
OCTOBER 2024 MINUTES

Attendees: Mayor Joe Slaton; Council Members: Harry Baughn, Benita England, Lauren Tiger; Town Clerk: Suzanne Hedden; Zoning Administrator, Ron Wallace
Others: Lorraine Bennett (Clay County Progress), Sandy Zimmerman (HHI/Small Town Mainstreet)

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

MINUTES

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

FINANCE REPORTS

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Mayor Slaton informed Council members that he does not have an update on the Mill Street project because he has been unable to contact the engineer (Tylor Dockery) who visited the property with him for an analysis.
- The trash dumpster for our 4th Annual Fall Clean-up was delivered on October 8th (behind Town Hall). The mayor talked today with a Town of Hayesville resident who recently lived in Michigan. The resident explained that the town where he lived gave residents a \$25.00 voucher to be used at the landfill. We would need to discuss this with Clay County Landfill personnel, if we chose this idea for our Annual Clean-up.
- Ms. Tiger asked if the Whitney Property Trail has been mowed and if there has been a notification in the newspaper about the trail. The trail has been mowed and Mayor Slaton stated that we will be deciding on a name for the trail (with ideas from Michael and Sheleigh Whitney).

NEW BUSINESS

- The dumpster at Angelo's Pizza is currently placed on the Hedden Alley (until October 31st), due to the land behind the restaurant being owned by Paul Lipof. (Mr. Lipof does not want the dumpster sitting on his property). After discussing the situation, it was the consensus of Council members that the dumpster should be moved to the garden spot directly behind the restaurant.
- For safety reasons, Mayor Slaton would like to make a portion of Curtis Street (behind the library) a one-way street. It was also discussed about closing the section of Curtis Street behind Silvers Realty; however, Mr. Baughn stated that if we close the section (give up the street), the property is then divided between adjoining landowners. After discussion, it was agreed to only make the portion from Black Dog to the Post Office a one-way street. It was agreed that this is a great idea and it will not be necessary to hold a Public Hearing to do this. A motion was made by Mrs. England to proceed with the plan; Mr. Baughn seconded the motion; motion approved.
- The P&Z Board recently passed (by unanimous vote) a change to a zoning ordinance pertaining to Accessory Buildings. (FROM: A detached building no larger than 25% of the ground floor square footage living area of the existing primary dwelling located on the same lot therewith. TO: A

building no larger than the conditioned ground floor square footage living area of the primary dwelling located on the same lot. After much discussion, including Ms. Tiger stating that she sees people abusing the 100% rule, and, making a motion that the suggested change should be sent back to the P&Z Board for further review. Mr. Baughn seconded the motion; motion approved.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Wallace's report is attached.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Slaton's updated that all the benches are finished on the trails.
- The mayor was contacted by a member of the committee planning a retirement event for Dr. Teresa Heavner, who is retiring from Chatuge Family Practice. He would like to see a path built between DeSoto Square Apartments and Curtis Street honoring and recognizing Dr. Heaver for her service to this town and surrounding area. Mrs. England made a motion that the mayor's proposal be accepted (subject to approval of Clay Comprehensive Health Services, Inc. Governing Board); Ms. Tiger seconded the motion; motion approved.
- In reference to the trail construction on Clay County Schools property, the Board of Education members had questions concerning who would be responsible for the upkeep. The mayor has answered their questions in a letter to Mrs. Melissa Godfrey (Superintendent), and, after the letter is presented to the Board of Education members, we will be advised if the trail can be constructed.


PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Zimmerman reported on: 1) Steins & Wine event very successful; total donation will probably be \$10,000.00+ (to be donated to a Small Town Mainstreet community that suffered damage in the path of Hurricane Helene; 2) Town of Hayesville will be participating in Shop Small/Shop Local again this year; 3) Information has been submitted to Raleigh for recognition of Old Town Hall; 4) Garage behind the Exhibit Building is ready to be painted; 5) Exhibit building is open every Friday and Saturday through mid-December.

Ms. Tiger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.; Mrs. England seconded the motion; meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


Suzanne G. Hedden, Town Clerk


Joe Slaton, Mayor