



**Town of Haw River
Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2022**

The Haw River Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022, in the Haw River Municipal Building at 6:00 pm.

Council Members Present: Mayor Kelly Allen, Mayor Pro-Tem Lee Lovette, Patty Wilson, Steve Lineberry, and Shawn Riggan.

Members Absent: Parks & Recreation Director Jesus Campos Garcia

Other Members Present: Town Manager Sean Tencer, Town Clerk Lesley Gonzalez, Police Chief Toby Harrison, Public Works Director Robert Brewer, Fire Chief Tyler Franklin & Town Attorney Jake Wright

Mayor Allen called the meeting to order and gave the invocation at 6:00 pm.

Recognition:

1. Award Recognition to Police Officer Alex Lukasewycz for meritorious conduct on August 4, 2022. Officer Lukasewycz responded to a mutual aid call with the Alamance County Sheriff due to a house fire. Police Chief Harrison and Assistant Chief Phillips presented the award to Officer Lukasewycz. He thanked the everyone for the recognition.

Consent Agenda:

2. Approval of the minutes from the August 1, 2022, Haw River Town Council meeting.
3. Town Council will review and consider three budget amendments:
 - 1) BA-2023-6 COVID Grant Money received by the HRFD to purchase pagers - \$10,000
 - 2) BA-2023-7 Insurance Reimbursement (-\$100 deductible) to replace broken fire radio in FY 2021-2022 - \$2,793

- 3) BA-2023-8 Reimbursement Grant for HRPD to purchase server upgrades, ICAC computer and accessories - \$27,100

Council Member Lineberry made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, and Council Member Lovette seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

Public Hearings

4. None

NEW ITEMS:

5. Town Council to approve adopting a resolution to give permission for the Town to apply for NCDWI (North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure) grants and/or loans to fund two water line projects and another sewer rehabilitation project (phase 4) to decrease I and I.

Council Member Lovette made a motion to adopt a resolution to give permission for the Town to apply for NCDWI (North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure) grants and/or loans to fund two water line projects and another sewer rehabilitation project (phase 4-7) to help decrease I and I. Please note that the emphasis of the submitted application will be more preferential to grant funding, and not for the Town to assume more debt.

Council Member Lineberry seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 5-0

6. Town Council shall review and consider a resolution regarding the NC Governor's Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$4,000. These funds will be used for a new computer system for one of the police vehicles.

Council Member Wilson made a motion to approve the resolution regarding the NC Governor's Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$4,000. The grant is a \$4,000 with a 50/50 match. These funds will be used for a new computer system for one of the police vehicles. Council Member Riggan seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- The public is allowed to address the Town Council on any non-agenda item at this time.
- Be sure to sign in, stand and state your name and address for the minutes.
- Please limit comments to 3 minutes or less.

MANAGER REPORT

1. **(Old/New)** – The Town of Haw River will be receiving grant money from both NC DEQ – Water Infrastructure and from Senator Amy Galey for water and sewer improvement projects. The total award package is around 9.4 million dollars, and the funds will be spent for a new Lang Street Pump Station, improvements to all sewer pump stations, water system upgrades, and system studies. I've copied Town Council on the letters received from the State that shows the funding to be received for all of the projects. **Ongoing**
2. **(Old/New)** - Brooks Networking will begin the redo the data cabling (IT networking) for town hall and the fire department on July 18th. This will greatly improve the town's IT network and eliminate any consumer grade equipment that was installed years ago. New wiring and connections have been installed at town hall and the fire station, but still waiting for some of the back-ordered hardware components to complete the job. **Ongoing**
3. **(Old/New)** - The Town has received \$400,000+/- of the \$800,000+/- in ARPA Federal Money. The Town sent out an RFQ for engineering services, so the Hanover Road and radio-read water meters can get underway. Funds spent on engineering and consulting can be paid out of the ARPA funds, since we sent out an RFQ for engineering services. Gavel and Dorn and AWCK are working on the engineering for the project. **Both Haw River and Graham approved the new sewer agreement for Hanover Road, so we should be moving forward. The next project will be the radio-read water meters. On-going**
4. **(Old/New)** – Fire Chief Tyler Franklin received three quotes to install radios, lighting, and sirens on the new Ford F-150. This will be paid out of the \$69,500 grant received from Senator Amy Galey for all of Alamance Counties Rural Fire Departments. **Brooks Networking was awarded the contract, and the work is currently taking place. Ongoing**
5. **(Old/New)** - Haw River Public Works would like to fix the dip on Circle Drive and the foundation below the road. In order to do this, a contractor would need to dig

around all public utilities, compact or tamp down gravel, and repave the area. This will consist of half the lane being repaved (35' x 85') to compact everything and have a smooth surface. Jerry Warren has given a quote to do the work for \$29,000. This work was completed on August 29th. **Completed**

6. **(Old/New)** The Town is looking to remove the fire antenna on the side of the building and relocating the devices onto the roof of town hall. This is in lieu of installing a fence around the antenna to prevent access to the roof by unauthorized personnel. The town will be receiving informal quotes on this. **Still waiting on a quote from the vendor. Ongoing**
7. **(New)** The Town will be working with the Alamance County Chamber of Commerce on requesting assistance from the non-profit organization, Golden LEAF Foundation to identify potential industrial sites in communities that do not currently have a quality industrial site to market. **On-going**

Town Staff Comments:

➤ Police Chief Harrison:

- He appreciated the assistance with National Night Out. He thanked the Fire Department. He also informed the board members the Police Department parking lot was paved.
- The active training conducted at the Haw River Elementary School this past weekend went well.
- Chief Harrison reiterated the \$27,000 grant for ICAC (Internet Crime Against Children) has been approved.

➤ Fire Chief Franklin:

- 10 teams showed up for the Junior Firefighter's Event and a Banquet that evening. \$7,000 worth of donations were given toward the event.

➤ Town Manager Tencer:

- Mr. Tencer suggested for town council to stop taking rentals for the Haw River Civic Center. He explained some issues with renters bringing alcohol, stopping up the toilets, and continually damaging the building. Mr. Tencer will keep the Civic Center off limits for Town Council and Employees going forward except for adding a recreation room in one of the rooms for the Fire Dpt. The Council has agreed to the new change.

➤ Council Member Wilson:

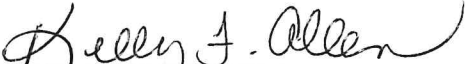
- Mrs. Patty Wilson suggested giving the Town Manager another \$500.00 due to his involvement with 9.4 million dollars in grant funding that was awarded by NCDWI.
- Mayor Kelly Allen:
 - Suggested a bonus of \$500.00 to the Public Works Director Robert Brewer for assisting the town manager on obtaining a grant for 9.4 million dollars that was awarded by the NCDWI.
- Council Member Lineberry:
 - He expressed his gratitude to the police and fire personnel for their hard work and dedication. He suggested for everyone to send prayers for these employees.

ADJOURN


Mayor Allen asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Riggan made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

Council Adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Kelly Allen, Mayor



Lesley Gonzalez, Town Clerk