

MINUTES

The Board of Councilmen of the Town of Rural Hall held an agenda briefing on May 6, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Town Hall Conference Room. The following members were present: Mayor Larry T. Williams - presiding; Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon; Councilman Timothy M. Flinchum; Councilman C. Thomas Griggs; Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett; Town Manager Megan M. Garner; and Town Clerk Dora K. Moore.

Manager Garner met with the Town's new auditors Eddie Carrick and Tony Brewer last week. Mr. Carrick returned a second day to work with Accounting to develop a financial spreadsheet. He will return later this month to assist Accounting with bank reconciliations. Mr. Carrick's assistance has been extremely helpful.

Manager Garner reported the Suburban Fire District lost approximately \$27 million in property value. Siemens disposed of nearly \$22 million in assets. This represents a significant loss in tax revenue.

The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office has money they are willing to use in order to add a third deputy in Rural Hall, if desired by the Council. The Town would pay half the salary the first three years and 100% year four and forward. Forsyth County would pay for the equipment and car. Council consensus was to let Forsyth County know the Town is interested without commitment at this time so more research can be done.

Manager Garner reported four employees will be over the pay threshold once they receive COLA and if they are eligible for 3% merit. After much discussion, Council agreed pay scales need to be evaluated and other pay should be utilized per the Personnel Policy for those over the maximum in the current Pay Plan.

Other budget notes:

- Budget books will look different due to the new financial software.
- Environmental expenses will be combined with Public Works.

Manager Garner received a termination letter from the Forsyth County Fire Marshal related to fire inspections, plan reviews, investigations and fire suppression. Manager Garner and Chief Marshall have met with Walkertown since they are in the same position. Walkertown wrote a letter disputing the termination due to an agreement with Forsyth County at the time of Walkertown's incorporation. Rural Hall has the same agreement with Forsyth County and will send a letter as well. Rural Hall Fire Department is planning to contract with the City of King for these services, if necessary. Manager Garner also reported Forsyth County pulled their truck from Rural Hall.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett to adjourn at 12:11 PM.


Dora K. Moore
Town Clerk