

MINUTES

The Board of Councilmen of the Town of Rural Hall held their regular meeting on October 14, 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, 7690 Broad Street, stated that with all the elections he has seen over the years, he has never seen a more obedient process by the candidates. Mr. James shared there are a lot of untrue statements being said on the streets. He noted Mayor Williams is leaving some big shoes to fill and Mr. James hopes to be a part of the town in some capacity if only volunteering.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman C. Thomas Griggs made a motion to approve the September 9, 2019 regular meeting minutes and October 8, 2019 agenda briefing minutes. Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETING UPDATES:

September 2019 Flag Purchases: Mayor Williams reported the following flag purchase for September 2019:

<u>In Memory</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>
Ted Nelson	Rural Hall Garden Club

Rural Hall Fire Department Open House Update: Rural Hall Fire Department's Open House was held this past Saturday with an estimated attendance of over 300. Over 100 free flu shots were administered by the Forsyth County Health Department. Several local businesses also participated. Manager Garner anticipates the event continuing to grow and benefiting the community.

Movie Night – October 25: Manager Garner encouraged everyone to come to the Town's final 2019 movie at Covington Park. Beetlejuice will be shown Friday, October 25 around 6:45 PM. A food truck and snacks will be available. Staff will add to the fun by dressing up as some of the Beetlejuice characters.

Rural HALLOWEEN Traffic Pattern: A portion of Broad Street between Summit Street and Kiger Street will be closed for Rural HALLOWEEN. The same traffic pattern as last year will be used. Northbound traffic will be diverted to Academy Street and southbound traffic will be diverted to Church Street. Letters have been sent to all homeowners impacted by the change. The information has also been posted on social media and in the monthly newsletter.

Municipal Elections: Municipal elections will be held November 5. Rural Hall's two voting sites have been consolidated to Kingswood United Methodist Church. Voters were notified of the consolidation. Early voting begins October 16 at the Forsyth County Board of Elections.

Welcome Signs: Two new welcome signs have been erected on Broad Street. One is at Chipboard Road and the other is at Wall Street. Rights-of-way agreements are in place with North

Carolina Department of Transportation. A third location near the fire station is being established. Placement of the sign near US 52 will be determined once construction is completed.

NEW BUSINESS:


2020 Meeting Schedule: Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett made a motion approving the 2020 Meeting Schedule. Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. *(2020 Meeting Schedule has been placed in the Minute Book.)*

Property Purchase - Nylon Drive: Last month, Council approved a right-of-way purchase for Nylon Drive by North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) related to the Northern Beltway. Since then, NCDOT has agreed to purchase all the Nylon Drive property rather than the initial portion, Attorney Burge recommends last month's motion be rescinded and a new motion made. Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon made a motion as follows: Due to additional proposed documents received and pursuant to additional conveyances requested, I move to rescind the action taken regarding the sale of right-of-way related to the Nylon Drive property. Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett made a motion as follows: I move to execute and deliver to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) a Settlement Agreement which approves the transfer of a Deed of Highway Right-of-Way and a General Warranty Deed transferring all of the interest in the Nylon Drive property under TIP/PARCEL NO: R-2247EB 014 for the consideration of \$3,700. Councilman Timothy M. Flinchum seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. *(Agreement has been placed in the Minute Book.)*

Montroyal Road Right-of-Entry: Last month, Council approved a right-of-way purchase for Montroyal Road by North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) related to the Northern Beltway. Since the approved purchase, DOT has requested additional documentation, specifically a right-of-entry. Attorney Burge recommends last month's motion be rescinded and a new motion made for the right-of-entry. Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon made a motion as follows: Due to additional proposed documents received and pursuant to additional conveyances requested, I move to rescind the action taken regarding the sale of right-of-way related to the Montroyal Road property. Councilman C. Thomas Griggs seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. Councilman Timothy M. Flinchum made a motion as follows: I move to execute and deliver to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) a Settlement Agreement which approves the Agreement for Entry on the Montroyal Road property under TIP/PARCEL NO: R-2247EB 028 for the consideration of \$1,625. Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. *(Agreement has been placed in the Minute Book.)*

At this time, Mayor Williams extended condolences to Manager Garner on the recent passing of her grandmother.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett to adjourn at 7:17 PM.


Dora K. Moore
Town Clerk