

MINUTES

The Board of Councilmen of the Town of Rural Hall held their regular meeting on June 10, 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:

Frank James, 7290 Broad Street, thanked the Council for their prayers and support for him, his wife, and family over the past two years. He shared that hospice is taking care of his wife now. Mr. James shared the community has been good to him so he feels it is time for him to give back. He shared his respect for the Council and stated they do a good job.

David McKnight, 715 Irish Road, shared his thoughts on keeping the Town's animal ordinance as is and not permit livestock within the Town. He feels if there is a lot of land, then high dollar homes could be built.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman C. Thomas Griggs made a motion to approve the May 13, 2019 regular meeting; May 24, 2019 called meeting; May 28, 2019 budget public hearing, and June 3, 2019 briefing minutes. Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETING UPDATES:

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

<u>In Memory</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>
Candace Barnes	Jesse & Cynthia Stigall, Eric & Cody Stewart, and Nathaniel & Laurie Barr
Candace Barnes	Mary Johnson
<u>In Honor</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>
Mary Kiger	Marty Jackson
Mary Kiger	Mike Jackson
Mary Kiger	Derek Jackson
Mary Kiger	Patrick Jackson

June 2019 Yard of the Month: Council extended congratulations to David & Janet Wright, 7482 Princess Ann Court, for being named the June 2019 Yard of the Month by the Garden Spot of the World Club. *(A copy of the certificate is included with the minutes.)*

45th Celebration: Mayor Williams thanked the 45th Year committee and staff for their hard work with the celebration. Their endeavors were noticeable. Manager Garner also thanked the staff and committee for their work noting they made it look easy. Mayor Pro Tem McDermon echoed sentiments of the celebration being a great event.

Food Truck Tuesday: Manager Garner announced Good Times Bar-b-que will be at Town Hall tomorrow from 11:30 AM until about 1:30 PM. Benny's Ice Cream Truck will be at Town Hall from 11:30 AM until 3:30 PM.

Movie Night: Despicable Me 3 will be the June 14 family movie night at Covington Park. A food truck and snow cones will be onsite for food purchases.

Shred Event: Shamrock Shredding had mechanical issues in April and were unable to conduct the Town's annual shred event. Due to this, Shamrock Shredding offered the Town a free shred event to be held Saturday, June 29, 9 AM until 12 PM.

Municipal Elections: Candidacy filing for the Town of Rural Hall begins Friday, July 5 at noon and ends, Friday, July 19 at noon. Seats currently held by Mayor Williams, Councilman Griggs and Councilman McDermon are up for reelection. Mayor Williams officially announced that after 40 years of service, he will not seek reelection.

Triad Community Concert: Mayor Williams announced the Triad Community Concert Band will have a patriotic concert at the Rural Hall Moravian Church picnic shelter July 18 at 7 PM. Admission is non-perishable food items for Second Harvest.

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposed Landfill: Council held a called meeting on May 24, 2019 whereby citizens near the proposed landfill on Germanton Road presented their concerns. Mayor Williams shared the Council did discuss the proposed landfill at their agenda briefing. Mayor Williams also shared it was his understanding the permit request will be withdrawn; therefore, he recommends no action be taken by the Council. As of Friday, Manager Garner reported no official request had been submitted.

John Young, 6401 Germanton Road, also noted official word of the request removal hasn't been received.

Councilman Timothy M. Flinchum made a motion for no consideration of the proposed landfill due to no status at this time. Councilman C. Thomas Griggs seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

State Employees' Credit Union ATM Lease Agreement: Manager Garner presented a lease agreement with State Employees' Credit Union for the placement of an ATM at the Town Hall entrance from Pine Street. Due to the ATM, the driveway on Pine Street will become one-way. Once the ATM is in operation, the Town will receive \$300/month, and it is anticipated the ATM will be in operation in September 2019. Manager Garner noted the agreement before them will have at least one modification to include a clause for the Town to cancel the agreement with a 90-day written notice. Council concurred this is a good asset and service to the community. Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon, to enter into a lease agreement for an ATM with the State Employees' Credit Union. (*Agreement is attached to the minutes.*)

Records Retention Schedule Update: The general Records Retention Schedule that combines municipal, county, and school retention schedules into one general schedule was updated March 1, 2019. Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon made a motion, seconded by Councilman Timothy

M. Flinchum, to approve the revised, general Records Retention Schedule. Motion passed unanimously. (*Resolution #797 has been placed in the Ordinance Book.*)

2019-2020 Budget Adoption: Manager Garner reported the proposed 2019-2020 Budget remains the same as presented with the exception of COLA, which increased from 2.1% to 2.5%. Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett made a motion to adopt Ordinance #798. Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon seconded the motion. Councilman Plunkett thanked staff and department heads for their hard work in holding the line and taxes. Motion passed unanimously. (*Ordinance #798 has been placed in the Ordinance Book.*)


2019-2020 Fee Schedule: Manager Garner reported there are no fee changes to the 2019-2020 Fee schedule. Wording has been added to reflect that applicable disposal fees are included with nuisance abatements. Manager Garner noted this is currently the practice and the additions simply spell it out in the fee schedule. Councilman Timothy M. Flinchum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett, to approve the 2019-2020 Fee Schedule. (*2019-2020 Fee Schedule is included with the minutes.*)

De-Annexation Bill Opposition: Mayor Williams shared the proposed resolution opposing de-annexation is because of a proposed bill in the General Assembly related to a de-annexation request in Clemmons. The proposed bill did not come out of committee. Councilman Timothy M. Flinchum made a motion for no consideration at this time on the proposed de-annexation opposition resolution. Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Animal Ordinance Revision (Horses and Tethering of Dogs): Manager Garner presented revisions to the Animal Ordinance related to horses and tethering of dogs. Horses would be permitted on land with eight (8) acres or more, at least seventy-five (75) feet from the property lines of adjoining lots and parcels, and a minimum of two (2) acres for each one (1) horse is required. Attorney Burge cautioned Council about passing an ordinance addressing one issue. He also expressed concern with the wording and recommended the Town speak with planning and zoning. Councilman Flinchum stated he felt the wording was okay. Councilman Griggs' main concern is ensuring there will be no slaughterhouses.

Manager Garner stated the section related to tethering of dogs is verbatim to Forsyth County's wording, which the Council approved a few years ago. Councilman Flinchum made a motion to revise Ordinance #294 pertaining to horses and tethering of dogs. Councilman C. Thomas Griggs seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. Mayor Pro Tem McDermon noted the Council wanted to ensure the keeping of horses were for pets versus enterprise and the policy is consistent with other small municipalities. Motion passed unanimously. (*Revised Ordinance #294 has been placed in the Ordinance Book.*)

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett to adjourn at 7:51 PM.


Dora K. Moore
Town Clerk