

**Belhaven Town Council**  
**Regular Session – Monday, August 10, 2009**  
**Minutes**

**Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

The Town Council of the Town of Belhaven met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Boyette Civic Center at 257 W. Pungo Street. Adam W. O'Neal, Mayor, called the meeting to order with the following Council members present: Steve W. Carawan, J. Nelson Guy, Mayor Pro-Tem; Howard D. Moore, McKee "Mac" Pigott and Robert L. Stanley. Mayor O'Neal introduced and welcomed Mr. Amos Wilson, Elder/Pastor with Mt. Olive Pentecostal Faith Church who gave the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Manager Dr. Guinn Leverett, Finance Officer Mr. Kyle J. DeHaven and Town Clerk Mrs. Marie J. Adams were also present.

**Approval of Minutes – July 27, 2009 Regular Session**

Mayor O'Neal announced that the minutes of the July 27, 2009 Regular Session were open for review and adoption. There being no corrections to the minutes, Councilman Moore made the motion to adopt the July 27, 2009 Regular Session minutes as written. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 5 to 0.

**Public Comments**

Mayor O'Neal asked for any public comments. Mayor O'Neal recognized the following: Mrs. Ellen Allen, 519 Water Street, who questioned Mr. Kyle DeHaven on an extension policy for those utility customers who have not paid their bills by the cut off date and if this could be done without council action. Mr. DeHaven stated that the Town Manager has the discretion to give one extension per year, per customer for those who have not paid by the cut-off time period and further stated that information is confidential and not public information. Mayor O'Neal stated that any citizen can be granted an extension one time in a one year period.

Mr. Willie Spencer, 316 Duke Street, who complained of his neighbor's dog running loose and not abiding by the leash law. Mr. Spencer stated that he had called the Municipal Building with the complaint and had even spoken with Town Manager Leverett and Mr. Paul Wood the Public Works Director with no results. Mayor O'Neal stated that some dogs are hard to catch. Councilman Carawan stated that Town Manager Leverett would look into the matter and it should be handled by the next Council meeting, if not the Council would like to hear from Mr. Spencer again.

**Approval of Street Closing for Mt. Olive Pentecostal Faith Church – August 29, 2009**

Mayor O'Neal stated that the Mt. Olive Pentecostal Faith Church had been destroyed by fire. Mayor O'Neal recognized Mr. Amos Wilson, Elder/Pastor with Mt. Olive Pentecostal Faith Church who asked for permission to close the street from the Boyette Civic Center at 257 W. Pungo Street to the re-built church at the same location at 865 Elm Street.

Councilman Pigott stated that closing the street for this type of celebration was much different than closing the street for a block party. Mayor O'Neal stated that according to the memo Police Chief Clingenpeel had reviewed the parade permit for the march and had no problems approving the closing for the march. Mr. Wilson further explained that the congregation was blessed to have had the use of the Civic Center during this

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rebuilding time but now they were glad to be going home, as this was the purpose of the march. Councilman Stanley made the motion to approve the closing of the street on Saturday, August 29, 2009 from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM for Mt. Olive Pentecostal Church to have a march from the Civic Center at 257 W. Pungo Street to the site of the rebuilt church at 865 Elm Street. Councilman Carawan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Resolution of Congratulations to Mt. Olive Pentecostal Faith Church – 865 Elm Street**

Mayor O’Neal stated that the congregation of Mt. Olive Pentecostal Faith Church at 865 suffered a complete loss due to arson of their church on August 26, 2007 and he was proud of their accomplishments as they have rebuilt their church. Mayor O’Neal read the resolution congratulating the congregation on their accomplishments.

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS  
ON THE RE-BUILDING OF THE  
PENTECOSTAL FAITH CHURCH AT  
865 ELM STREET, BELHAVEN, NC**

WHEREAS, the Mt. Olive Pentecostal Faith Church at 865 Elm Street, was destroyed by fire on August 26, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Congregation has remained faithful and steadfast under the leadership of Elder Amos Wilson, Pastor, and

WHEREAS, the Congregation of Mt. Olive Pentecostal Faith Church has been meeting as a congregation at the Boyette Civic Center at 257 W. Pungo Street, while their church was being rebuilt; and

WHEREAS, through hard work, fundraisers and their faith in prayer the Mt. Olive Pentecostal Faith Church has been rebuilt; and

WHEREAS, the congregation is holding “A Grand March” on Saturday, August 29, 2009 (two years following the devastating fire) from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. in which the march will begin at the Boyette Civic Center at 257 W. Pungo Street (site of the temporary church) to the new church building at 865 Elm Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Belhaven hereby congratulate the congregation on their hard work and dedication on the official opening of their new church building at 865 Elm Street, on Saturday, August 29, 2009.

This the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009.

Adam W. O’Neal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marie J. Adams, Town Clerk

Following the reading of the resolution, Councilman Moore made the motion to approve the resolution as read. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Mayor O’Neal presented the resolution to Mr. Amos Wilson, Elder/Pastor

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of Mt. Olive Pentecostal Faith Church as the audience and Council applauded the presentation.

**Battalina Creek Subdivision – Property Mowing**

Mayor O’Neal stated that Town Manager Leverett submitted a draft letter to the Council to be sent to the property owners at the Battalina Creek Subdivision concerning the individual mowing of the lots. Town Manager Leverett stated that the letter was not forceful but encouraged the mowing of the lots. Town Manager Leverett stated that it is hoped that the owners will build on the lots in the near future for possibly vacation homes with the intent of retiring in later years. Town Manager Leverett stated that ½ of the property owners are from out of State. Mayor O’Neal stated that with the call of the bond, Mr. Jeff Kidwell will be handling the reconstruction of this subdivision in September/October. Councilman Carawan stated that when an additional letter is needed to promote the mowing of the properties that it should “have more teeth” (be more forceful with consequences). The council consensus was to forward this letter to the property owners.

**Town Manager’s Report**

Town Manager Leverett reported briefly on the following:

A) White Oak received a letter of thank-you from Autumfield Resthome in their quick response of six minutes for a patient who was not breathing. Mayor O’Neal stated that White Oak Ambulance Service was using locals as the thank you included Mr. Eric Clayton who was a former Belhaven Volunteer Fire and EMS member. B) Street widening of Old County Road is proceeding and some plans are being amended; C) CAMA had asked for an additional 75 days to review the proposed plan for the Wynne’s Gut Dock Plan, but after a call from the Mayor an additional 2 week time period was expected, not the full 75 days. D) Breakwater bid will be let in September 2009 with work to begin October 2009.

**No Closed Session Needed**

Mayor O’Neal stated that a closed session had been included on the agenda but according to conversation with Attorney Cockrell it would not be held tonight as all information needed had not been obtained.

**Mayor/Council Concerns**

Councilman Moore stated that the street widening project for Old County Road had been successful and that further improvements would be made one step at a time until completion. Mayor O’Neal stated that further work would be done on the shoulder of the street on Old County Road where it meets Lee Street.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor O’Neal declared the meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie J. Adams, Town Clerk