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**AUGUST 2023 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, Kathy Hall

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

**MINUTES**

**July 2023 Town Council Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Tiger made a motion to approve the July 2023 Town Council meeting minutes as written. Mr. Hedden seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**FINANCE REPORTS**

**July 2023 Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement – reports are attached.**

Mr. Hedden made a motion to approve the Financial Reports. Ms. Tiger seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Slaton advised Council members that the noxious grass situation at Dogwood Hills (UMAR) has been resolved.

He also commented on the new bulletin board that was gifted to Town Hall by an anonymous donor. It has been placed on the lawn at Town Hall and is a very nice addition.

Mayor Slaton has been advised by Town Attorney, Paul Lipof, that he should not sign the EV contract provided by EnviroSpark. Mr. Lipof suggested contacting ChargePoint, instead. When Mr. Hedden asked for a ballpark figure for the cost involved with the EV station, Mayor Slaton estimated about \$12,000.00. Mr. Baughn asked the reason the attorney did not approve the EnviroSpark contract; Mayor Slaton stated that he did not feel it was a good deal for our situation. It is estimated that ChargePoint can install the EV station in about two (2) months.

In reference to the placement of a town clock, Mayor Slaton asked Council members if there was a motion to approve or reject the idea. Mr. Baughn questioned if we had received any information from CCCRA, and if they really care? Ms. Tiger noted that CCCRA will not be hiring a new director, and, Ms. Zimmerman added that CCCRA will not be having a meeting until Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Slaton presented the question “If CCCRA is for it, are we”? Mr. Hedden made a motion reject placement of the clock, adding that it is not practical. Motion was seconded by Ms. Tiger. Before stating that he was in approval with the motion, Mr. Baughn asked if this leaves it open for HHI to negotiate with private property owners? Answer is affirmative. Mr. Baughn voiced agreement with the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Slaton confirmed that the Planning and Zoning Committee discussed short-term rentals in their last meeting, but failed to completely define the situation. Zoning Administrator Wallace has compiled a definition by using several different documents from different cities. Mr. Hedden noted that Mr. Wallace’s compilation covers everything and acknowledged that he has worked very hard on this. Mayor Slaton noted that Council members must have a public hearing at the September council meeting to approve the ordinance.

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CCCRA has gifted a DR mower and trailer to Town of Hayesville that will be beneficial in mowing at the Mayor's Park. Paul Hedden has done repairs to the mower and it is now operable, after sitting idle for five (5) years. The mower and trailer can be stored at the Centennial Building after items belonging to Clay County are moved. Mayor Slaton will call proper authorities to request this.

Councilman Hedden had recently suggested a water station on the Town Square. This will assist both humans and animals. Mr. Hedden added that we are seeing more and more pets on the Square, to which Ms. Tiger added that we have no creeks nearby. Mayor Slaton will research this idea.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Wallace's report is attached.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Slaton's report is attached.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Zimmerman reported on: Main Street annual statistical report, Main Street/HHI Anniversary Dinner – very successful, Trash to Treasures-Yard Sale August 18<sup>th</sup>-August 19<sup>th</sup> (10:00 am-4:00 pm) (storage units behind Nocturnal), Steins & Wines, New location for Trash to Treasures, Building Outdoor Initiative meeting in September, Exhibit at Centennial Building is open and having several visitors.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. Ms. Tiger made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Hedden seconded the motion.



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Joe Slaton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Suzanne G. Hedden, Town Clerk