

## MINUTES

The Board of Councilmen of the Town of Rural Hall held an agenda briefing on September 4, 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.

Councilman Griggs introduced Bruce Updike, Kingswood United Methodist Church Minister. Kingswood United Methodist Church is wanting to become more involved with community events.

The following item was added to Announcements & Meeting Updates:

- Fire Department Open House

The following item was added to New Business:

- Rights-of-Way Purchases – Montroyal Road and Nylon Drive

The following agenda items were discussed:

- Manager Garner noted the financial reports were emailed to her Friday afternoon and she worked on them over the weekend. There are still some issues with the Town's reports. The Fire Department June and July 2019 reports were presented to Council.
- A 5K Color Run and Superhero Dash will be held at Covington Park this Saturday beginning at 9:30 AM. This is a joint effort between the Fire Department and Finish Line Racing. All profits go to the Fire Department's Fire Prevention Program. Thus far, 38 participants have registered.
- We are working with Walgreens to host a community flu clinic in November.
- Manager Garner presented a revised Junked and Abandoned Motor Vehicles Ordinance. She noted some parts of the existing ordinance do not reflect current general statutes and she modeled the revisions after the City of Winston-Salem. All towing fees were removed since these are collected by the towing agency. Manager Garner may add a section related to storage containers.
- North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has offered \$1,625 for right-of-way on the Town's Montroyal Road property and \$450 for right-of-way on the Town's Nylon Drive property. Rights-of-way is needed for the Northern Beltway project. Both properties were former pump stations and the Town no longer uses them. Discussion was held regarding future needs of the properties. Council agreed there seemed to be no need to retain the Nylon Drive property.
- Council consensus was to make no changes to the Animal Ordinance.
- Council discussed at length the proposed Forsyth County Fire Contract. Council and staff have a lot of concerns related to the proposed contract.
- Due to the recent closing of the Rural Hall license plate agency and upon Council direction, staff visited the Town of Walnut Cove's license plate agency. In discussions with the Walnut Cove Town Manager, it is believed Rural Hall would make revenue should the Town contract for the agency. The Rural Hall office did triple to quadruple the business as Walnut Cove, whose operations makes a small profit each month. The application process is open until the end of September. The State would provide computers, license plates, and fiber optic line. The Town would provide employees and a building with appropriate square footage, storage, and public restrooms. Staff would attend three weeks of training and the State would be onsite the first few weeks of operation. Potential options for locations include the old town hall, old Suntrust building, and storefronts in either of the shopping centers. Council believes the Town

contracting with the State for a license plate agency is providing a service to the community. Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett made a motion to apply for the license plate agency contract and to research potential locations. Councilman C. Thomas Griggs seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- Due to scheduling conflicts the October agenda briefing will be October 8<sup>th</sup>, if needed.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett to adjourn at 12:04 PM.



Dora K. Moore  
Town Clerk