

## JANUARY 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, Lorraine Bennett

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

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

### MINUTES

#### December 2022 Town Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hedden moved to approve the December 2022 Town Council minutes. Ms. Tiger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

### FINANCE REPORTS

#### December 2022 Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement – reports are attached.

Mrs. Hedden informed Council members that her computer needs more memory. Des Keller (Ask Us Computer Services) is handling this situation and has given an estimate of \$60.00. Mr. Hedden questioned if we should be adding memory to the existing computer, or if a new computer should be purchased. Mayor Slaton explained that we are trying to keep the existing computer to safeguard from losing any data with our QuickBooks program. Ms. Keller is also searching for a more recent version of QuickBooks for this computer.

Mr. Baughn is concerned with the \$5,015.97 credit that is indicated on the Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual report. He stated that a line item (Account 1298 Prior Fund Balance) has been used in previous years to balance budget vs. spending amounts.

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

Mrs. Hedden stated that the December interest amount for NCCMT investments was \$1,373.83.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Mayor Slaton advised Council members that he has ordered three (3) new Christmas decorations for street light poles. The approximate cost will be \$2,200.00 (prices at this time are 1/3 off the original price). He has contacted Mosca Designs, Inc., but has not received a firm quote. The cost of the decorations will be paid out of the Beautification Fund (GL account 54940).
- The 2022 Staff Council Christmas Party is still on schedule for Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, with all staff members planning to attend.

### NEW BUSINESS

- The mayor informed Council members that the Beal Center has a new director, Dawn Holladay.
- A grant of \$45,000.00 has been approved for Town of Hayesville through the North Carolina Legislature. Mayor Slaton explained that plans are to use these funds to improve the newly purchased land. Ms. Tiger stated that Mountain True will possibly be interested in helping clean the property. Ideas were entertained for a foot bridge to be built across the small stream that separates the property from the Quanassee Path.
- Plans for the EV station are still on hold.

### ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- The owner of the new bicycle shop that will be opening soon visited Town Hall and was welcomed by Mayor Slaton and Planning and Zoning Administrator, Ron Wallace. Mr. Wallace explained signage rules and regulations to the owner.
- Mr. Wallace has been advised that Carlotta's Restaurant (Hwy 64 Bypass) will soon be adding new signage.
- Work continues on the newly revised Sign Regulation book.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Slaton reported on:

- Anderson property purchase has been finalized.
- Public restrooms have been closed due to minor plumbing problems.
- Christmas lights have been removed by Blue Ridge Mountain EMC.
- Bike/Pedestrian Committee will be having a zoom meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Contract for sidewalk to new Courthouse (Business 64) has not been signed because there has not been a fixed price established.

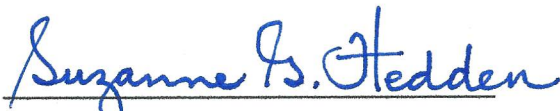
### PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Zimmerman reported on: Building Outdoor Communities, HHI 2023 Planning Session, Old Town Hall completion, plans to assist with Bike/Pedestrian Trail project, plans to assist with Christmas light decorations, ATM, Signage for Post Office, Christmas lights on Square will be taken down this week.

Ms. Tiger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Mr. Hedden seconded.



Joe Slaton, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Suzanne G. Hedden, Town Clerk