



Town of Haw River Town Council Meeting Minutes Monday, September 11, 2023

The Haw River Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, September 11, 2023, 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: Public Works Director Robert Brewer

Other Members Present: Town Manager Sean Tencer, Town Clerk Lesley Gonzalez, Assistant Police Chief Brian Phillips, Parks & Recreation Director Jesus Campos Garcia, Fire Chief Tyler Franklin & Town Attorney Jacob Wright

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

The items on the **consent agenda** were as follows:

1. Approval of the minutes from August 7, 2023, Haw River Town Council meeting. Correction of the motion carried from 4-0 to 5-0 under the Consent Agenda and the Adjourn section. Town Clerk Lesley has already corrected and will have Mayor Allen to sign corrected version.
2. Approval of Budget Amendments –
#2023-23 Ratify - (Year-End Budget Adjustments) – General Fund -\$143,852
Water/Sewer Fund - \$322,130 American Rescue Plan - \$56,190
Haw River Police Department Grant - \$39,878, Effective June 19, 2023
#2024-02 (Reimbursement of Costs for SRO) - \$4,000
#2024-03 (Quiet Zone Reimbursement) - \$11,000
#2024-04 (Carry Forward Budget Amendment) - \$133, 57
#2024-05 (Assistance to Firefighter's Grant) - \$59,843
3. Approval of a grant resolution to NC DEQ on applying for funds to rehabilitate sewer lines with I&I issues and to install a waterline on South Spray Street to help with water pressure. We have applied for this several times in the past but were not chosen for funding. Please note that this resolution is for grants and/or loans and will

depend on what NC DEQ decides to do. The council will have to accept any award at a future meeting.

Councilmember Lineberry made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Lovette seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

Public Hearing

4. Mayor Allen mentioned that there was NO public hearing.

NEW ITEMS:

5. NONE

Public Comments:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. |
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6. Jennifer Trieskey, 630 Roxboro Street, Haw River, NC 27258. She began by asking the audience to raise their hand if they are proud to work or live in Haw River, which several agreed. Mrs. Trieskey stated that Haw River residents and business owners should focus on more positivity and encouragement from within our town to draw new residents and/or businesses into Haw River. That any negativity portrayed on social media sites should also be changed since they represent a bad example.

Several members from the council agreed with Mrs. Trieskey's suggestion and hoped to bring in more positivity, but stated it's not easy to get everyone on board who has different views. However, growth takes time, and we would not be comparable to Mebane or Graham but do hope Haw River is successful in those areas in the near future.

Manager Report

1. **Hanover Road Sewer Meter Project** – \$210K - CJ Utilities has been awarded the contract for construction. The contractor is still waiting for some materials for the job that were backordered.
2. **Lang Street Pump Station** – \$5 million - AWCK has sent NC DEQ the engineering drawings for approval.
3. **AIA Water and Sewer Inventory Assessment** – \$250k - AWCK will start the administration and engineering for this as soon as possible. This inventory will also help update the Town's GIS files.
4. **Small Waterlines Improvement Project** – \$3 million - AWCK is currently surveying for the improvements, and hopefully will go to bid this fall.
5. **Lift Stations Upgrades** - \$525K – hoping to go out to bid within a month or so.
6. **AMI Radio Read Meters** (Town-wide) – working on RFQ/RFP with AWCK
7. **Tyler Tech** – The new payroll system has been implemented, and the water/sewer billing change-over will be this Fall.
8. **NC General Assembly Wishlist** - Town staff completed a “wish-list” regarding major purchases/projects for House Representative Steve Ross and Senator Amy Galey. Waiting to see what happens when the NC state budget passes.
9. **Water and Sewer Connection Fees Update** – The Town needs to discuss hiring a third-party to update the water/sewer connection fees to adequately collect more fees based on multi-family development. The Town has been discussing this with AWCK, and they suggested hiring Stantec for \$25,000 to do the updated study as required by NCGS.
10. **Town of Haw River 50th Year** – The Town of Haw River will have a street concert on October 12th from 6pm to 8pm with the Mason Lovette Band playing and the Auxiliary group selling pizza and drinks. Flyers will be posted around town. Challenge Coins will be sold there as well.

11. **New Vehicle for Park and Recreation** – The Town has ordered a 2024 Chevrolet Truck 4WD under State Contract Pricing through the NC Sheriff's Association. The truck should be delivered within the next few weeks.
 12. **Gov Deals (selling old/unused equipment)** – Town staff have been working with Gov Deals on selling old/unused equipment. We have already sold several items at the Parks and Recreation Department, and we are now working to sell items at Public Works (backhoe, woodchipper, sewer rodding machine, extra backhoe tires, etc.)
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Announcements

Councilmember Wilson state her appreciation for the Fire Department for blowing the fire horn in memory of the lives lost on 9/11/2021 tragedy in New York City's Twin Towers.

Adjourn

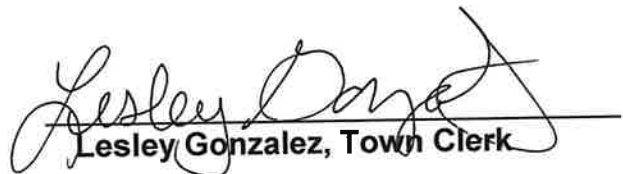
Mayor Allen asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Lovette made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Lineberry seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

Council Adjourned at 6:16 p.m.



Kelly Allen, Mayor



Lesley Gonzalez, Town Clerk