

**Belhaven Town Council Meeting  
Regular Session Minutes  
Monday, April 13, 2009**

**Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

The Town Council of the Town of Belhaven met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Boyette Civic Center at 257 W. Pungo Street. Mayor Pro-Tem J. Nelson Guy called the meeting to order in the absence of Mayor Adam W. O'Neal, who was not present due to illness. Mayor Pro-Tem Guy called the meeting to order with the following Council members present: Steve W. Carawan, Howard D. Moore, McKee "Mac" Pigott and Robert L. Stanley. Mayor Pro-Tem Guy recognized and introduced Mr. Johnny Donnell Clark, Deacon with Hoggard's Temple Church of God in Christ who gave the invocation, asked for silence in memory of Mr. Seth David Latham upon his death and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes – March 23, 2009 Regular Session**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guy stated that the minutes of the March 23, 2009 were open for review and approval. There being no corrections to the minutes, Councilman Pigott made the motion to approve the March 23, 2008 Regular Session minutes as written. Councilman Carawan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Public Comments**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guy asked for any comments from the public. There were none.

**Town Historian**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guy stated that Mr. Russell Johnston was not present at this meeting but may give a historic account of events in the near future.

**Code of Ordinances – Amendment – Recreation Advisory Commission 34.20**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guy stated that the ordinance which governs the Recreation Advisory Commission needed to be amended to include out of Town members on this commission. Mayor Pro-Guy read the following amendment:

34.20(a) There hereby is created a Recreation Advisory Commission composed of eleven (11) members. Six (6) town residents, three (3) non-residents appointed and replenished by the Town Council. One (1) member of the Commission shall be a member of the Town Council and one (1) member shall be the Town Recreation Director.

Councilman Pigott made the motion to amend the Town of Belhaven Code of Ordinances, Title 3; Boards, Commissions and Committees by removing 34.20 (a) existing ordinance and replacing with the aforeread. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Recreation Advisory Commission Appointments**

Mayor Pro-Tem stated that appointments were needed to fill vacancies on the Recreation Advisory Commission and that the commission submitted the following to be considered as appointees: Mr. Felix Burgess as a resident and Mr. Dennis Webster and Mrs. Sonya Shamseldin as non resident members. Mayor Pro-Tem Guy stated that Mrs. Jennifer Boyd and Mrs. Linda Medlin had expressed an interest in serving if appointed. Following some discussion, Councilman Pigott made the motion to appoint Mr. Felix

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Burgess, resident to the Belhaven Recreation Advisory Commission with a term to expire March 2011; and to appoint non-residents Mrs. Sonya Shamseldin with a term to expire March 2012 and Mr. Dennis Webster with a term to expire March 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guy recognized Mr. Chad Bond, Chairman of the Recreation Advisory Commission who stated that the fencing for the new softball field would cost an estimated \$18,000 with new fencing but that Recreation Director Nixon had located used fencing that could be purchased for \$1,000. Councilman Carawan asked Mr. Bond if the commission was trying to start a Booster Club. Mr. Bond stated, yes. Following some discussion, Councilman Pigott stated that he and his wife Annie would donate \$100.00 towards the fencing purchase. Councilman Pigott made the motion that the used fence be purchased for the use around the new girl's softball field.

**Belhaven Planning Board Appointment – Regular In-Town Member – To Fill Unexpired Term**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guy stated that there was a vacancy on the Planning Board as a regular in-town member with a term to expire March 2010. Mayor Pro Tem Guy asked for any nominations for that position. Councilman Carawan stated that he would like to nominate Mrs. Betty Lou Waters for that position. There were no other nominations. Councilman Carawan made the motion to appoint Mrs. Betty Lou Waters to fill the unexpired term which ends March 2010 as a regular in-town member of the Belhaven Planning Board. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Mid East Commission – Town Representative Appointment; Beaufort County Economic Development Commission Board - Appointment**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guy stated that due to another Beaufort County appointment, Councilman Carawan could not serve on both boards and therefore would like to be removed from the Mid-East Commission Board. Councilman Pigott stated that due to his change in careers he could not make the morning meetings, which are held monthly for the Beaufort County Economic Development Commission Board. Following additional discussion, Councilman Pigott made the motion that Councilman Guy be appointed as Belhaven's representative on the Beaufort County Economic Development Commission Board and that Councilman Pigott be appointed to the Mid-East Commission Board. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Town Manager's Report**

Town Manager Leverett reported briefly on the following items:

A) **Tropical Storm Hannah** – town received check for \$24,382.00 for expenses incurred during that storm; so therefore with these funds coming in the fencing of \$1,000 for recreation would not be a problem; B) the Town is sponsoring a **clean up** of odd debris items for households throughout the Town at no cost to the customer those pick up days will be April 16 and 17 of this week; C) **Sewer By-Pass #1** for Belhaven and Beaufort County – County Manager Paul Spruill will use this grant application information and apply for funds for other projects; D) **Bid Opening for Old County Road Pantego Street widening** will be opened on April 21, this project will improve safety in that area;

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E) the **Army Corps of Engineers will have their economist, Mr. Frank Reynolds** in Belhaven on Tuesday, April 14 where he will be reviewing the breakwater and writing the justification for the Town's breakwater replacement.

**Condolences – The Seth David Latham Family**

Mayor Pro-Tem stated that condolences are sent to the Latham family due to the death of Seth David Latham.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Guy declared the meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie J. Adams, CMC  
Town Clerk