

**HAMLET CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM
201 MAIN STREET, HAMLET, NC 28345
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023
6:00 PM
MINUTES**

Governing Body Present:

Mayor	Bill Bayless
Council Member	Eddie Martin
Council Member	Abbie Covington
Council Member	Maurice Stuart
Council Member	Oscar Sellers

Staff Present:

City Attorney	TC Morphis
City Manager	Matthew Christian
City Clerk	Cindy Terry

Others Present:

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bayless called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. Invocation

Pastor Dan Blair offered the Invocation.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Council Member Sellers motioned, seconded by Council Member Covington, to adopt the Agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

4. Adoption of Consent Agenda

Council Member Covington motioned, seconded by Council Member Sellers, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

5. Comments from Attendees

There were no comments.

New Business

6. Proclamation – Veteran’s Day 2023

Mayor Bayless read the Proclamation for Veteran’s Day 2023.

Other Business

7. City Manager’s Report

City Manager Christian advised that the City is wide open with events this month such as the food trucks on October 13th and 27th, the Boxcar concert series with Eric Hawks October 27, the Seaboard Festival October 28 and the Halloween Boo Bash October 31. The Manager then introduced Mechelle Preslar who in turn introduced Amanda Kempen, our new Senior Center

Director. Amanda advised Council that she had begun as the new director in mid-September and that she is very grateful to be with the City. She stated that she wants to head in a positive and forward manner in order to grow the resources of the Center and attract new members. and grow the membership. She hopes to provide a loving, encouraging environment.

12. Comments of Council

Council Member Sellers advised that the Masonic Lodge is their annual breakfast beginning at 6:00 a.m. the day of the Seaboard Festival. He also mentioned that Council may want to entertain the idea of a public water fountain near the Library for the walkers. Council Member Stuart thanked Amanda for her hard work in transitioning into the new Senior Center Director. He also advised that he is organizing a group to start walking downtown every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Council Member Covington reiterated that fact that many things are happening in Hamlet in the month of October. She suggested that all citizens take advantage of these festivities. She then welcomed Amanda. Mrs. Covington also advised that she had spoken with the City Manager and the importance of Mary Love Cemetery and its history.

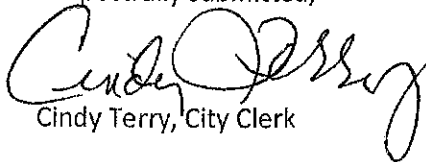
13. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Bayless stated that it is good to have Amanda with the City. He then advised citizens that if they know something that needs to be done, to pick up the phone and give him a call. Alternatively, if any citizen knows of something that is going on that shouldn't be, to call Crime Stoppers. The Mayor reminded everyone that the calls to Crime Stoppers can be anonymous. He also thanked our Veteran's who took time away from their families while in the service protecting this country.

16. Adjourn

At 6:27 pm, Council Members Sellers and Stuart provided the motion and second to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Terry, City Clerk

