
APRIL 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), Rod Fortney (SABA/CycleNC)

Regular meeting started immediately following the Public Hearing.

Mr. Hedden made a motion to accept the changes/modifications to the Zoning Ordinances and Sign Regulations information; Ms. Tiger seconded the motion; motion approved. Council members commended Zoning Administrator Wallace on a great job in completing the changes/modifications.

Ms. Tiger made a motion to approve the agenda; Mr. Hedden seconded the motion; motion approved.

MINUTES

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

FINANCE REPORTS

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

- Mr. Baughn made a motion to approve the Profit and Loss information and Balance Sheet; Ms. Tiger seconded the motion; motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mayor Slaton proudly reported that the EV station is now operational.
- Recently Mayor Slaton talked to Tommy Davis & Paul Price, and, was informed that CCCRA is getting quotes for repairs on the Gazebo; CCCRA will be responsible for all costs.
- Council members were advised that the term for Board of Adjustment member Suzy Christiansen expires on April 30, 2024. Since she is a Town appointed member, Zoning Administrator Wallace will contact her about continuing her tenure.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Rod Fortney (SABA/CycleNC) enlightened Mayor Slaton and Council Members of a bike ride sponsored by Mountain Ride that will be based in Murphy. Participants would like to ride through Hayesville and have a rest stop on the Square in front of Town Hall. A large number (300 – 325) of riders will participate. The idea is to introduce people to our region; sponsors would like to make this a recurring event, as it is a great economic boost. Permission will be obtained from CCCRA for use of the Square. It will not be necessary to block any roads, but, there will be need for police presence at the intersection of By Pass 64 and Hwy 64 Business. The riders will arrive in Town over the course of five (5) hours. CycleNC's selling point for this event is the proximity of this area to large cities.
- Instead of a budget amendment for GL Account 57275 (Telephone) to finish our fiscal year, Council Members agreed to move money from one GL Account to another, if the two accounts are listed under the same sub-title.
- Mrs. Hedden presented information to Council Members pertaining to switching telephone service from Frontier to Blue Ridge Mountain EMC (Ellijay Telephone Company). A request was made to obtain more details from BRMEMC concerning additional charges for Caller ID, Call Waiting, Voicemail, and the possibility of keeping the same telephone number. Council members decided to table the matter until more information is received.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Wallace’s report is attached.

MAYOR’S REPORT

In addition to items Mayor Slaton has discussed throughout the meeting, he added that the Master Gardeners have done a great job maintaining and refreshing the planter in front of Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Zimmerman reported on: 1) Planter and flowers on the Town Square are a joint effort with the Master Gardeners and Historic Hayesville, Inc.; 2) Master Gardeners have committed to water plants in front of Town Hall; 3) HHI will split cost of charges to exterminate Sentinel Building (work should be completed on 04/09); 4) HHI Board members still have questions concerning lease for Sentinel Building; 5) County inmates will come Friday morning (04/12) to finish emptying garage behind Sentinel Building; 6) Main Street conference was very interesting and informative – will pass on information at a later date; 7) Trash to Treasures has been a big success; 8) HHI will help support the SABA event in May; 9) A date has not been determined when Trash to Treasures will close.

There being no further business, Mr. Hedden made a motion at 7:23 pm to move into executive session. Ms. Tiger seconded the motion. At 7:37 pm, Mr. Hedden made a motion to move back into regular session and adjourn the meeting; Ms. Tiger seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

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

Joe Slaton
Joe Slaton, Mayor