

**HAMLET CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD APPOINTMENT
COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM
201 MAIN STREET, HAMLET, NC 28345
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019
5:30 PM
MINUTES**

Governing Body Present:

Mayor	Bill Bayless
Mayor Pro-Tem	Johnathan Buie
Council Member	Eddie Martin
Council Member	Wendy Massagee
Council Member	Jesse McQueen

Staff Present:

City Manager	Jonathan Blanton
City Clerk	Gail Strickland

Others Present: Maurice Stuart II, Curtis Ingram, Amy Guinn, Mike Crume, Jasmine Hager and Amy Guinn

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bayless called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Council Member Buie motioned to accept the Agenda as presented. Council Member McQueen provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

3. New Business

Discussion and Appointment to Fill Board Vacancy

A. Discussion

The Mayor opened the floor for discussion. Council Member McQueen requested the Mayor read the names of the applicants. Mayor Bayless provided the names and a brief background of the following candidates: Maurice Stuart, Joey Jernigan, Diane Mabe, Terry Moore and Jeff Smart.

Mr. McQueen advised Council needed to determine the format for making the decision. After discussing both the motion and ballot method, it was consensus of Council to follow the motion procedure to allow the Mayor to break a tie, if needed.

Both Council Members McQueen and Buie stated the nominees were well qualified people, making the decision difficult. Mr. McQueen said the appointment puts Council at a position, which he does not like, to set the tone for the next election. Mr. Buie encouraged the ones not selected to serve on other City Boards.

B. Nominations & Vote

Mayor Bayless asked for nominations. Council Member Massagee concurred the City had received applications from great candidates. She felt that, coming in this late, it was important to have someone that knows the process and someone that has served before, noting both Jeff Smart and Joey Jernigan had experience. Mrs. Massagee made the motion to appoint Jeff Smart to fill the vacancy. Mayor Bayless asked for a second. None was given and the motion died. Council Member Buie motioned to appoint Maurice Stuart to Council, saying Council has made appointments in the past that were not based on experience. He stated Mr. Stuart has an extensive background and resume. Council Member Martin provided the second to the motion. Council Members Buie, McQueen and Martin voted in favor of the motion to appoint Mr. Stuart. Council Member Massagee opposed. The vote was 3-1.

4. Adjournment of Meeting

At 5:42 pm, Council Members McQueen and Buie motioned to adjourn. The vote was 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail M. Strickland
City Clerk

