

The regular meeting of the Amherst Town Council was called to order on April 15, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 186 S. Main Street with Mayor Jacob P. Bailey presiding. Council members Bobby J. Bondurant, J. Paul Kilgore, Haney Mottley, Harold Swisher and Richard Wydner were present. Town Manager Jack Hobbs, Director of Public Utilities Tom Fore and Office Manager Colan Davis were also present.

Pastor Allan Monfils from Blue Ridge Baptist Church gave an invocation.

Michael Driskill, a representative of the Amherst Recreation Center, came forward to discuss the status of his organization's water bill. Mr. Bondurant made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Swisher to extend the time to pay for the balance on their account. The motion passed 5-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Kilgore, Mottley, Swisher and Wydner voted "Aye".

Mr. Mottley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Wydner to approve the minutes for the March 10 and 17, 2010 meetings as previously submitted. The motion passed 5-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Kilgore, Mottley, Swisher and Wydner voted "Aye".

In order to support the Centennial Committee's planned activities, Mr. Mottley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bondurant to endorse the closure of E. Court Street from about 9 AM until 3 PM and S. Main Street from the traffic circle to the library from 2 PM until 3 PM on June 12, 2010. The motion passed 5-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Kilgore, Mottley, Swisher and Wydner voted "Aye".

The Town Manager reported that he plans to contract with Milliman, Inc. for the required GASB 45 "other post employment benefit" study required by the Town's auditors.

Kevin & April Laughlin, 231 Union Hill Road, came forward to appeal unpaid real estate tax liens against their property that were assessed prior to them purchasing the property. Appeals of the same nature by Norman Carson, 368 Grandview Drive, and Randy & Tracey Berkey, 180 Waughs Ferry Rd. (via letter from Tom Berry's office) were also discussed. Mr. Mottley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Swisher to forgive the delinquent taxes, penalty and interest for all three properties. The motion passed 5-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Kilgore, Mottley, Swisher and Wydner voted "Aye". Mr. Mottley amended the motion and clarified the action to read the delinquent taxes, penalty and interest would be forgiven for Kevin & April Laughlin and Randy & Tracey Berkey. The motion passed 5-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Kilgore, Mottley, Swisher and Wydner voted "Aye".

Mr. Wydner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bondurant to forgive delinquent taxes, penalty and interest for Norman Carson. After some discussion, Mr. Wydner withdrew his motion and Mr. Bondurant withdrew his second.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Jacob P. Bailey
Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council