**Town of Haw River**

**Town Council Meeting**

**Monday, December 2, 2013**

The Town Council of the Town of Haw River held its Town Council Meeting on Monday, December 2, 2013 in the Haw River Municipal Building at 7:00 pm.

Council Members Present: Mayor Buddy Boggs, Kelly Allen, Lee Lovette, Jeff Fogleman, and Ashley Warren

Council Members Absent: n/a

Also Present: Manager Jeff Earp, Clerk Melanie Hamilton, Attorney Charlie Davis

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

**Consent Agenda**

7:00 pm

**The Council reviewed minutes from the November 4, 2013 regular meeting and the November 18, 2013 Special Meeting.**

Councilmember Lovette made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

**Organizational Meeting**

7:01 pm

Councilmember Warren made a motion to accept the Certification of Election from the Alamance County Board of Elections. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Fogleman made a motion to dissolve the current council. Motion carried 5-0.

The Honorable James K. Roberson (Chief District Court Judge) swore in the newly elected officials. Jeffrey A. Fogleman and Kelly F. Allen were sworn in as Councilmembers.

Mayor Boggs then asked for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Fogleman nominated Councilmember Lovette. Councilmember Warren nominated Councilmember Allen. Mayor Boggs then closed the nomination period and asked for a vote on each nomination. Councilmember Lovette’s nomination was declined 2-3, with Councilmembers Lovette and Fogleman voting in favor of his election as Mayor Pro Tem and with Councilmembers Allen, Warren, and Mayor Boggs dissenting. Councilmember Allen’s nomination was accepted 3-2 with Councilmembers Allen, Warren, and Mayor Boggs voting in favor of her election as Mayor Pro Tem and with Councilmembers Lovette and Fogleman dissenting. Mayor Boggs then announced that Councilmember Allen will be the new Mayor Pro Tem for the Town of Haw River.

Mayor Boggs then made the following appointments:

Transportation Advisory Committee Representative – Councilmember Allen

Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments Delegate – Mayor Boggs

Departmental Liaisons:

Fire Department – Councilmember Warren

Public Works - Councilmember Lovette

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Fogleman

Police Department – Councilmember Allen

Administration – Mayor Boggs

**New Business**

7:013 pm

**The Town Council considered for approval a Resolution in Support of the Vision for Public Education in Alamance County.**

Manager Earp presented the Council with a Resolution in Support of the Vision for Public Education in Alamance County. This is an organization that believes strongly in our community and the need for strengthening educational foundations for the success of Alamance County and advocates for community support of the public school system.

Councilmember Allen made a motion to approve the Resolution in Support of the Vision for Public Education in Alamance County. Motion carried 5-0.

7:15 pm

**The Town Council discussed the increased violation to the Town’s Brush Pick up Policy.**

Manager Earp informed the Council that this year the Town seems to have a greater instance of violation in regards to the Town of Haw River Brush Pick Up Policy. There are currently 19 residents that have brush set along the roadway for pick up even though pickup ceased on September 30th and a special “clean up” pick up was run in early October. The residents in violation were recently send letters informing them that they are in violation of the policy, but no brush piles have been removed.

Following considerable discussion, Councilmember Fogleman made a motion to pick up the current brush piles that are out, change the Haw River Brush Pick Up Policy to include a $50 for piles picked up by the Town from Oct 1 to March 31 (effective 12/16/2013), and for notification of this policy change to be distributed to residents door to door. Motion carried 4-1 with Councilmember Allen dissenting.

7:28 pm

**The Town Council reviewed the 2014 Town Council and 2014 Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Schedules.**

Manager Earp presented the Council with the proposed 2014 Town Council and 2014 Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Schedules.

Councilmember Fogleman made a motion to approve the 2014 Town Council and Planning & Zoning Board meeting schedules. Motion carried 5-0.

7:29 pm

**The Town Council discussed possible legislative increases to take effect January 2014.**

At the Council’s November meeting, Council requested that staff research the financial impact of the implementation of a 3%-5% salary increase for staff. Manager Earp provided the Council with these numbers, including possible funding for the proposed raise for the next fiscal year, and reminded Council that any cost associated with a legislative increase for the current fiscal year will need to be appropriated from fund balance.

Following discussion, Councilmember Lovette made a motion to approve a 5% legislation increase effective 1/1/2014 for staff and for this increase to be funded out of fund balance for the current fiscal year. Motion carried 5-0.

7:36 pm

**The Town Council discussed the disposition of the retired Town Christmas decorations.**

Manager Earp asked the Council for guidance in regards to what they would like to do with the old holiday decorations that were replaced last year.

Following brief discussion regarding several options for the old holiday decorations, Councilmember Lovette made a motion to table the discussion Manager Earp asked the Council for guidance in regards to what they would like to do with the old holiday decorations that were replaced last year.

7:41 pm

**Manager’s Update**

Manager Earp gave the Council an update on the following projects/issues:

* Financial Update
* The Manager has been working to obtain pricing on an annexation study for the Clover Creek Mobile Home Park. The Piedmont Triad Regional Council will not be able to do this study due to their full schedule. Manager Earp is getting pricing from Alley Williams Carmen and King and Ross Smith. He anticipated the cost to fall somewhere around $2,000 to $3,000.
* Manager Earp is working with USDA and the City of Lexington to ascertain the financial impact on the Town of a condemnation.
* Alamance County will be holding a Flood Plain Map Community Meeting on 12/19. This meeting will fulfill Haw River’s public meeting requirement. Haw River residents will be notified about this meeting via door to door notices.
* Paul Meyer is the new director of the NCLM.
* Family Dollar has everything they need from Haw River in order to proceed with the opening of their business.

7:48 pm

Councilmember Fogleman made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried 5-0.

8:25 pm

Councilmember Allen made a motion to return to open session. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Boggs announced that Jody Jarrett’s title has been changed to Maintenance Superintendent for Public Works and Utilities and upgraded to Salary Grade 16. Melanie Hamilton has been given a 5% raise. Both of these changes are effective January 1, 2014.

There being no other business, Councilmember Fogleman made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

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Buddy E. Boggs, Mayor Melanie R. Hamilton, Clerk