

COUNCIL MEETING

October 8, 2024

7:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hampstead was held at Hampstead Town Hall, 1034 South Carroll Street, on Tuesday, October 8, 2024. Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following Council Members were present: Ms. Barrett, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Painter, Mr. Unglesbee, and Mr. Zolman. Staff members present were: Town Manager Jim Roark, Public Works Superintendent Kevin Hann, Chief of Police Dave Snyder, and Human Resources Coordinator Judy Rang.

Guests present were: Dawn Crockett, Steve Crockett, Diane Cole, William Cape, Heather Cape-Frock, Mike Frock, Dickie Cape, Darrin Cape, Marlene Duff, Doug Harrell, Cheryl Seipp, Katherine Gorlick, and Tabitha Jordan.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Unglesbee made a **motion to approve the Town Council Meeting minutes of September 10, 2024**. Mr. Zolman seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

REPORTS:

All reports were made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Nevin initiated the **Recognition of Barney Cable**. Mayor Nevin noted that Mr. Cable was unable to attend the meeting. He stated Mr. Cable has been a Main Street resident and supporter of the Town of Hampstead for over fifty years. He also recognized Mr. Cable's dedication of his time and money to supply sports equipment and bicycles to the children of Hampstead, with proceeds benefitting NESAP. The Mayor read a Proclamation and declared that October 8, 2024, shall be known as Barney Cable Day.

Mayor Nevin introduced the **Appointment of Dawn Crockett to the Hampstead Tree Commission for a Term of Three Years**. He stated one of the Commission's members would not be returning and that Mrs. Crockett stepped up to fill that position.

Mr. Thomas made a **motion to approve the appointment of Dawn Crockett to the Hampstead Tree Commission for a Term of Three Years**. Mrs. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions. Mayor Nevin noted that he would administer the Oath of Office to Dawn Crockett at a later time.

Mayor Nevin introduced the **Administration of Oath & Badge Ceremonies for Officers Matthew Blanton & Dalton Cape**. Chief Snyder described Officer Blanton's previous employment experience at the 911 Call Center and Officer Cape's previous employment experience at the Detention Center. Chief Snyder detailed the rigorous background checks and difficult training program that the Officers completed. He noted that Officer Blanton was

recognized as the Top Academic Candidate in his class, the Top Driver, the Class Speaker, and received the Spirit Award from his classmates.

Mayor Nevin **administered the Oaths of Office** to Matthew Blanton and Dalton Cape for the Hampstead Police Department.

The new Hampstead Police Officers participated in badge ceremonies with their families.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Nevin initiated the discussion of the **Introduction of Ordinance 554 – an Ordinance Concerning a General Obligation Bond for the Water System Centralization and Modernization Project**. Mayor Nevin explained the Town has undertaken a large project to remove PFAS from the water system and while there are funds lined up for the construction portion of the project, the Town needs to cover the engineering costs associated with the project. He further explained that this ordinance is pledging the taxing authority of the Town for a three-million-dollar bond which the Town will secure with Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Mr. Zolman made **a motion to Introduce Ordinance 554 – an Ordinance Concerning a General Obligation Bond for the Water System Centralization and Modernization Project**. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mayor Nevin initiated the discussion of the **Introduction and Adoption of Resolution 2024-04 – a Resolution Concerning the Declaration of Official Intent for the General Obligation Bond**. Mayor Nevin explained that the Town has Bond Council helping with the bond and that the Town needs to declare intent in order issue the bond.

Mr. Zolman made **a motion to Introduce and Adopt Resolution 2024-04 – a Resolution Concerning the Declaration of Official Intent for the General Obligation Bond**. Ms. Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Thomas addressed the Council and the Public to express his gratitude for the honor and privilege to serve the Town for last thirty-two years. He pledged his commitment to the Town and his desire to continue to serve.

Mrs. Painter made **a motion to adjourn the meeting**. Mr. Zolman seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

ATTEST

MAYOR