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## OCTOBER 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, Ronald \_\_\_\_\_, Joanna Padgett-Atkisson.

Mayor Slaton called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. (immediately following Public Hearing)

### MINUTES

#### September 2022 Town Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Baughn moved to approve the September 2022 Town Council meeting minutes. Ms. Tiger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

### FINANCE REPORTS

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

Ms. Tiger moved to approve the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement. Mr. Hedden 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

Ms. Hedden advised Council members all CDs from First Citizens Bank are now invested with North Carolina Capital Management Trust. The last Certificate of Deposit (\$62,519.95) was received from First Citizens Bank on September 14<sup>th</sup>, and immediately invested with NCCMT bringing the total investment to \$413,443.32. Interest amount for September was \$754.63.

Ms. Hedden also informed Council members that the trash dumpster for Town of Hayesville residents arrived on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Allen Disposal has stated the cost will be higher than initially quoted due to an increase in their disposal charges.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Mayor Slaton updated Council members about the new bike racks that were received by Town of Hayesville. Ms. Joanna Padgett-Atkisson travelled to Raleigh to pick up the bike amenities; she will be reimbursed for mileage (\$440.06). Mr. Baughn suggested this payment be paid by ARP funds. The mayor explained that the bike racks will be placed at Town Hall, Moss Memorial Library, Hayesville High School, Clay County Recreation Center, and Clay County Ball Fields. These locations will be discussed with the bike riders to determine if this will work well with the Bike/Pedestrian trails. Ms. Padgett-Atkisson stated that these ideas have been discussed with Clay County Superintendent Dale Cole and Angel Owens. Councilman Baughn extended his thanks to all involved in getting the grant for the bike racks.
- Other updates from Mayor Slaton:
  - Proceedings continue with Anna Rutledge situation.
  - Mill Street – surveyors and road builders are busy now and no one has been contacted to coordinate repairs. We have funds in the Powell Bill to engineer project.
  - In a recent meeting the mayor attended, updates were given on many road projects in our area; specifically, the round-about near Hayesville First United Methodist Church should be completed by 2024.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Many complaints have been received concerning the site (new Clay County Courthouse) for trick-or-treating for Halloween. Mayor Slaton asked the Council members if they would be interested in coordinating Halloween 2023 at the Town Square. Ms. Tiger mentioned ideas from a business owner standpoint that this event is a great hindrance to businesses as the streets must be closed so early in the afternoon to accommodate attendees (approximately 3:30 pm). Consensus from Council members and mayor was to discuss this situation with our new sheriff when he is officially sworn into office.
- We were contacted by CCCRA board member Amanda Wagoner concerning our participation in the First Annual Festival of Trees at the Beal Center (brochure attached). Council members chose to table the matter and not participate in this event.
- Ms. Padgett-Atkisson and Ms. Zimmerman gave an update on the Outdoor Initiative meeting they attended in Boone and presented members with a memo concerning the Building Outdoor Communities meeting to be held at the Beal Center on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Zimmerman also stated that 2023 will be the "Year of the Trail" in North Carolina.
- A motion was made by Mr. Hedden and seconded by Ms. Tiger to approve the Crypto Mining Ordinance for Town of Hayesville.

## **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Wallace informed Council members he has only approved one (1) sign permit this month (JoJo's Bake Shop). A letter has been sent to the Vape Shop on Hwy 69 advising them the bright lights below the canopy must be turned off from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Slaton reported that the EV station contract (funding for 4 ports) has now been signed and approved with two (2) years to complete the project. We are required to submit an updated report every two (2) months. We will be contacting Blue Ridge Mountain EMC concerning power and electric meter.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Zimmerman reported on: Steins and Wines, Old Town Hall, Shop Small/Shop Local, Town Walk-about, After Hours with Chamber of Commerce.

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

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Mr. Hedden made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 7:28 pm. Ms. Tiger seconded. Closed session adjourned at 7:42 pm. Motion made in open session was passed and meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.



Joe Slaton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Suzanne G. Hedden, Town Clerk