

Mayor Jacob P. Bailey called a regular monthly meeting of the Amherst Town Council to order on November 14, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 186 S. Main Street. Council members Kenneth Bumgarner; J. Paul Kilgore, Jr; Mike Mozingo; and Richard Wydner were present. Councilor Haney Mottley was absent. Town Manager Jack Hobbs, Police Chief Kelvin Brown, Director of Public Utilities Tom Fore, Office Manager Colan Davis, and Town Attorney Tom Berry were present.

Dr. David Clay from Amherst Baptist Church gave an invocation.

Mayor Bailey recognized Councilors-elect Rachel Thompson and Kenneth Watts and welcomed them to the meeting.

Mr. Kilgore made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Wydner and approved 4-0 to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2012 meeting. Messrs. Bumgarner, Kilgore, Mozingo, and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mottley was absent.

Mr. Bumgarner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mozingo and approved 4-0 to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2012 meeting. Messrs. Bumgarner, Kilgore, Mozingo, and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mottley was absent.

On behalf of the Community Relations Committee, Mr. Mozingo reviewed the proposal for an Amherst Public Art Summer Program that was received at the October 10 meeting. Mr. Mozingo made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Wydner and approved 4-0 to request a specific project proposal from the ArtMeters group for consideration early next year. Messrs. Bumgarner, Kilgore, Mozingo, and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mottley was absent.

After a discussion on the FY12 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (audit) received by the Town Council in October, Mr. Bumgarner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Kilgore and approved 4-0 to accept the document. Messrs. Bumgarner, Kilgore, Mozingo and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mottley was absent.

Mr. Bumgarner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Wydner and approved 4-0 to approve a resolution recognizing Bill Hathaway's service on the Town of Amherst Planning Commission. Messrs. Bumgarner, Kilgore, Mozingo, and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Mottley was absent. A copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Councilors discussed vacancies on the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission.

The Town Manager reported on the IDA's study of a suspected grave site at Brockman Park. It was understood that Town Council approval would be required prior to any actual grave relocation effort.

The Town Manager gave a report on the Utility Committee's work to develop potential projects for funding with surplus general fund monies and staff work on a proposal to replace the step screen unit at the sewer plant.

The Town Manager reviewed time card and overtime pay issues raised by the auditor. After some discussion, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee and Councilor Kilgore for their recommendation at the December meeting.

The Town Manager gave a report on communication with the bank that provided the surety guaranteeing the completion of the roads in the Mill Race Subdivision.

The Town Attorney gave a report on his progress on the demolition of the Beverly house which was referred to him on October 10, 2012.

The Councilors discussed the landscape maintenance contract and whether to re-bid the grass mowing contract or to attempt to negotiate another season's work with the current contractor.

Mr. Fore gave a status report on the status of the Whitehead Drive/Maple Lane Water Line Project, the 60 West Water Line Project and Ambriar Shopping Center Water Line Relocation projects.

Mr. Bumgarner gave a report on the communication with Beacon Towers for a potential cell phone tower to be located at the Union Hill Water Tank site.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Jacob P. Bailey
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Resolution
of the
Town Council of the Town of Amherst

WHEREAS, William E. Hathaway served the citizens of the Town of Amherst as a member of the Town of Amherst Planning Commission from September 13, 2006 through October 10, 2012; and

WHEREAS, William E. Hathaway lead, organized and participated in many activities and community projects as a Town resident and member of the Amherst Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, William E. Hathaway passed away on November 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Amherst wishes to acknowledge the services that William E. Hathaway has given to his community and also to express its appreciation for all that William E. Hathaway has done for the Town of Amherst;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Amherst does, on this date, acknowledge the outstanding service that William E. Hathaway has given to our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Amherst hereby declares that the Town of Amherst has been improved as a result of William E. Hathaway's activities; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council of the Town of Amherst is ordered to deliver an original copy of this Resolution to William E. Hathaway as a token of the Council's deep appreciation of his contributions to our community and that this resolution be spread upon the minute books of the Town Council of the Town of Amherst as a tribute to a

Good Neighbor and a Friend of the Town of Amherst.

This Resolution was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Amherst on November 14, 2012.

Mayor Jacob P. Bailey

Attest:

Clerk of Council