

**HAMLET CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM
201 MAIN STREET, HAMLET, NC 28345
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023
6:00 PM
MINUTES**

Governing Body Present:

Mayor	Bill Bayless
Mayor Pro Tem	Jesse McQueen
Council Member	Eddie Martin
Council Member	Abbie Covington

Staff Present:

City Attorney	TC Morphis
City Manager	Matthew Christian
City Clerk	Gail Strickland

Others Present: Betty M. Snow, Chris McDonald, Pastor Dan Blair, Howard Wallace and Gerard Morrison
(arrived as meeting was ending.)

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bayless called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Invocation

Pastor Dan Blair of First Methodist and Fellowship Methodist offered the Invocation.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Council Member Covington motioned to adopt the Agenda. The second was offered by Council Member Martin. The vote was 3-0.

4. Adoption of Consent Agenda

Council Member Covington motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member McQueen provided the second. The vote was 3-0.

5. Comments from Attendees

No one presented to address Council.

New Business

6. Consideration of Resolution 2023-05 Application for Grant Fund – City Lake Trail

City Manager Matt Christian explained the Resolution is for the resubmission of a grant submitted last year for City Lake Trail funding. He advised the grant has been modified to get more points, but the overall scope has not changed. He added the grant is with the Rural Transformation Grant Program and is very competitive. Mayor Bayless read the Resolution. Council Member Covington motioned to approve the Resolution. The second was given by Council Member Martin. The vote was 3-0.

Other Business

7. City Manager's Report

City Manager Matthew Christian announced upcoming events at the Depot. Food Truck Friday and a Cruise-In on Main Street will be Friday, April 14th, Yoga at the Tracks is scheduled for April 27th, another Food Truck Friday is planned for April 28th and on April 29th the Walk and Wag will be held. The Manager gave a reminder that utility payments can now be made online. Mayor Bayless thanked Mr. Christian for his work on the water meter issues. The Manager responded he will continue to work on it and provide information to Council.

8. Comments of Council

Council Member Martin announced the maintenance at Memorial Park, preparing for the American Legion Baseball Games has started. The opening game will be in May.

9. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Bayless commented that the City has a lot of work going on; grant funds are being used for quality-of-life projects. He complimented the City employees for their efforts in maintaining the streets.

10. Motion to go into Closed Session per NC General Statute §143-318-11(a) (3)(6) Personnel and Attorney Client Privilege

At 6:07 pm, Mayor Bayless asked for a motion to go into Closed Session and read the Statutes. Council Member Covington made the motion. The second was offered by Council Member Martin. The vote was 3-0.

Return to Open Session

At 6:33 pm, Council Member McQueen made the motion to return to Open Session. The second was given by Council Member Covington. The vote was 3-0.

11. Adjourn

At 6:34 pm, Council Members Martin and McQueen provided the motion and second to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail M. Strickland, City Clerk

