



**Town of Haw River
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 5, 2025**

The Haw River Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, May 5, 2025, in the Haw River Municipal Building at 6:00 pm.

Council Members Present: Mayor H. Lee Lovette, Council Member Steve Lineberry, and Council Member Shawn Riggan.

Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Patty Wilson

Other Members Present: Town Manager Sean Tencer, Town Clerk Lesley Gonzalez, Assistant Finance Director Karina Mendoza, Fire Chief Tyler Franklin, Assistant Police Chief Brian Philips, Public Works Director Robert Brewer, Assistant Public Works Director Cooper Dail, Parks & Recreation Director Jesus Garcia, and Town Attorney Charlie Davis.

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

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

1. Approval of April 7, 2025, Haw River Town Council meeting minutes.

Councilmember Riggan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
Councilmember Steve Lineberry seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0

CONSENT AGENDA:

2. None

OLD BUSINESS:

3. None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 4. Town Council adopted the resolution opposing several NC House and Senate bills that impact planning and zoning for every municipality across North Carolina. (HB765, SB495, SB497, SB499, SB688, SB291, SB493, SB587, SB685, HB627, and HB876).**

Mr. Lovette asked for Town Manager Sean Tencer to explain some of the House and Senate Bills that are being considered in Raleigh, and how it will affect planning and zoning for communities across North Carolina. Some of the bills limit municipality's ability to regulate some aspects of residential zoning, accessory dwelling units, Air BnB's, non-conformities, minimum lot size in single-family zoning, etc. Mr. Tencer mentioned that most communities are opposing these bills by adopting resolutions opposing these bills. Mayor Lovette mentioned that he, Councilmember Lineberry, and Town Manager Tencer met with NC State House Representative Dennis Riddell about the town's concerns over such bills. Mr. Riddell did co-sponsor HB 765 but mentioned that some changes were coming to the bill to address some concerns.

Mr. Riggan asked Mr. Tencer if the town was being mandated to adopt these changes. Mr. Tencer replied yes, and NC state law trumps town ordinances in these circumstances because of how the bills were written.

Councilmember Lineberry made a motion to adopt the resolution opposing several NC House and Senate bills that impact planning and zoning for every municipality across North Carolina. (HB765, SB495, SB497, SB499, SB688, SB291, SB493, SB587, SB685, HB627, and HB876). Councilmember Riggan seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0

- 5. Town Council appointed a primary and an alternate council member to the Public Transit Advisory Committee effective July 1, 2025**

Mr. Lovette mentioned that Haw River approved an agreement with City of Burlington – Link Transit to have a fixed bus route for the Town of Haw River. Part of the agreement is for Haw River Town Council to appoint a member and an alternate to the Link Transit Board. Mr. Lovette asked if anyone was interested, and Mr. Lineberry made a suggestion to table this until the next meeting due to Mayor Pro-Tem Wilson being absent from the meeting.

Councilmember Shawn Riggan made a motion to table this appointment until the next town council meeting. Mr. Lineberry seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0

6. Town Council will set a special meeting date for the FY 2025-2026 budget presentation

Mr. Tencer asked the town council to set a special meeting date to hear the FY 2025-2026 town budget. Mr. Tencer suggested Monday, May 19th at 6 pm.

Councilmember Steve Lineberry made a motion to set the Special Budget Meeting for Monday, May 19th at 6 pm. Councilmember Riggan seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

See listing in Agenda Packet dated May 5, 2025.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

ADJOURN:

Councilmember asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Shawn Riggan seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0

Council Adjourned at 6:37 p.m.


H. Lee Lovette, Mayor


Lesley Gonzalez, Town Clerk