

## APRIL 2023 MINUTES

Attendees: Mayor Joe Slaton; Council Members: Austin Hedden, Lauren Tiger and Harry Baughn; Town Clerk: Suzanne Hedden; Zoning Administrator, Ron Wallace

Others: Sandy Zimmerman, Cameron Woody, Livien Woody, Reid Woody, George Gaines, Mark Buchanan

Mayor Slaton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Hedden made a motion to approve the agenda, Ms. Tiger 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion approved.

### MINUTES

#### March 2023 Town Council Meeting Minutes

Ms. Tiger moved to approve the February 2023 Town Council minutes. Mr. Hedden 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

### FINANCE REPORTS

#### March 2023 Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement – reports are attached.

Mrs. Hedden reviewed budget information and explained the recent plan change with Frontier will be reflected on the April billing statement.

Mr. Baughn made a motion to approve the Profit and Loss report and the Balance Sheet. Mr. Hedden 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Mayor Slaton was hoping to have an update on the ATM plan, but it is not available yet. He stated that our only expense should be the concrete slab.
- Mr. Baughn questioned if there are any updates from DOT regarding lighting at the proposed roundabout on Business 64. We have received no additional information.
- Mayor Slaton stated that there is still no contract for the construction of the sidewalk along Business 64. At a recent Southwestern Commission meeting, Mayor Slaton learned that DOT will 'let' bids in June 2023 and Highway 64 construction is scheduled to be completed by April 2024.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Mayor Slaton explained a request for purchase of an aluminum stand to be used by Town of Hayesville for announcing parades, etc. Mr. Baughn is researching price, etc. Mr. Hedden questioned if we have room to store it, to which Mayor Slaton gave a confirmation that we have room and he feels it is a great idea.
- Paul Hedden and Charlene Cook own the vacant lot on the square (between Lipof law office and Clay County Progress). They are in discussion with Mayor Slaton to allow the Town of Hayesville to utilize the spot as a natural setting (plants, picnic tables, etc.) for citizens and visitors. Mayor Slaton has contacted Linda Milt for assistance with design and utilization of plants. Mr. Hedden stated that metal picnic tables will be more expensive, but there will be less up-keep.

### ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- In reference to the rezoning situation for the Lions Club property, Mr. Baughn made a motion to approve rezoning from R1-C2; Mr. Hedden 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.
- Ms. Tiger made a motion to deny rezoning from R1-C2 for the Warren property; Mr. Hedden 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.
- Mr. Baughn mentioned that he was surprised that the Warren situation was sent forward from the Planning and Zoning Committee. Mayor Slaton explained that the Committee wanted elected officials to decide the situation. Mr. Hedden's opinion was that the plan for storage buildings on the property was not contiguous with the land and adjoining properties. Ms. Tiger stated that this situation would draw lots of opposition if continued to a public hearing.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Slaton's comments included: public restrooms are now open; the equipment is on the park site (Anderson property); Outdoor Initiative meeting will be next week; Town of Hayesville sales tax revenue increased approximately \$6,000.00 - \$10,000.00 in the last four (4) years (50% increase).
- Mayor Slaton has discussed construction of a bridge on the park site with Ron Salzer.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

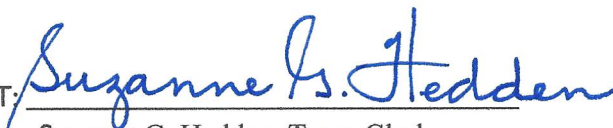
- Ms. Zimmerman's comments included: Commissioner's voted to increase tourism tax from 3% to 6%; ATM information; HHI workplan and new map; kiosk in Town of Hayesville yard; assistance with bridge on park site and street-scape (Hedden/Cook property); completion of Old Town Hall Building; lights on awnings.
- Mr. Baughn asked Ms. Zimmerman if she will be opening the Centennial Exhibit this year, to which she stated that it will definitely be open soon.

Mr. Baughn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. Ms. Tiger seconded.



Joe Slaton, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Suzanne G. Hedden, Town Clerk