Town of Haw River Town Council Meeting Monday, May 7, 2018

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

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

Other Members Present: Town Manger Sean Tencer, Town Clerk Lesley Gonzalez, Acting Clerk Mark Swing, and Attorney Justin Lalor and Attorney Ralph Hill

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

Consent Agenda

7:00 pm

The Council considered approval of minutes from the April 2, 2018 regular meeting.

Councilmember Lineberry made a motion to approve the minutes from April 2, 2018.

Motion carried 4-0.

Text Amendments

- Town Manager, Sean Tencer informed council members only one (1) Public Hearing is necessary by State Law then a Sign will be posted/go up; two (2) public hearings are no longer required. The public can ask questions at the meeting.
- Page 143 section B need to add "or a legal description (metes and bounds)" legal descriptions of property including feet and degrees; which will be considered the zoning lines. Councilmembers agree to add the words.
- Protest Petition was eliminated
- Pag 222 QQ Section B, (2): will omit letters a, b, and c.

ACTA Budget request

ACTA is seeking financial support from the Town for upcoming 2018-2019 budget year; requesting \$3,648.00 to keep rates from increasing. Last year, the Town did not provide any funding to ACTA. The rates are \$3.00 per trip. Council member Kelly Allen expressed concern on how many town residents rode on ACTA. She counted possibly five (5) residents. Most of the Haw River addresses were not in the town limits.

Councilmember Allen made the motion to not give money to ACTA.

Motion carried 4-0

Shred - It

The Town requested to sign a five (5) year contract to provide shredding services for Town Hall, Fire Dept, and Police Dept. Fees are \$45.00 per month to empty bins once a month plus 10% fuel surcharge.

Councilmember Lovette made the motion to agree on Shred It 5 yr. contract for \$45.00 per mth plus 10% fuel surcharge.

Motion carried 4-0

Submission for Granite Mill Grant funds:

Town Attorneys Charlie Davis and Justin Lalor have been working with Mike Hill and the NC Dept of Commerce on how to obtain \$5,000,000 grant money awarded by NC General Assembly for the Granite Mill Rehabilitation Project. The NC Department of Commerce is requiring Town Council to pass a resolution that approves the submission of the grant money, and to release any salient information for securing the grant. Attorney Justin Lalor said that the Town may have to provide budget information before the grant can be processed.

Mayor Boggs asked about the grant deadline. Mr. Lalor is currently working on this. Councilman Lineberry questioned if Haw River will need to pay back the \$5,000,000 if the Mill defaults? Attorney Lalor suggested there is no way to prevent that from happening. He will research it further. Attorney Lalor read to Council the "Proclamation for Submission of Application for Grant Fund".

Grant money must be fully available for use by Mr. Hill when the project begins. Town Manager Tencer plans to hire a CPA firm to monitor this account and have Alley Williams Carmen and King to monitor construction.

Councilmember Lovette made the motion to allow Mr. Lalor to apply for the grant.

Motion carried 4-0

Preliminary Water and Waste System Development Fees

Last year, the NC General Assembly ratified HB 436 on which way municipalities charge for water and sewer connection fees, development fees, system fees, and impact fees. The NC Supreme Court ruled the municipalities lacked the authority to charge such fees. Alley Williams Carmen and King have been helping municipalities within Alamance County with new policies on these fees that will comply with HB 436.

Town Manager Tencer read the letter from Glyn Fleming (AWCK) summarizing the Written System Development Fee Analysis proposal. Mr. Fleming spoke to council members reviewing the Development Fees Analysis and while referring to the charts in the handout. Mr. Fleming stated the Water and Wastewater System Development Fee Analysis had to be posted 45 days for public comments. AWCK will work with Town Manager on adoption of fees.

Public Hearing

Mayor Boggs opened the Public Hearing for public comments. No one came forward or speak.

7:55 pm intermission period for 5 minutes

8:00 pm, meeting back in session

Town Manager Tencer read to Council the Consistency Statement for zoning text amendment. Council agreed to change by adding to the end of #1 on statement: Streamline ordinances, Confirm with State Law. Then at the 2nd to last section of statement add "to plan for Structure Responsible growth of the Town."

Councilmember Allen made the motion to approve text changes. Lineberry 2nd motion.

Motion carried 4-0

Manager's Update

- Tennis Court rehab. Council decided to ask the public what they like in replace of the Tennis Court since not used much and the repair is \$8,500 for fill in and \$14,000 for full resurfacing.
- Town Manager asked when the dedication ceremony should take place for the Jeffrey H. Earp Municipal Park? All were in agreeance that an official dedication ceremony for the Jeffrey H. Earp Municipal Park should be done this summer.
- MVP Southgate wants to survey Town's property for the pipeline project. Councilmembers approved the surveying.
- Council approved 2nd Council meeting for Budget will be Monday June 4, 2018 for official vote.
- Town Manager asked the board if they had any questions regarding the monthly Reports from (Police, Fire, Building Inspections and Animal Services). Council had no questions.
- Manager's update: Town will be increasing rental fees (civic, park, etc.) to be more uniform with other towns. Will also adjust time blocks for reservations.

Councilmember Lineberry questioned why limbs were being charged to public.

Mayor Boggs asked the citizens in the audience if they understood the Town's fees for yard waste (limbs) pickup. A citizen spoke up and said they put their yard trash out every other week because they don't understand the fees. Councilmembers decided the give public 3 free bites for limbs/yard trash and the 4th bite will be \$13.50 the continue as indicated on fees charts.

Councilmember Lineberry asked about electronic waste, can the Town look into picking this up and to get back to board with fees or suggestions. Town Manager Tencer mentioned we may have to partner up with the county for that.

Announcements

- Phone system: AT&T will not port over Town's phone numbers, so we will call FCC to complain
- Lang Street project: will get Troy to design
- New loan project to get 50/50 match
- New employees: Lesley Gonzalez and Jamey Simpson
- Fire Dept bathroom upgrades are going well
- Sidewalk will cost \$30,000.00 but will see if Grant or Powell Fund can cover cost.
- Cone Mill up to date

- Toby invited board and public to Alamance Co. Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony on May 17 at 10 am

Councilmember Lineberry asked if we could increase our Parks & Rec Part time employees hourly rates. Town Manager mentioned he will review and compare.

Councilmember Allen thanked Jimmy Lemonds and Sandra Masho for assisting with the Dave Owens meeting.

Town Manager Tencer thanked both Wanda Baldwin and Lesley Gonzalez for working long hours to get Financial Statements up to date.

9:15 pm

Councilmember Lineberry made a motion to adjourn.

Motion carried 4-0.

Buddy E. Boggs, Mayor

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE GRANITE MILL ADAPTIVE REUSE PROJECT TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WHEREAS, the Town of Haw River wishes to encourage the redevelopment and economic revitalization of the Granite Mill historic site and surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, D3 Development, Inc. (hereafter "D3") has approached the Town of Haw River with an initial development plan for the Granite Mill properties; and

WHEREAS, this proposed development, when completed, would celebrate the historic character of Main Street and downtown Haw River, improve access to the entire downtown area, substantially increase the quality of the downtown streetscape and bring invaluable commercial and residential opportunities for the residents of the Town of Haw River; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina S.L. 2017-212 §15.9A, the Council acknowledges the express purpose of the Department of Commerce grant-in-aid appropriation to the Town of Haw River as being for the renovation of the historic mill; and

WHEREAS, the Town is committed to submit required information to the North Carolina Department of Commerce in order to secure the appropriation funds:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Haw River that the Town approves submission of the attached application materials, and any other salient information requested hereafter by the North Carolina Department of Commerce, in order to secure the grant from the State of North Carolina in a timely fashion.

This the 7th day of May, 2018.