
NOVEMBER 2024 MINUTES

Attendees: Mayor Joe Slaton; Council Members: Harry Baughn, Benita England, Lauren Tiger; Town Clerk: Suzanne Hedden; Zoning Administrator, Ron Wallace
Others: Lorraine Bennett (Clay County Progress), Sandy Zimmerman (HHI/Small Town Mainstreet), David Alsobrook (Master Gardeners)

Mayor Slaton called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Mr. Baughn made a motion to approve the agenda; Ms. Tiger seconded the motion; motion approved.

MINUTES

Mrs. England made a motion to approve the October 2024 Town Council minutes as written; Ms. Tiger seconded the motion; motion approved.

FINANCE REPORTS

October 2024 Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement – reports are attached.

- Ms. Tiger made a motion to approve the Profit and Loss information and Balance Sheet; Mrs. England seconded the motion; motion approved.
- Kaseson Hooper, our auditor with Turner & Company, gave his yearly audit report for our records. He stated that it was a clean audit with not problems.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mayor Slaton informed Council members that the dumpster for Angelo's will be relocated on Wednesday, November 13th to the first parking spot at the corner of Curtis Street and Sullivan Street.
- David Alsobrook updated Council members of the landscaping renovation at Town Hall. The project is completed, and, looks very nice. The hedge behind Town Hall has been cleaned of the vines growing there; but Mr. Alsobrook stated that the hedge has very deep roots and the brick wall could fall if a backhoe is used to get rid of it. He suggested it could be cut down with power saws. He also entertained an idea of a fairy hunt and treasure hunt next summer around Town Hall. His wife and her friend have done this at the Discovery Garden in the past and received good reviews. Council members approved this idea. Mr. Baughn expressed appreciation to Mr. Alsobrook for his work.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Wallace's report is attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Zimmerman reported on: 1) Still working on funds to make a monetary donation to the areas affected by Hurricane Helene; 2) Shop Local/Shop Small (November 29th & 30th) ads will be in the newspaper this week; donations have already been made to help with this endeavor; 3) There will be a songwriters showcase at the Beal Center for donations to go to small towns affected by the hurricane; 4) HHI has applied for a grant (\$20,000.00 unrestricted funds). She will know by the end of this month if they qualify; one situation the funds will be used for is getting better Internet service in the Centennial Building; 5) Updates to the Centennial building are completed; signs

will be in place soon; 6) Town Square should be closed for the Christmas parade for safety reasons. This suggestion was agreed upon by everyone in attendance.

Mrs. England made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.; Ms. Tiger seconded the motion; meeting adjourned.

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

Joe Slaton
Joe Slaton, Mayor