

MINUTES

The Board of Councilmen of the Town of Rural Hall held their regular meeting on May 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Council Chambers. 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; Town Clerk Dora K. Moore; and Town Attorney D. Barrett Burge.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Clerk Moore.

Public Comment Period:

David McKnight, 715 Irish Road, shared his desire for the Council to encourage businesses, specifically food establishments, to come to Rural Hall; opposition to the proposed dump in the 27045 zip code; raise taxes; hire another firefighter; provide educational classes for street maintenance employees; build a new fire station; and, increase pay and education for firefighters. Mayor Williams thanked Mr. McKnight for his comments. Councilman Plunkett noted the proposed dump mentioned would be a debris dump on Germanton Road.

Rachel Katzer, 225 Cook Street, has placed her secluded, 18-acre property on the market. Due to the property size and location, she is receiving inquiries about horses. She asked if Ordinance #294 prohibited horses, and if it does, would the Council grant her an exception. Attorney Burge stated Ordinance #294 does prohibit horses. The Council is not a zoning board so variances can not be granted by the Council. Council agreed to investigate Mrs. Katzer's request and give her an answer.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman C. Thomas Griggs made a motion to approve the April 8, 2019 regular meeting and May 6, 2019 briefing minutes. Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Timothy M. Flinchum made a motion to approve and seal the April 8, 2019 closed session minutes. Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports: Manager Garner reported that with the transition to a new financial system in February there are still some conversion issues. The accounting clerk is working with the Town auditor and financial system provider, Edmunds, to resolve these issues so the bank reconciliations can be completed, and financial reports presented to the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETING UPDATES:

April 2019 Flag Purchases: Mayor Williams reported the following flag purchases for April 2019:

<u>In Memory</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>
Fletcher Smith	His Family
Fred & Alice Pinkston	Elizabeth (Betty) Smith

April 2019 Yard of the Month: Council extended congratulations to Tom and Cindy Dyer, 807 Academy Street, for being named the April 2019 Yard of the Month by the Garden Spot of the World Club.

May 2019 Yard of the Month: Council congratulated Christopher and Christina Kearns, 8736 Makena Court, for being named the May 2019 Yard of the Month by the Garden Spot of the World Club.

Little Italy Pizza Day: Mayor Williams proclaimed April 22, 2019 as Little Italy Pizza Day celebrating their 20th anniversary in Rural Hall. *(Proclamation is included with the minutes.)*

National Day of Prayer: Mayor Williams proclaimed May 2, 2019 as A Day of Prayer in Rural Hall. Eleven churches were represented at the May 2 prayer service held at Rural Hall Moravian Church. Mayor Williams thanked Steve Hill Insurance Agency, Carolina Farm Credit and Rural Hall Moravian Church for providing lunch. *(Proclamation is included with the minutes.)*

Municipal Clerks Week: Mayor Williams proclaimed May 5-11, 2019 as Municipal Clerks Week and thanked Town Clerk Dora Moore for her service to the Town. *(Proclamation is included with the minutes.)*

Flying of Flags: American flags will be flown along NC 66 and NC 65 May 25-June 3 for Memorial Day and the Town's 45th celebration; at the NC 66 and NC 65 intersection for Flag Day; and along NC 66 and NC 65 the entire week of July 4.

Budget Public Hearing: The public hearing for the proposed 2019-2020 Budget will be May 28 at 7 PM.

Food Truck Tuesday: Manager Garner announced Sliders will be at Town Hall tomorrow from 11:30 AM until about 1:30 PM.

45th Celebration: The Town will celebrate 45 years of incorporation on June 1, 2019 from 10 AM until 5 PM at Covington Park.


Triad Community Concert: Mayor Williams announced the Triad Community Concert Band will perform at Rural Hall Moravian Church fellowship hall May 16 at 7 PM.

Helicopter Egg Drop Update: Approximately 350-400 people attended the Helicopter Egg Drop on April 27. The event was well received by the community. Councilman Plunkett thanked the staff for working the event. He agreed that it was well attended and felt it was a good community event.

NEW BUSINESS:

2019-2020 Budget Presentation: Manager Garner presented the proposed 2019-2020 Budget to the Council. Mayor Williams thanked Manager Garner and staff for their work. *(Budget message attached as reference.)*

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett to adjourn at 8:13 PM.


Dora K. Moore
Town Clerk