
August 2026

Attendees: Mayor Benita England; Council Members: Harry Baughn, Joe Slaton, Lauren Tiger; Planning & Zoning Administrator: April England; Town Clerk/Finance Officer: Suzanne Hedden; Town of Hayesville Attorney: Crystal Bryson
Others: Marcia Barnes (Clay County Progress), Sandy Zimmerman (HHI), Dwight McClure (American Legion), Teresa McClure (American Legion)

Mayor England led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and paused for a moment of silence. She then called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Attention then shifted to the rezoning application #ZO-26-01 submitted by Jacky Jones Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram that had just been discussed in the Public Hearing. Zoning Administrator April England explained that the purpose of the consistency and reasonableness statement is to refer to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Mr. Baughn made a motion to approve rezoning application ZO-26-01, stating that the proposed zoning map amendment is consistent with the Hayesville Comprehensive Land Use Plan and is consistent with the Mixed-Use Development in the area as shown on Map II-C in the Hayesville Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The proposed zoning amendment is reasonable and in the public interest because it supports the Hayesville Comprehensive Land Use Plan policies, as well as for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development will be similar in character to surrounding properties and will allow buildings of a similar size and use to those in the surrounding area.
2. This property is currently zoned R-2 General Residential District and borders two C-2 General Business District properties and is across the street from an R-2 General Residential District property; rezoning the property as proposed, is consistent with the future land use and furthers the policies and goals of the town.
3. All development of the parcel would be subject to the site plan requirements of Article 650 C-2 General Business District of the Zoning Ordinance.

With no further discussion from council, the motion was approved.

Ms. Tiger made a motion to approve the agenda; no discussion; motion approved. Ms. Tiger also made a motion to approve the minutes of 13 July 2026 Council Meeting, pending correction (i.e., Item #10C should be 'Mr. Baughn knows someone who sells flag poles'

instead of 'Mr. Baughn knows someone who sells American flags'); no further discussion; motion approved.

Mr. Baughn made a motion to approve the minutes of 17 July 2026 Special Meeting, pending correction (i.e. paragraph #3 in the minutes should say '...Land Lease Agreement with WHMP, LLC concerning the wall going down the hill on Business 64) instead ofLand Lease Agreement'); no further discussion; motion approved.

Ms. Tiger made a motion to approve the minutes of 28 July 2026 Special Meeting; no discussion; motion approved. Mr. Slaton approved the minutes of 28 July 2026 Public Hearing; no discussion; motion approved.

Mr. Baughn made a motion to approve the Profit and Loss Report. He mentioned the amount paid in July for Grounds Upkeep with concern that we will have enough in the 2026-2027 Budget for the entire year if this is a monthly amount. Mayor England explained that the amount represents payment for June, 2026 and July, 2026. There was no further discussion; motion approved.

Ms. Tiger made a motion to approve the Balance Sheet; no discussion; motion approved.

Mayor England and Finance Officer Hedden requested a budget amendment for transfer from prior fund balance appropriation to Engineering in the amount of \$30,000.00, to contract Bolton & Menk, Inc. to perform a preliminary engineering study (PES) of our infrastructure. (The contract cannot be signed until the funding is in the budget). Mr. Baughn made a motion to proceed with the budget amendment; no discussion; motion approved.

Mayor England reported that the new road sign has been place on the Robin Bryan property indicating a new name.....Mission Street. She shared the remaining balance of the Legislative Grant as approximately \$17,000.00. She is planning to work on the lighting around the Square and the wayfinding signs. She is still gathering information for the flag pole replacement. The information for the Small Business Infrastructure Grants has been submitted and awardees will be announced by the end of August.

Ms. Tiger interjected a question wondering if there has been an increase in Planning and Zoning fees; Zoning Administrator verified fees have not increased.

Mayor's Report (attached). Mayor England also added that she attended a very interesting and informative TVA meeting at Brasstown Valley Resort. She has also requested a scholarship to go to the Mayor's Convention in Beaufort, North Carolina.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Report (attached).

Ms. Zimmerman (HHI) spoke during public comment (Report attached).

At 7:20 pm, Mr. Slaton made a motion to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: Suzanne G. Hedden
Suzanne G. Hedden, Town Clerk

Benita C. England
Benita C. England, Mayor