoming Jordan Lake Nutrient Strategy Stage One Program review committee meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at 8:30am. He noted to the council that Josh Johnson of Alley, Williams, Carmen, and King will be

present at this meeting as well. Mayor Boggs and Councilmember Lovette were in agreement with the meeting date and time.

7:14

**Consideration & discussion of Limiting Vehicles Parked at Auto Repair Facilities**

Manager Earp informed the Council that he had reviewed the land use ordinances with the Planning and Zoning Board. A determination was made that the only relevant limitations are referenced in Section 155.142 of the zoning ordinances. This section is for off-street parking for more than ten vehicles and requires that the parking area be effectively screened from residential or institutional districts by fences or hedges at least five feet high. Manager Earp surmised that this ordinance is in place for situations where cars are being parked in excess of normal service periods. Manager Earp stated that the Planning and Zoning Board made a recommendation to make no changes at this time and use the current ordinances to address issues. After discussion, the Council instructed Manager Earp to speak directly to the property owners regarding specific parking situations. Manager Earp agreed to make the Council's wishes known and no further action was taken.

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**Consideration & discussion regarding appointments to the Haw River Planning and Zoning Board**

Manager Earp reminded the Council that 3 terms on the Planning and Zoning Board have recently or are soon to expire. These terms are 3 year commitments and Ms. Sandra Masho, Resident Member; Herman Johnson, ETJ Member; and Phillip Morgan, ETJ Member are all seeking another term. Manager Earp also informed the board that there is still a vacancy for a Resident Member on the Planning Board. Manager Earp will seek nominations for this seat. Councilmember Allen made a motion to renew to the terms of Ms. Masho, Mr. Johnson, & Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 4-0. The two ETJ Members will have to also be approved by the County Commissioners.

7:22pm

**Request for Starting Salary Approval for General Maintenance I Position**

Manager Earp informed the Council that there were 48 applications for the open Maintenance position and that he had interviewed 11 applicants. Manager Earp made an offer to Christopher Crutchfield for \$22,000 plus benefits. Mr. Crutchfield has accepted this offer and Manager Earp is seeking Council approval to hire above the minimum salary range for this position. Manager Earp referenced the fact that this position has been filled 4 times over the last 10 years and he is hoping to retain Mr. Crutchfield for a longer period of time. Manager Earp also would like to offer Mr. Crutchfield additional compensation as additional certifications are achieved over the next 3-5 years in another effort to increase retention time. After discussion by the Council, Councilmember Lovette made a motion to approve hiring Christopher Crutchfield at the recommended \$22,000 salary with incentives for obtained certifications as referenced in his employment letter. The motion passed 3-1. Councilmember Allen voted not to approve this motion.

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**Manager's Update**

Manager Earp provided documentation to the Council regarding the potential merging of the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments and the Northwest Council of Governments. Manager Earp noted to the Council that if these two councils merge, the services currently provided to the Town by the Piedmont Triad Council could potentially be affected and therefore we need to diligently follow the status of this proposed merger.

Manager Earp updated the Council on the paving project and noted that it had been delayed due to rain but it will be started as soon as the weather permits.

Manager Earp then reported that dog registrations had been completed and a total of 9 residents registered for a total of approximately 45 animals.

Manager Earp reported that the 800 MHz radios had gone live in the police department and that they will go live in the fire department next week.

Manager Earp then discussed an e-mail he had recently received from the Municipal Environmental Assessment Coalition (MEAC) regarding the state's mandatory Triennial Review of the water quality standards. Manager Earp expressed a concern regarding the potentially widespread impact from changes in these standards and the additional work required of the Town staff.

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Mayor Boggs noted that no residents had signed up to speak at Open Forum.

Mayor Boggs then continued onto announcements and stated that the 6 month burn period began October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilmember Lovette thanked Randall King for work on the recent Riverfest event and congratulated him on a job well done.

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Councilmember Allen made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

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Buddy E. Boggs, Mayor

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Melanie R. Hamilton, Clerk