
MAY 2025 MINUTES

Attendees: Mayor Joe Slaton; Council Members: Harry Baughn, Lauren Tiger; Town Clerk: Suzanne Hedden; Zoning Administrator, Ron Wallace
Others: Lorraine Bennett (Clay County Progress), Sandy Zimmerman (HHI), Michael Fuerch, Elam Fuerch

Mayor Slaton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Tiger made a motion to approve the agenda; Mr. Baughn seconded the motion; motion approved.

MINUTES

Mr. Baughn made a motion to approve the April 2025 Town Council minutes as written; Ms. Tiger seconded the motion; motion approved.

FINANCE REPORTS

April 2025 Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement – reports are attached.

- Mrs. Hedden presented financial information; there were no questions from Council members. She explained that the NCCMT reports will no longer be printed for the Council meeting packets, since the interest information is reflected on the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report.
- Ms. Tiger made a motion to approve the Profit and Loss information and Balance Sheet; Mr. Baughn seconded the motion; motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mayor Slaton reported that he has walked the Quannassee Path, and, it is not ready to begin the extension. Clay County Commissioners have not approved this in a meeting.
- Mayor Slaton has drawn a plan for the new roof at Town Hall, but repairs and paint need to be done before roofing begins.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Baughn stated that the 2025-2026 budget increase is small; he and Ms. Tiger agreed that everything looks fine. Mr. Baughn made a motion to approve it and continue to a Public Hearing on June 9th; Ms. Tiger seconded the motion; motion approved.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Wallace's report is attached.
- Ms. Tiger reported that there is a green, neon flashing sign at Fat Dog. This was not part of their initial design and it will be addressed by Zoning Administrator Wallace as signs with flashing lights are not allowed in city limits.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elam Fuerch, a student at Clay County Schools, presented an idea to Council members for their approval/disapproval. He had copies of a very nice plan to set up a lemonade stand along the wall around the square. Mayor Slaton, Mr. Baughn and Ms. Tiger approved his idea and gave him permission to continue with his plan.

Ms. Zimmerman reported on: 1) Main Street Regional Meeting; 2) Sherry (HHI member) will assist with grant proceedings; 3) attending the TVA presentations (Hayesville and Hiawasse) concerning construction on Chatuge Dam; 4) TVA employee wants to visit Exhibit Building to see TVA maps; 5) Exhibit Building will be open by Memorial Day; 6) Trash to Treasures is going well; 7) ready to do plants on the square; 8) could possibly use NC Commerce or Main Street funds for Town Hall roof.

Ms. Tiger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.; Mr. Baughn seconded the motion; meeting adjourned.

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

Joe Slaton
Joe Slaton, Mayor