

**TOWN OF HONEA PATH
COUNCIL MEETING
WATKINS BUILDING
JULY 20, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Christopher Burton – Q & A Session – Facebook – 5:30 to 6 p.m.

Mayor Christopher Burton called the Council meeting to order. The Mayor asked Captain Elder to pray. All stood for the pledge to the flag. Members present: Mayor Christopher Burton, Beverly Crawford, Clerk/Treasurer, Council members: Earle Ashley, David Fields, Jean Perrett, Rebecca Robinson, Dr. Evans and Jim Taylor.

Ashley made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 regular Council meeting and the June 21, 2021 Special Called meeting. Taylor seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the minutes were approved as written.

Leslie Walker went over the FY 2021-2022 Budget stating there is a decline in water sales and an increase in expenses.

Marie Jenkins asked to speak to Mayor and Council concerning problems that are arising on Hammett Street. She expressed that there is a lot of trash next to her home, along with the property not being cut or cared for. The neglect has caused her privacy fence to be destroyed, and she would like to ask that measures be taken with the landlord to have this problem resolved. Council member Fields agreed with Ms. Jenkins that this needs to be addressed. He has reported it to Mr. Giovenetti. Captain Elder stated this is a slow process, and they have been working on this since April. Chief Boseman expressed he has gotten in touch with the landlord, and the landlord stated he will be getting a truck to get the junk out of the yard.

Mayor Burton asked that a motion be made to update the Water tap fee from \$650.00 to \$1,500.00, as this fee needs to be increased due to cost of materials. Taylor made a motion to increase water taps to \$1,500.00. There was no second to the motion. The motion was tabled.

Mayor Burton stated the sewer tap fees are now \$300.00, and would like to increase these fees as well, but we will discuss this at a later date.

The Mayor asked for a motion for the first reading to go up on sanitation fees from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per month and 25% on commercial garbage. Taylor made a motion to go up on the sanitation fee from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per month with a 25% increase in commercial garbage. Fields seconded the motion. Taylor expressed we need to move forward with this increase due to a much needed increase in salaries for the employees at the Town Shop. Matt McCullough stated fuel and repairs are very expensive for the sanitation truck. All in favor of the motion, and Mayor stated there will be a Special Called meeting for the 2nd reading.

Mayor Burton gave a report on the July 3rd Celebration stating that all went extremely well, and he has had a lot of positive feedback from the community. He stated that the monies for this event was taken out of Hospitality Funds. Taylor expressed his appreciation to the Civitans and the

Planning Committee who worked very hard on this event. Mayor expressed thanks to Carolina Ford for their donation to the fireworks, and stated the car show was a success as well.

Matt McCullough gave an update on the grinder pumps.

Taylor made a motion to go into executive session for personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Robinson and the motion passed.

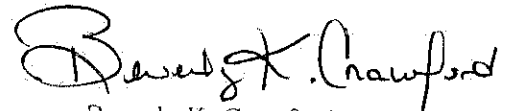
Taylor made a motion to come out of executive session and the motion was seconded by Fields and the motion passed.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robinson seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.



Christopher Burton
Mayor



Beverly K. Crawford
Clerk/Treasurer