
JULY 2022 MINUTES

Attendees: Mayor Joe Slaton; Council Members: Lauren Tiger, Austin Hedden and Harry Baughn; Town Clerk: Suzanne Hedden; Zoning Administrator, Ron Wallace
Others: Sandy Zimmerman, Lorraine Bennett, Franklin Shook

Mayor Slaton called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

MINUTES

June 2022 Town Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hedden moved to approve the June 2022 Town Council meeting minutes as written. Ms. Tiger 2nd. Motion approved.

FINANCE REPORTS

June 2022 Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement – reports are attached.

Mr. Baughn moved to approve the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement. Mr. Hedden 2nd. Motion approved.

Ms. Hedden advised the Council members that Town of Hayesville transferred two (2) Certificates of Deposit (\$200,564.92) to First Citizen's Bank Wealth Management on June 21, 2022. Our investment account with NC Capital Managements Trust has also been closed, and final payment in the amount of \$150,269.51 was deposited to our account on July 7, 2022; our check for the same amount will be picked up by First Citizens' employee Channing Hamby to deposit funds into their three (3) year annuity account (per approval by Council at June 2022 meeting).

Ms. Hedden also provided information for the additional Certificate of Deposit (\$62,517.04) with First Citizens'. When this CD matured in June 2022, monthly interest income dropped from approximately \$75.00/per month to approximately \$1.10/month. If this CD is combined with our initial CDs, our interest will be approximately \$208.31/month. Mr. Hedden made a motion to move CD #3 to First Citizens; Ms. Tiger 2nd. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Slaton presented an update on the grant for the EV station, indicating that the contract has been emailed to the NC Department of Environmental Quality. We have one (1) year to spend the grant money. The amount of the grant is up to \$5000.00/port and will probably cover all of our expenses. We will be installing Class 2 ports; more than that would require more electrical work. Our expenses will include signage and barriers (required by VW) and lining off spots for EV parking. Mayor Slaton has attempted to contact Ken Booe for purchase information but has been unable to reach him. Mr. Baughn and Mr. Hedden stated that they are noticing more EV cars in our area.

Mr. Franklin Shook, Director of Nantahala Regional Library, handed out a brochure and explained several updates – new library cards, Libby app, e-Inc., Summer Reading program, Wander Pass – for our library system. Mr. Shook also expressed his appreciation for being invited to our meeting and for the grant given to the library. He indicated that he is presently filing in at the Hayesville location for Ms. Mary Fonda, who is on medical leave.

Mayor Slaton informed the members that a letter has been sent to the owner of the residence at 12 Mill Street in reference to the overgrowth of noxious weeds on the property. He also stated that Anthony Stillwell, Building Inspector, has sent several letters to no avail. Mr. Stillwell informed the mayor that he cannot condemn the house unless he can go inside; unfortunately, he has not been given access.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning and Zoning Board member, George Gaines, has completed the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and a copy of the book (approved by the P&Z members on June 28th) was given to each Council member. The ideal plan is to put the information online with updates to follow. Lorraine Bennett stated that she will be glad to publish the Plan in the Clay County Progress, and Mr. Shook advised that he can conveniently display the Plan at the Moss Memorial Library. Mr. Hedden made a motion to schedule a public hearing on August 8th, at 6:15 pm, to approve the CLUP. Ms. Tiger 2nd.

Mayor Slaton explained the Garbage and Recycling Guidelines indicating that Janice Fuller will distribute a copy to each town residence. Mr. Baughn mentioned the possibility of a grant to purchase recycling boxes for residents.

County attorney, Merinda Woody, has suggested that Town of Hayesville adopt an ordinance to ban crypto mining, just as the County has adopted. The county commissioners will have a public hearing in August, at which time we will follow their guidelines.

Mr. Hedden suggested that we line parking spaces in front of Hayesville First United Methodist Church and beside Tiger's, in order to be more efficient with the space. Mr. Baughn made a motion to approve. Mr. Hedden 2nd. Zoning Administrator, Ron Wallace, reported that Chamber of Commerce Director Laura Kleiss-Hoeft has indicated that a crosswalk is needed in front of the Chamber of Commerce office. Mr. Baughn stated that this has been addressed previously but is ultimately the responsibility of State of NC Highway Department.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wallace reported that he has had no sign permits for the month of June. He also challenged the Council to a trivia question – "What is the total acreage in Town of Hayesville city limits and ETJ?" Answer – 3600 acres.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Slaton's report is attached.

Mayor Slaton updated the Council:

David Fuller should be starting sidewalk repairs soon.

Mechanic room flooded recently after an air-conditioner malfunction -

Mountain Air corrected problem.

Chamber Parade and Festival on July 4th was a success; might be a good idea to start next year's parade at the Peacock Playhouse.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Zimmerman reported on: library appreciation, Blue Ridge Country Magazine, business map re-print, will vote at next HHI board meeting to try to get ATM in town and help with funding for EV station.

There being no further business, Mr. Hedden made a motion to enter closed session at 7:18 p.m.; Mr. Baughn 2nd the motion.

Council Meeting – July 11, 2022

Joe Slaton, Mayor
Lauren Tiger, Austin Hedden, Harry Baughn, Council
Suzanne G. Hedden, Town Clerk

Mr. Hedden made a motion to adjourn the closed session meeting at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Baughn 2nd. Immediately following, Mr. Hedden made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Mr. Baughn 2nd.



Joe Slaton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Suzanne G. Hedden, Town Clerk