

MINUTES

The Board of Councilmen of the Town of Rural Hall held an agenda briefing on June 3, 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 reported the Town's auditor has been on site at least three times working with the accounting clerk to resolve bank reconciliation issues. Prior to Edmunds, bank reconciliations were reconciled manually. Edmunds has a bank reconciliation program the Town is using. The auditor is reasonably comfortable with the numbers transferred from Harris and knows no money is missing. Staff is also working with Edmunds and South Data on why the Town is unable to accept credit card payments.

The following items will be added to Announcements & Meeting Updates:

- Food Truck Tuesday – Tuesday, June 11
- Family Movie Night – Friday, June 14
- Shred Event – Saturday, June 29 – The Town has been given a free shred event from the vendor who had to cancel in April. The Town will pay \$60 for fuel.

The proposed landfill on Germanton Road will be added to Old Business.

The following agenda items were discussed:

- Council shared their feelings on the 45th Year Celebration being a great event. The event was extended beyond the ball field giving the perception of a smaller crowd; however, attendance is estimated at 2,500-3,000.
- A five-year lease agreement for the placement of a State Employee's Credit Union ATM along the Town Hall drive was discussed. The term begins September 2019 and will conclude August 2024. Once the machine is operational, the Town will receive \$300/month. The Town entrance from Pine Street will become two lane, one-way traffic.
- Manager Garner noted that for years Rural Hall ASA has been allowed to utilize the ballfield at a rate other than \$15/hour. Initially, they were a Rural Hall based league but are now a travel team. Council consensus was to charge a flat fee of \$15/hour to everyone reserving the ballfield effective July 1. The Town reserves the right to negotiate via contract if it benefits the Town.
- Manager Garner has received feedback that the maintenance technician I pay is too low. After much discussion, Council consensus was to allow Manager Garner to negotiate up to \$32,000 and re-advertise the position. Council suggested advertising via online sites and Forsyth Tech.
- Council discussed at length Rachel Katzer's request for an exemption to the Animal Ordinance for horses. Consensus was to revise the ordinance to allow horses on property with a minimum of 8 acres, one horse for every two acres, and 75-foot setback from all adjoining property lines. Council noted a horse is more like a pet versus livestock.
- The animal ordinance will also be revised to reflect the Town's support of Forsyth County's tethering ordinance.
- A resolution opposing de-annexation by the General Assembly will be added to the agenda.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett to adjourn at 12:28 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dora K. Moore".

Dora K. Moore
Town Clerk