

## MINUTES

The Board of Councilmen of the Town of Rural Hall held their regular meeting on July 8, 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:**

No one spoke.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman C. Thomas Griggs made a motion to approve the June 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETING UPDATES:**

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

<u>In Memory</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>
William Douglas "Doug" Mitchell, Sr.	Judy & Ed Wall
Annette Speas	Clyde & Carolyn Dahmer (2 Flags)
James Longworth, Sr.	Carolyn Longworth Landry
Virginia Lynch	Mary Johnson

**July 2019 Yard of the Month:** Council extended congratulations to Johnny & Pat Reich, 635 Runningbrook Lane, for being named the July 2019 Yard of the Month by the Garden Spot of the World Club. *(A copy of the certificate is included with the minutes.)*

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

**Municipal Elections:** Candidacy filing for the Town of Rural Hall ends at noon Friday, July 19. Seats currently held by Mayor Williams, Councilman Griggs and Councilman McDermon are up for re-election.

**Movie Night:** Little Rascals will be the Friday, July 19 family movie night at Covington Park. A food truck and desserts will be onsite for food purchases. Movie begins at dusk with food and fun beginning at 7:30 PM.

**Triad Community Concert:** Mayor Williams announced the Triad Community Concert Band will have a patriotic concert at the Rural Hall Moravian Church picnic shelter Thursday, July 18 at 7:00 PM. Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for Second Harvest.

**National Night Out:** Manager Garner reported that prior to the National Night Out event scheduled for 6:00 PM on Tuesday, August 6, there will be a homemade ice cream contest. At 6:00 PM, free hot dogs and drinks will be served to the first 200 participants, thanks to donations by King's Hot Dogs and Hawthorne at the Hall, respectively. The Town will also have a dunking booth and Manager Garner encouraged the Council to sign up for a time slot.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Proposed Landfill:** Due to the proposed landfill petition being withdrawn by the petitioner, no action was taken by the Council.

**De-Annexation Bill Opposition:** Mayor Williams reported the de-annexation bill pertaining to Clemmons was pulled from legislative committees. Council would like to be on the record opposing de-annexation bills without municipal concurrence. Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon made a motion to approve Resolution #799 as corrected. Councilman Timothy M. Flinchum seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. (*Resolution #799 has been placed in the Ordinance Book.*)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Collection of 2019 Taxes:** Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett made a motion to approve Ordinance #800 for the Collection of 2019 Taxes. Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. (*Ordinance #800 has been placed in the Ordinance Book.*)

**Collection of 2018 & Prior Years' Taxes:** Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett made a motion to approve Ordinance #801 for the Collection of 2018 and Prior Years' Taxes. Councilman Timothy M. Flinchum seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. (*Ordinance #801 has been placed in the Ordinance Book.*)

**Road Closure Declarations:** Each year, the Town requests North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to close state roads for community events. NCDOT does not give official approval but ensures the closures do not conflict with their activities. In order to simplify the process, this year, all the closures are included in one ordinance. The 9/11 Color Run is a new event and will benefit the Rural Hall Fire Department's educational programs. Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon made a motion to approve Ordinance #802. Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. (*Ordinance #802 has been placed in the Ordinance Book.*)

**Personnel Policy Revision (Cost of Living Adjustment):** Manager Garner reported the wording before the Council simply places language into the Personnel Policy explaining how the cost of living adjustments (COLA) are calculated, if approved by the Council. Manager Garner reported this is the process followed by the Town for many years. Councilman C. Thomas Griggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett, approving the COLA wording in the Personnel Policy. Motion passed unanimously. (*Cost of Living Adjustment wording has been placed in the Personnel Policy.*)

Mayor Williams inquired as to why the NC 65 widening and sidewalk project has not been accelerated two years as originally discussed with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). He noted this was why the Town combined their sidewalk project with the widening project. Manager Garner answered that NCDOT stated several unforeseen issues, primarily issues with Duke Energy, have risen. Mayor Williams inquired how this would impact the funding the Town initially received for the sidewalk project.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett to adjourn at 7:24 PM.



Dora K. Moore  
Town Clerk