
MAY 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), Josh Lance, Michael Castellano (Mardi Gras planning group), Greg Fidler (Mardi Gras planning group)

Meeting was held at the Corner Coffee Shop due to Election Board occupying Town Hall for primary election.

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

MINUTES

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

FINANCE REPORTS

April 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.
- Mrs. Hedden reported that we have received revenue for EV Station use; she questioned Council members if we should designate a separate line item (Dr. and Cr.) for receipts/expenses for the EV Station. Mr. Hedden made a motion to deposit revenue in Miscellaneous Income; Ms. Tiger seconded the motion; motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mrs. Hedden provided comparison of telephone charges between Frontier and Blue Ridge Mountain EMC. Mr. Hedden stated that he agrees with switching telephone service to BRMEMC, but, questioned if we should have two (2) lines. Mayor Slaton replied that we do not have many calls, and, if needed, we use our cell phones. Mr. Hedden made a motion approving the switch; Ms. Tiger seconded the motion; motion approved.
- Josh Lance approached the Council about the issue with drain water entering the basement of his building. He stated that this has been an involving issue for quite a while, and, feels as the problem began when the fire hydrant was moved. Mr. Baughn advised that he has contracted Dr. Lord (Hydrologist) at Western Carolina University to determine if he can give advice on this problem, or, if he can refer us to someone else with the expertise/knowledge for eliminating this situation.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor Slaton reported that the crowd was small for the 2024 Mayor’s Annual Yard Sale. The advertising effort was the same as in the past and proceeds were almost the same as last year.
- Michael Castellano spoke to the Council members about the Mardi Gras parade to be held in and around Town Square next year. Members reassured him they agree with his plans.
- Mrs. Hedden presented and explained the projected 2024-2025 Town of Hayesville Budget. Mr. Baughn made a motion to approve and forward on to a Public Hearing in June; Mr. Hedden seconded the motion; motion approved.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Wallace’s report is attached.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Slaton informed Council members that we are close to the final steps for obtaining the Whitney property. He also stated that the final path for the Mayor's Park will be set up this week. He expressed concern that the tattoo shop in Town has a sign advertising the sale of Cannabis.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Zimmerman reported on: 1) Electrical work for the Sentential building is finished – should rental rate be increased for HHI since there has been lots of expense recently; 2) HHI made a donation to Moss Memorial Library; 3) a small roof leak in the kitchen area at Sentinel Building was repaired; 4) Hoping to open by the last weekend in May – will have a 2 day Open House; 5) HHI has been in conversation with someone about installing an ATM; 6) North Carolina history workers should be finished shortly after Memorial Day; 7) There will be a meeting on Wednesday concerning the route change for trails; 8) The Peacock Playhouse has had issues with their roof, and, they are also trying to update the bathrooms at the Playhouse; HHI Board voted to donate from Trash to Treasures proceeds through July 1st; 9) signs have been made for HHI & Master Gardener's sites; 10) Tommy Davis and Stuart Jenner asked Sandy to mention about a long term lease for the Sentinel Building.

There being no further business, Mr. Hedden made a motion at 7:15 pm to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Tiger seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


Suzanne G. Hedden, Town Clerk


Joe Slaton, Mayor