

Town of Hamilton

**Public Budget Hearing @ 6:45 PM /Regular Monthly Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
June 7, 2018**

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Present: Mayor, Commissioners: Williams, Staton, Freeman and Jackson. Commissioner Everett absent due to illness. Clerk was absent. Minutes were taken by Commissioner Williams.

Mayor asked for budget amendments on all 3 Funds 2017-2018 year. Motion to approve Final Budget 2017-2018 by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Staton. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to write off 2006-2007 Taxes by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Jackson, Motion carried 4-0. See detailed document filed with minutes.

Discussion on whether .57 tax should remain or increase to .61 per 100 valuation of property. Motion to keep Tax at .57 per 100 valuation of property by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried 4-0. See documentation attached with minutes/

Regular monthly Board meeting called to order by Mayor

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Old Business: Commissioner Jackson questions vote on donation to Roanoke River Partners. At this time Commissioners Staton and Jackson informed mayor that their votes as being a no vote at the May 7, 2018 Board meeting, Vote was consider as a "yes" because of nonverbal response from Commissioner Staton and Jackson.

Mayor will contact the Town Attorney, Mr. James and Institute of Government whether if vote can be changed. A motion by Commissioner Freeman and second by Commissioner Jackson to have Mayor make these contacts. Motion Carried 4-0.

Beautification budget is \$3,000.00. Mayor asked if Board will motion to hire Jessica Stewart contract services from May-October, 2018 at \$600.00 per month. No motion made at this time.

Ms. Stewart asked Board to note that she feels Town isn't supporting her business.

Mayor asked Judith Stewart to speak about beautification committee. Ms. Stewart statement is on file with minutes.

Commissioner Staton addressed Ms. Stewart's statement and discussed her position concerning the issue.

Mayor apologized to Board and all present and asked that there be no arguments.

Commissioner Jackson-Asked what is back-up plan for wastewater plant operator. Mayor asked Commissioner Freeman about pumps not working properly and cost of check valve replacement could be \$20-30,000.00.

New Business: Ms. Robin Brown Edna Andrews School Secretary, asks Board for support for Staff and students. She states concerns about Board not showing up for the meetings. Thanked Pastor Michael Bridgers, Grace Fellowship Church, and also the Randolph sisters for their support.

Ms. Deloris Green voiced her concerns of abandon and overgrown properties adjacent to her property.

Ms. Patricia Morring on agenda to discuss CADA., Farmers Market and ditches. States that CADA helping citizens with their utility bills; stagnate water in the ditch across from the AME Zion Church. Mr. Freeman states possibly putting cement in ditch could keep water moving. She did not address any issue with the Farmers Market.

She then spoke about taxes being owed a statement directed to Commissioner Williams. Commissioner Williams response is that citizens after consultation with the MCO Tax office and if approved by Tax office will be given a payment plan until taxes are paid in full.

Commissioners' Report: Jackson: Nothing at this time

Freeman: States an 18 wheeler tore down wires at Front Street and Circle Drive and signs need to be up stating no big trucks allowed on back streets.

Williams: Ethics training will be setup with MidEast in the near future.

Staton: Nothing at this time.

Mayor presented Audit Contract 2017-2018 with Carr, Riggs & Ingram for Board approval. Motion to approve Audit Contract 2017-2018 with Carr, Riggs & Ingram by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Staton. Motion to approve 4-0.

A motion by Commissioner Jackson to approve Lease agreement with the State Employees Credit Union for 3 years to place Bank teller Machine at the Southern Bank Building. Motion second by Commissioner Saton. Motion approved 4-0.

Mayor spoke with Board about contribution to Edna Andrews Students. No discussion by Board.

Motion to go into Executive Session by Commissioner Staton and Second by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to come out of Executive Session and back into open session by Commissioner Staton, motion second by Commissioner Staton. Motion carried 4-0. No action taken in Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn being no further business discussed by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Staton. Motion Carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourn.

Annie B. Jones 7-12-18

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