



**Town of Haw River
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 6, 2022**

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Kelly Allen, Steve Lineberry, Patty Wilson, and Shawn Riggan.

Members Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Lee Lovette

Other Members Present: Town Manager Sean Tencer, Town Clerk Lesley Gonzalez, Police Chief Toby Harrison, Public Works Director Robert Brewer, Parks & Recreations Director Jesus Campos Garcia, Fire Chief Tyler Franklin & Town Attorney Charlie Davis

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes from May 2, 2022, town council meeting.
2. Approval of an anonymous donation to the Haw River Police Department - \$100.00
3. Approval of grant of \$300.00 to the Haw River Fire Department from the Firefighters Charitable Foundation (501(c)3 for fire educational purposes.

Council Member Lineberry made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

New Business

Public Hearings - 6:02 p.m.

Council Member Wilson made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Councilmember Riggan seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

4. Town Council will hold a public hearing concerning the FY 2022-2023 Budget for the Town of Haw River and will receive public comments regarding the proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget.

Town Manager highlighted:

- FY 22-23 budget is 1.5% increase to last year's FY 21-22 budget
- No Stormwater fee increase
- Water increased 3%
- Sewer increased 5%
- Garbage collection increased by \$1.08 per container to offset the 9.1% increase from Consumer Price Index from vendor GFL effective July 1st.
- 5% COLA to employees and council members
- State Retirement Non-Leo increased from 11.35% to 12.10%
- State Retirement LEO increased from 12.10% to 13.10%
- Reimbursement of \$5,000.00 will be added back to our MERP, increasing balance to \$22,865.00
- Adding another \$5,000.00 for Code Enforcement Program budget
- Promotion of our Parks & Recreation Director Jesus Campos Garcia
- No General Fund to balance budget
- Revised fee schedule Fire Sprinkler test fee added, Engineering Construction, Plan Review and Inspection Review.

Public Hearing Closed 6:07 p.m.

Council Member Lineberry closed the Public Meeting. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

- Mayor Kelly Allen announced she did not agree with the council members' 5% COLA increase and if the FY 22-23 budget is passed, she will automatically get a paycheck whether she wanted to or not. So as of July 1st, she will no longer be accepting a monthly check for being Mayor or on the Town Council starting July 1, 2022. She answers to the taxpayers & voters and even though it's a miniscule amount it was about the principal of taking the increase.
- Attorney Charlie Davis read a letter from Mayor Pro-Tem H. Lee Lovette due to his absence because of a recent surgery. "Council member Lovette expressed his apologies for missing the council meeting, but he wanted to state publicly how he fully supports all aspects of the Haw River FY 22-23 Budget. He mentioned how the budget continues our attempt to restore the fiscal stability of our Town by increasing fund balance and allows us to give all our employees a well-deserved 5% COLA. Our employees are some of the finest, hard-working loyal men & women I've ever known and are very deserving of this. It also allows us to replace some old equipment needed and if I were to attend, I would definitely vote in favor of the budget. – H. Lee Lovette, Mayor Pro-Tem"

5. Town Council adopted the FY 2022-2023 Budget, Budget Ordinance, and the fee schedule for the Town of Haw River.

Council Member Riggan made a motion to adopt the proposed FY 2022-2023 Town of Haw River Annual Budget including the fee schedule and budget ordinance. Council Member Lineberry seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

6. Town Council considered the yearly audit contract with Cobb, Ezekiel, Loy, and Company, P.A.

Council Member Wilson made a motion to approve the yearly audit contract with Cobb, Ezekiel, Loy, and Company, P.A. Council Member Lineberry seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

7. Town Council approved the following budget amendments 1) 2022-9 - \$47,639. This amendment represents the various insurance reimbursements received for vehicle accidents through the fiscal year, with the exception of the \$750 which was a grant for 3 vests for the Haw River Police Dpt from NCLM.

Council Member Lineberry made a motion to approve the following budget amendments 1) 2022-9 - \$47,639 This amendment represents the various insurance reimbursements received for accidents through the fiscal year, except for the \$750 which was a \$750 grant for 3 vests for Police from NCLM. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

8. Town Council discussed the request for town staff to have the authority to make appropriate adjustments and amendments to the 2021-2022 budget to prepare for year-end closeout.

Council Member Wilson reviewed the request for town staff to have the authority to make appropriate adjustments and amendments to the 2021-2022 budget to prepare for year-end closeout. Council Member Riggan seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

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.

- Jim Peoples partners with the Haw River Business Center informed Council of his offer to purchase the 22-acre site off Stone Street in Haw River from the Town of Haw River. An offer was submitted on April 25, 2022 to the town council. Map of the parcel was provided to the council members showing the parcel and the pipeline's proposed path.
- Junior Fogelman resided at 4062 While Level Rd Mebane, NC 27302 spoke concerning the playground at Red Slide Park being removed and suggested

added a walking track and an area for a new swing set. The Town bought the property from his family years ago to add the park for the community.

- Felicia Massey resided at 3502 N NC 119, Mebane, NC 27302 supports the future of the Red Slide Park playground being removed due rusting and deterioration of the equipment. However, she suggested that we look for volunteer organizations that assist with grants for new ideas on how to utilize the space where the playground once stood prior to removal a few weeks ago.

MANAGER REPORT

1. **(Old)** - Red Slide Playground – Per Town Council Action – Town Staff will start to dismantle the playground the first week of May. – **Complete**
2. **(New/Old)** - Landscaping Project at the intersection of East Main Street/Graham Road/NCRR overpass bridge. Living Landscapes will be installing riprap along the ditch to prevent erosion. This extra cost of \$5000+ can be paid by the town through the stormwater fund. **On-going**
3. **(Old)** – The Haw River Fire Department’s floor tile in the main room and hallway is “buckling” or “tile coming up on the edges”. Town staff is looking to utilize the \$50,000 grant from the NC General Assembly to help pay for it, but the floor tile and glue needs to be tested for asbestos. The Town is working with a contractor to test 6 samples for contamination. If asbestos is not an issue, the Town can move forward with bidding out the project. **Results showed asbestos was found in the tile floor. On-going**
4. **(Old)** - Brooks Networking (IT for the Town) – will be evaluating our computer network for the town and will come up with a list of improvements for the network. Improving the town’s network can be paid out of the \$50,000 grant received from the NC General Assembly. The Town did receive a quote for \$14,000 to redo the entire network at Town Hall. Need to wait on item #2 before moving forward with this. **On-going**
5. **(Old)** - 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. Gave and Dorn and AWCK are working on the engineering for the project. Also, AWCK is working on a sewer agreement on Graham’s side now. Town staff and Charlie Davis already reviewed a draft agreement that we find acceptable to the Town. **On-going**

6. **(Old)** - TOHR finally received funding (\$69,000) from Alamance County (via Senator Amy Galey) for the new fire command vehicle that will be replacing the Chevrolet Tahoe. The town purchased a 2022 Ford F-150 Police Interceptor (\$40,310.00 included \$550 to ship) from a dealership in SC on state contract pricing. The rest of the \$69,000 will be used to outfit the vehicle. **On-going**
7. **(Old)** - The Haw River Police Department is applying for two grants (non-matching) from the Governor's Crime Commission. One grant is for \$24,000 to purchase a new police K-9 and associated equipment. The other grant is for \$15,000 (non-matching) to help with possible accreditation of the police department through training and standards in Raleigh. **On-going**

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

None

TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN


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

Motion carried 4-0

Council Adjourned at 6:36 p.m.



Kelly Allen, Mayor



Lesley Gonzalez, Town Clerk