

Town of Hertford
Special Call Meeting (In Person/Zoom)
Tuesday, May 31, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Horace Reid Community Center, 305 W Grubb Street

The Council of the Town of Hertford held a Special Call Meeting at the Horace Reid Community Center (also by Zoom) on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Earnell Brown, Mayor	Connie Brothers
Ashley Hodges, Mayor Pro Tem	Jerry Mimplitsch
Sandra Anderson	

STAFF PRESENT

Janice McKenzie Cole, Interim Town Manager
Ashley Eure, Account Specialist
Gina Durante, Town Clerk

A quorum was present.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order. Mayor Brown asked for a moment of silence for former Hertford Mayor Horace Reid, who passed away, and his family. Pastor French led the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Hodges made the motion to approve the agenda and Councilman Mimplitsch seconded. The agenda was approved by Council with the following vote:

Councilwoman Brothers	aye
Mayor Pro Tem Hodges	aye
Councilman Mimplitsch	aye
Councilwoman Anderson	aye
Mayor Brown	aye

NEW BUSINESS

Town Manager's Presentation of Proposed Budget

Manager Cole presented the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to Council. (Proposed budget is available to view at the office of the Town Clerk in the Municipal

Building, the public library, and online at www.townofhertfordnc.com under Finance Department.

Mayor Brown asked Council for questions and concerns. Council thanked Manager Cole and Account Specialist Ashley Eure for all their time and effort in establishing this fiscally responsible budget that also aligns with the Strategic Plan adopted by Hertford Town Council.

Budget Amendments

Two budget amendments for FY 2021-22 were presented for approval. The first budget amendment was to move the earnings (\$34,700) from the sale of the town owned Brinn House into the General Fund. The second amendment was to move Police Miscellaneous Revenue (\$67.80) into the Police Operating Expense.

Councilman Mimlitsch made a motion to approve both amendments and Councilwoman Brothers seconded. The amendments passed unanimously with the following voice vote:

Councilwoman Anderson	aye
Councilman Mimlitsch	aye
Mayor Pro Tem Hodges	aye
Councilwoman Brothers	aye
Mayor Brown	aye

July 4th Celebration

Manager Cole made inquiries regarding a Town of Hertford sponsored July 4th celebration. It has never been a Town funded and operated event. The Town has only donated to the event, but it has been operated by independent organizations or individuals. In previous years our fireworks have been operated by a contractor from Georgia, but he will not be in the area this year. Applying for fireworks permit is a lengthy process through the ATF and we do not have sufficient time for that. We have been advised to start that process in January. Edenton and Elizabeth City, being bigger municipals than Hertford, will have sponsored celebrations. Mayor Brown mentioned the opening of the new S-Bridge and suggested that organizations like the Chamber of Commerce, TDA or the County may be able to donate funds towards a Hertford S-Bridge Celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Anderson announced the Saturday Morning Live Flea Market. The first of the three events will be held June 11. Several vendors have already signed up and

there are some spots left. Interested vendors should contact Councilwoman Anderson or stop by the Municipal Building. There was an article in last week's Perquimans Weekly newspaper promoting the flea market, and another article will be written after the first event.

Councilwoman Anderson is also looking into signage on Hwy 17 to promote the many upcoming events in Hertford. She is getting quotes and trying to find donations for the signs.

Councilman Mimlitsch announced the first Friday Night Stroll will be June 10th, downtown Hertford, from 5:30-7:30 PM, rain or shine.

Mayor Pro Tem Hodges wanted to acknowledge the Tourism Department for helping to promote the many events we have coming up: Friday Night Strolls, SML Flea Market, Slam It or Jam It Fundraiser and other youth programs, Juneteenth Celebration, Indian Summer Festival, Toast of Perquimans.

Councilwoman Brothers reminded everyone that this Saturday, June 4th at 7:30AM, volunteers are meeting at the railroad tracks for the Community Cleanup. "Take pride where you reside." June 18th will be the Juneteenth Celebration. A.R. Chesson did go to the Masonic Lodge to assess it and provide an estimate.

Mayor Brown announced that there is a new pastor at the First Baptist Church on the corner of King Street and Hyde Park. Mayor Brown and Manager Cole previously discussed the possibility of turning on fire hydrants once or twice a week for an hour to allow the children to play in them during the summer. Logistics need to be worked out and Council will need to have further discussions regarding the fire hydrants. Mayor Brown will be gone due to a previous commitment during the Juneteenth Celebration but thanked Councilwoman Brothers for all her time and effort for Hertford's celebration. June 11th from 10AM-5PM is the Seeds of Success Basketball Tournament, Slam It of Jam It, at this location. Mayor Brown is also selling \$10 tickets for the dinner.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Councilwoman Brothers and seconded by Councilman Mimlitsch. The motion passed 5-0 with the following voice vote:

Councilwoman Brothers	aye
Mayor Pro Tem Hodges	aye
Councilman Mimlitsch	aye
Councilwoman Anderson	aye
Mayor Brown	aye

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.