
JUNE 2024 MINUTES

Attendees: Mayor Joe Slaton; Council Members: Lauren Tiger, Austin Hedden and Harry Baughn; Town Clerk: Suzanne Hedden; Zoning Administrator, Ron Wallace
Others: Lorraine Bennett (Clay County Progress), Sandy Zimmerman (HHI/Small Town Mainstreet), Sallie Free, David Alsobrook (Master Gardeners), Karen Trostle (Master Gardeners), Linda Milt

Mayor Slaton called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m., immediately following the Public Hearing. Mr. Hedden made a motion to approve the agenda; Ms. Tiger seconded the motion; motion approved.

MINUTES

Ms. Tiger made a motion to approve the May 2024 Town Council meeting minutes as written; Mr. Hedden seconded the motion; motion approved. Ms. Tiger made a motion to approve the April 2024 Public Hearing minutes as written; Mr. Hedden seconded the motion; motion approved.

FINANCE REPORTS

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

- Mr. Hedden made a motion to approve the Profit and Loss information and Balance Sheet; Mr. Baughn seconded the motion; motion approved.
- Ms. Tiger made a motion to adopt the 2024-2025 Town of Hayesville Budget; Mr. Baughn seconded the motion; motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Linda Milt has been asked to do a plan for Town Hall to beautify our grounds. She gave a detailed presentation of her ideas and plans, along with a slide show given by Zoning Administrator Wallace. Her suggestions include: removal of over-grown shrubs in front of windows; amend the soil – will work on the beds and add soil; will not bother flower bed in front of building; hostas will be transplanted to the daffodil bed to have a longer blooming period for that area; privets behind the building will be replaced with hydrangeas. Ms. Milt does not do installations, but, when Mayor Slaton questioned the cost of this endeavor, she estimated it to be \$1,200.00. David Alsobrook, co-chairman of Master Gardeners, interjected that he thinks they can probably get lots of volunteer labor. His estimated cost for the project is \$3,500.00. Ms. Milt suggested the project should be done in phases: 1) clean-up beds; 2) get beds ready (mulch); 3) plant shrubs. Mr. Baughn expressed concern that the daffodil project is hidden to which Master Gardeners members replied that more daffodils have been added to the area. Ms. Zimmerman stated that Lowe's (Murphy) will give 40% discount for Town of Hayesville. Mayor Slaton asked when the project should be done. Ms. Milt stated it would be better to plant in Fall, with ornamental grass being planted in Spring. Mr. Hedden presented the idea that, with the prices given, we should proceed with the proposed plan and complete everything at one time. Mr. Baughn made a motion to proceed with proposed plan, as presented; Ms. Tiger seconded the motion; motion approved.
- Non-profit grant applications were presented to Council members for review. Mayor Slaton felt the fairest way to disburse the funds was equally among the applicants. After discussing the amount requested on each form, the disbursements will be as follows: REACH (\$750.00), CCHAC (\$750.00), Peacock Performing Arts (\$1,500.00), CCCRA (\$1,500.00).

OLD BUSINESS

- Mrs. Hedden reported that our telephone services have not been switched to Blue Ridge Mountain EMC/Ellijay Telephone Company.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- Mr. Wallace’s report is attached.
- Mr. Wallace present an interesting slide show of the Mayor’s Trail that has recently been completed.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- Mayor Slaton reported that he has been given permission for the deed transfer for Sheleigh Whitney’s property.
- He also announced that the Hot Dogs/Hot Rods car show went very well and would like to make this an annual event. Participants included seventy-five (75) cars, two (2) food trucks, with Laughing Waters also open and reported they did well.
- Clay County Rotary Club has transferred their charter/membership to the Towns County Rotary Club. Mayor Slaton would like to see scholarships continue for Clay County applicants.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Zimmerman reported on: 1) Proceeds for Trash to Treasures will go to Peacock Performing Arts through July 1; 2) HHI will discuss the landscaping project for Town Hall at their June Board meeting to determine if they can help with expenses; 3) NC Preservation Project is almost finished; 4) Ms. Zimmerman gave Mayor Slaton an estimate on repairs at the garage behind the Exhibit Hall, HHI will help with expenses, as will inmates helping with painting, etc.; 5) Sentential Exhibit is now open – held open house on Saturday, June 8th, with approximately twenty-one (21) attendees (Saturday – Monday). The Exhibit is open Friday and Saturday (11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.). Appointments are available; 6) Roof leak at Exhibit Hall is not completely taken care of.

Public Comment ended at 7:32 p.m.

At 7:35 p.m., Mr. Baughn made a motion to enter Closed Session; Ms. Tiger seconded the motion; motion approved.

No business was transacted.

At 7:41 p.m., Mr. Hedden made a motion to dismiss the Closed Session and adjourned the meeting; Ms. Tiger seconded the motion; meeting adjourned.

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

Joe Slaton
Joe Slaton, Mayor