**Town of Haw River**

**Town Council Meeting**

**Monday, February 2, 2015**

The Town Council of the Town of Haw River held its Town Council Meeting on Monday, February 2, 2015 in the Haw River Municipal Building at 7:00pm.

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

Council Members Absent: n/a

Also Present: Manager Jeff Earp, Clerk Melanie Hamilton, Attorney Charlie Davis, Attorney Gill Frazier

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

**Presentation of Five Year Service Award to Jamie Joseph**

Mayor Boggs announced a five year service award for Firefighter Jamie Joseph. Mr. Joseph was unable to attend the Council Meeting.

Mayor Boggs then announced a special guest, Ben from Boy Scout Troop 64. Ben is attending this Council meeting as part of a merit badge requirement.

**Consent Agenda**

7:02 pm

**The Council considered approval of minutes from the January 5, 2015 regular meeting.**

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

**New Business**

7:03 pm

**The Council reviewed and considered a request from the resident at 401 Short Street for an adjustment to his utility bill due to a water leak.**

Manager Earp presented the Council with a request from Shaw Sidener at 401 Short Street requesting an additional adjustment to his utility account due to a water leak that happened under his house. The water leak was discovered on January 14, 2015 and affected two billing periods due to the timing of the leak. Mr. Sidener is asking the Council to consider allowing a sewer adjustment for the bill due February 15, 2015. Mr. Sidener already received the standard sewer adjustment on the bill due January 15, 2015 but due to the timing of the leak he is asking Council to consider a second adjustment. A plumber and Town staff has verified that the water leak did not enter back into the sewer system, so the Town will not incur any additional sewer expenses as a result of the leak.

After brief discussion, Councilmember Allen made a motion to approve a second sewer adjustment for Mr. Sidener of 401 Short Street in the amount of $213.62 resulting in a total bill of $174.93 due February 15, 2015. Motion carried 5-0.

7:07 pm

**Manager’s Update**

* Financial Report
* Manager Earp presented the council with the results of negotiations with Tamara Riggan on her land located on E Main Street. After negotiations, she is willing to sell the land to the Town for $10,000. The FMV has been estimated between $8K and $12K while the tax value is approximately $20K. Following discussion, Councilmember Lovette made a motion to purchase Ms. Riggan’s land for no more than $10,000 out of fund balance and to allow Manager Earp and Attorney Davis to proceed with the contract work on this purchase. Motion carried 4-1 with Councilmember Fogleman dissenting.
* The upgrades at the Police department have been completed with 2014 Governor’s Crime Commission grant funding along with a Town match. The windows, doors, and roof have all been replaced.
* The CDBG infrastructure grant that the Town has applied for was not funded in the January cycle and came back to the Town with a request for additional information in the next cycle. The deadline for resubmission is March.
* The Town of Green Level expects to be using their new sewer line and out of the Haw River system by April 2015.
* The sidewalk project from the shelter at Red Slide Park to the parking lot there is moving forward with a concrete donation from an anonymous company. Plans are still being drawn up on this project but construction should start when the weather warms up.
* The Town’s inquiry with NCDOT regarding historical signs on the interstate for Haw River has been received but the Town is still waiting on a response.

7:16 pm

**Open Forum**

Pam Smith of 313 Graham Road inquired about the ongoing New Leaf project on 70. Councilmember Allen informed her that donations will be financing the sign and that the New Leaf organization will be doing landscaping when the weather warms up.

Police Chief Neal Dickens thanked Councilmembers Lovette and Allen for their attendance at the recent Police Forum at the Paramount Theater.

Councilmember Allen inquired about the need for permitting for remodeling.

Jeanette Amash of 506 Rolling Road inquired about the plans for the land on E Main Street that the Town is considering purchasing. Manager Earp explained that this lot is in the middle of other lots already owned by the Town and it is most likely going to be used for economic incentive purposes.

7:24 pm

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

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