September 2026

Attendees: Mayor Benita England; Council Members: Harry Baughn, Joe Slaton, Lauren Tiger; Planning & Zoning Administrator: April England; Town Clerk/Finance Officer: Suzanne Hedden
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 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Tiger made a motion to approve the agenda; no discussion; motion approved. Ms. Tiger made a motion to approve the minutes of 10 August 2026 Council Meeting; no discussion; motion approved. Ms. Tiger also made a motion to approve the 10 August 2026 Council Public Hearing; no discussion; motion approved.

Mrs. Hedden explained information concerning the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet adding that the reports do not reflect the budget amendment/transfer amount ($30,000.000) for the Prior Fund Balance Appropriation to Engineering. The transactions cannot be made to the 2026-2027 budget due to our auditor using the financial information for our current audit. She also stated that Blue Ridge Mountain has informed us that they have made a three (3) year adjustment ($1,655.80 credit) for our street lighting account. In error, they have charged us for security light poles that also have electric lines attached; therefore, we should not have been charged for the poles. Mr. Slaton made a motion to approve the Profit and Loss Report and the Balance Sheet; no discussion; motion approved.

Mayor England reported that the Legislative Grant has the same balance as last month. Lauren mentioned that she does not have an update on the Wayfinding signs. Mr. Baughn mentioned that pretty flowers need to be placed in the new flower box at the intersection of Hwy 64 and Hwy 69 where our 'Welcome to Hayesville' sign is. Mayor England plans to ask the water department about a water source nearby.

Mayor England stated that we will not have to replace our flag pole in front of Town Hall; The Flag Guy, Billy Toups is going to order a rope system and place it at an approximate cost of $200.00.

The three (3) grants that have been discussed at previous meetings received preliminary approval and the Department of Commerce is currently evaluating the PES to hopefully grant full approval.

There was no new business to discuss.

Mayor's report (attached – distributed at meeting).
Planning & Zoning Administrator's report (attached – distributed at meeting).
Public Comment – Sandy Zimmerman (HHI) (attached – distributed at meeting).
Next Council meeting is on October 12th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Benita C. England
Benita C. England, Mayor

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