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**CITY OF HAMLET REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
HAMLET CITY HALL- COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
201 MAIN STREET, HAMLET, NC 28345  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024  
6:00 PM  
Minutes**

**Governing Body Present:**

Mayor	Amy Guinn
Mayor Pro-Tem	Abbie Covington
Council Member	Eddie Martin
Council Member	Oscar Sellers
Council Member	Maurice Stuart
Council Member	Tony Clewis

**Staff Present:**

Interim City Manager	W. Lane Bailey
Assistant City Manager	Mackenzie Webb
City Attorney	TC Morphis
City Clerk	Heather Hawks

**Others Present:** S. Miller, Howard Wallace, Esco Latimer, and Gerard Morrison.

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Invocation/Moment of Silence**

Pastor Marvin Taylor offered the Invocation.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

Mayor Pro-Tem Covington motioned to adopt the agenda. Council Member Clewis provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Consent Agenda**

Mayor Pro-Tem Covington made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Council Member Stuart provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Comments from Attendees**

There were no comments from attendees.

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## **New Business**

### **6. Approve ABC Board Terms**

Assistant City Manager Webb stated the Quinn Woolard from ABC Board reached out to get our board terms lined up correctly.

Council Member Stuart made a motion to accept the proposed ABC Board terms, seconded by Council Member Clewis. The motion passed unanimously.

### **7. Approve Planning Board Terms**

Assistant City Manager Webb stated Belinda Whitley was the only member being reappointed; we have 4 openings and will be accepting letters of interest for a month.

Interim City Manager stated Esco Latimer submitted a letter of interest for the Planning Board.

Council Member Clewis made a motion to reappoint Belinda Whitley and to appoint Esco Latimer to the Planning Board, seconded by Council Member Stuart. The motion passed unanimously.

### **8. Approve 2025 Meeting Schedule**

Council Member Clewis made a motion to accept the 2025 Meeting Schedule, seconded by Council Member Sellers. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Other Business**

### **9. City Manager's Report**

Interim City Manager Bailey thanked City of Hamlet staff for all of their hard work on the Christmas events. He also stated the offices would be closed at noon on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> for the staff Christmas party, December 24-26 and New Years Day.

### **10. Comments of Council**

Council Member Martin wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He thanked everyone for their hard work on the Tree Lighting and the Christmas parade.

Council Member Sellers thanked everyone for their hard work on the Christmas events and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Clewis thanked city employees for their work on all Christmas events stating it went well. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Member Stuart thanked all employees and gave a shoutout to Mechelle Preslar for the hard work on all Christmas events. He also thanked the city for giving to the Martin Luther King Foundation.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Covington thanked all employees for the hard work and community spirit to make things wonderful in our town. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**11. Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Guinn thanked all employees for how wonderful the Christmas events have been. She wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

**12. Motion to go into Closed Session per NCGS § 143-318.11 (a)(3)(6) for attorney-client privilege and personnel.**

At 6:15 pm, Council Member Clewis motioned, seconded by Council Member Sellers to go into closed session for attorney-client privilege and personnel. The motion passed unanimously.

**Return to Open Session**

At 6:30 pm, Mayor Pro-Tem Covington motioned to return to Open Session, seconded by Council Member Clewis. The motion passed unanimously.

**13. Motion to Adjourn**

Council Member Clewis motioned, seconded by Council Member Sellers to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 6:30 pm.