

**The regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council was held on Nov. 7, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the City Hall building with the following present:**

**Deputy Clerk:** P.J. Siler

**Attorney:** Mack Cowan

**Cherokee Scout:** Matthew Osborne

**Mayor:** William N. Hughes

**Council:** Frank Dickey

Barry McClure

David Hilton

Sandy Sumpter

Mayor Hughes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. David Hilton made the motion to approve the minutes of the meetings. Sandy Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barry McClure, duly seconded by Frank Dickey, made the motion to approve water and sewer releases totaling \$1,089.46. Motion carried.

Barry McClure, duly seconded by Frank Dickey, made the motion to approve a 2016 tax release totaling \$6.58 due to being billed twice, per the County. Account Number 1753 IBM Credit. Motion carried.

Chief Al Lovingood requested the Council adopt a total Burn Ban as issued by the NC Department of Agriculture and not be released till NC Forest Service releases their ban. This requested ban does not apply to cooking fires such as grills or outdoor cookers. Additionally the ban does not apply to fires within 100' of an occupied dwelling. The NC Forest Service has advised county fire marshals of the burning ban and asked for their consideration of also implementing a burning ban. Chief Lovingood explained this ban does not apply to the city limits as no contract exists with NC Forestry for fires inside the city limits. A request was made for a total burn ban inside the city limits including fires within 100' of a occupied dwelling.

Barry McClure made the motion to approve the total Burn Ban. Sandy Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. was made by Barry McClure and duly seconded by David Hilton. Motion carried.

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Clerk

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Mayor