

Town of Haw River Town Council Meeting Minutes Monday, March 3, 2025

The Haw River Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, March 3, 2025, in the Haw River Municipal Building at 6:00 pm.

Council Members Present: Mayor H. Lee Lovette, Mayor Pro Tem Patty Wilson, Council Member Steve Lineberry, and Council Member Shawn Riggan.

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: Town Manager Sean Tencer, Town Clerk Lesley Gonzalez, Fire Chief Tyler Franklin, Police Chief Toby Harrison, Public Works Director Robert Brewer, Assistant Public Works Director Cooper Dail, Parks & Recreation Director Jesus Garcia, and Town Attorney Charlie Davis.

Mayor Lovette called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and gave the invocation.

Consent Agenda

The items on the **consent agenda** were as follows:

- 1. Approval of Regular meeting minutes from February 3, 2025.
- 2. Approval of the following budget amendments:
 - a. 2025-4 Water Meter Fees Reimbursement (Lawson Townes-Phase 1) \$33,936.00
 - b. 2025-5 VFIS Insurance Refund \$432.00
 - c. 2025-6 Water & Sewer System Development Fees (Lawson Townes-Phase 1) \$368,044.00

- d. 2025-7 Reimbursement of Cost from JDS Fiber Corp. \$2,800.00
- e. 2025-8 Truist Bank Payment for Loan Tyler Software \$27,786.00

Councilmember Shawn Riggan made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Patty Wilson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

Mayor Pro Tem Patty Wilson made a motion to accept the budget amendments for FY 2024-2025. Councilmember Shawn Riggan seconded the Budget Amendments.

Motion carried 4-0

Presentations

3. None

Public Hearing

4. None

Old Business

5. Town council considered the options on the appointment and waiting until new elections to fill the vacant position. Councilmember Steve Lineberry and Councilmember Shawn Riggan chose to wait until the elections in November 2025. Mayor Lee Lovette suggested we take the 3rd highest count from the last election, however all agreed to wait until the 2025 elections.

Councilmember Steve Lineberry made a motion to leave the position open until the next election. Councilmember Shawn Riggan seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

New Business:

4. Town Council approved the recommendation from AWCK on awarding a bid to Evans Construction and Utility Inc. in the amount of \$128,320.00 for the LSL (Lead Service Line) Field Investigations (Phase 2). Engineer Marc Reich informed the councilmembers that this project is for the remaining 400 plus residents.

These investigations are being performed on the service lines which include "the main line to the water meter" and "the line from the water meter to the homes." If investigations conclude that lead is on the town's side, then the town is responsible for replacing the line but if the results show that the line is lead on the resident's side, then the homeowner has the choice to replace the line. Phase 2 of the LSL field investigations will conclude the field investigations for the town. Grants have been awarded to cover the full expense of this project.

Councilmember Steve Lineberry approved the awarding of the bid to Evans Construction and Utility Inc. in the amount of \$128,320.00 for LSL investigations. Mayor Pro Tem Patty Wilson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

5. Town Council considered the contract with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to conduct a Water and Sewer System Development Fee Study for the Town of Haw River. The study will cost \$26,958.00. The last study was conducted and approved by Town Council in 2018.

Town Manager Sean Tencer informed the council members that this study is mandated to be conducted every 5 years per General Statues.

Councilmember Shawn Riggan approved the study to be paid in the amount of \$26,958 out of the water and sewer fund balance. Councilmember Lineberry seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

Public Comments - None

- The public is allowed to address the Town Council on any non-agenda item at this time.
- Be sure to sign in, stand and state your name and address for the minutes.
- Please limit comments to 3 minutes or less.

Manager's Report

See listing in Agenda Packet dated March 3, 2025.

Civic Center Mold testing update – the Town Manger emailed the results to the councilmembers. Results show there are traces of asbestos and mold in the men's bathroom but nothing severe and the kitchen has lead paint on the cabinets.

Councilmember Steve Lineberry suggested the bathroom be cleaned thoroughly and let the Fire Dept and Public Safety use the facility as before.

Town Manager Sean Tencer mentioned that the Finance Director, Lesley Gonzalez, is currently looking for new town Christmas decorations. Everyone in the council chamber was overjoyed to hear this wonderful news.

Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem Patty Wilson asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Shawn Riggan seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

Council Adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

H. Lee Lovette, Mayor