

Mayor Jacob P. Bailey called the regular monthly meeting of the Amherst Town Council to order on December 8, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 186 S. Main Street. Council members Bobby J. Bondurant, J. Paul Kilgore, Haney Mottley and Richard Wydner were present. Mr. Swisher was absent. Town Manager Jack Hobbs, Police Chief Kenneth Watts, Town Attorney Tom Berry, Director of Utilities Tom Fore and Office Manager Colan Davis were also present.

The Rev. Katherine Chase from Ascension Episcopal Church gave an invocation.

Mr. Wydner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mottley to approve the minutes for the November 10, 2010 meeting as previously submitted. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Kilgore, Mottley and Wydner voted "Aye". Mr. Swisher was absent.

The Town Councilors agreed to consider a police department residency policy at the January meeting.

Mr. Wydner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mottley to appoint Lewis Addison, 209 Glasgow Drive (Clifford), to the Industrial Development Authority to fill the seat previously held by Marshall Mays. It was noted that the term for that seat expires on June 30, 2011. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Kilgore, Mottley and Wydner voted "Aye". Mr. Swisher was absent.

Mr. Mottley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Kilgore to authorize the Town Manager to contract with the Town Engineer for mapping and database services that would support the staff's sewer replacement study. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Kilgore, Mottley and Wydner voted "Aye". Mr. Swisher was absent.

Mayor Bailey reported that the contract with High Ground Partners (Lee Cobb) expires at the end of December, that he had been working to negotiate a contract extension and that he plans to ask the Council to approve an extension arrangement at a future meeting.

The Town Manager asked that Councilors desiring assistance in arranging for conferences and training, such as for VML's Newly Elected Officials Conference scheduled for January 7-8 in Richmond, to let staff know at the earliest practical date.

The Town Manager reminded the Councilors that it is time to start planning for the FY12 budget and circulated a tentative timetable for that process. The Council agreed to hold a retreat/worksession meeting on February 5.

Mayor Bailey thanked outgoing Councilors Bondurant and Swisher for their service and asked them to attend a reception in the Town Hall at 6:30 PM on January 12.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

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Jacob P. Bailey  
Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk of Council