

Mayor J. Paul Kilgore, Jr. called a regular monthly meeting of the Amherst Town Council to order on November 13, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 186 S. Main Street. Council members Kenneth Bumgarner, Mike Mozingo, Rachel Thompson, Kenneth Watts and Richard Wydner were present. Town Manager Jack Hobbs, Police Chief Kelvin Brown, and Office Manager Colan Davis were present.

The Rev. Nancy Johnson from Emmanuel United Methodist Church gave an invocation.

Amherst Fire Department Chief Trent Richie came forward to discuss the Amherst Fire Department's plans for emergency response services in northern Amherst County.

Auditor Amy Gallagher from Davidson, Doyle and Hylton came forward to present the FY13 audit report. By consensus it was agreed that the report would be discussed at the December meeting.

Amherst County Planning Director Jeremy Bryant came forward to brief the Town Council on Amherst County's efforts to meet new stormwater management mandates. Mrs. Thompson made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Watts and approved 5-0 to ask the Mayor to send a letter thanking the Amherst County doing this for the Town. Messrs. Bumgarner, Mozingo, Thompson, Watts and Wydner voted "Aye".

Mr. Bumgarner made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and approved 5-0 to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2013 meeting. Messrs. Bumgarner, Mozingo, Thompson, Watts and Wydner voted "Aye".

Mr. Bumgarner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mozingo and approved 4-0-1, to increase the FY14 police budget for a new vehicle to \$32,500. Messrs. Bumgarner, Mozingo, Thompson, and Wydner voted "Aye"; Mr. Watts abstained.

The Town Engineer's report on the completion of the 60 West water line project and the effects of the improvements and remaining deficiencies in that service area was presented. By consensus it was agreed that a resolution to alter the terms of the moratorium in that service area would be considered at the December meeting.

A cost estimate for the replacement of much of the sewer piping and manholes at Ambriar Shopping Center and along Briarherst Drive on an in-house basis was presented. Mr. Bumgarner made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and approved 5-0 to authorize the construction as proposed. Messrs. Bumgarner, Mozingo, Thompson, Watts and Wydner voted "Aye".

It was agreed that the Council would meet on December 18 at 1:00 PM for the final Springsted presentation on the water and sewer rate fairness study.

The Finance Committee was asked to investigate what would be involved for the Town to begin accepting credit cards for payment of bills and direct deposit.

The Town Manager reminded everyone of the Town staff's work to support upcoming holiday events.

There being no further business, at 8:49 P.M. Mr. Watts made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and approved 5-0 to adjourn the meeting. Messrs. Bumgarner, Mozingo, Thompson, Watts and Wydner voted "Aye".

J. Paul Kilgore, Jr.
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council