

## MINUTES

The Board of Councilmen of the Town of Rural Hall held their regular meeting on December 9, 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 Hearing – Tobaccoville Annexation Agreement** – Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. He noted the proposed agreement is a renewal of the current annexation agreement with Tobaccoville and will be for 20 years. There being no comments, Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

**Public Comment Period:**

Doug Cornelius, 5405 Chestnut Ridge Drive, read the Second Amendment.

Jerry Canady, 7345 Foster Street, expressed appreciation for the 40 years of service Mayor Williams has provided to the community. Mr. Canady had the privilege of serving the community 15 years. Since he lives across the street from Mayor Williams, Mr. Canady has witnessed many occasions of Mayor Williams leaving his home to represent the Town.

David McKnight, 715 Irish Road, requested the sound system be evaluated.

Lorenzo Wilborn, 7665 Pine Street, shared that he has known the Flinchum family for years and believes Councilman Flinchum will make a good mayor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman C. Thomas Griggs made a motion to approve the November 12, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Mayor Pro Tem John McDermon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETING UPDATES:**

**November Flag Purchases:** The following flag purchases were made in November 2019:

<u>In Honor</u> Larry T. Williams	<u>Purchased By</u> Jerry & Dorothy Canady
<u>In Memory</u> Carl Spell	<u>Purchased By</u> Ben, Julia, Carl & Cameron Spell

**Recognition of Rookie Firefighter of the Year:** Josh Kiger was recognized as the Rural Hall Fire Department's Rookie Firefighter of the Year.

**Recognition of Firefighter of the Year:** Billy Sparks was recognized as the Rural Hall Fire Department's Firefighter of the Year.

**Oath of Office**

Judge Eric Morgan, Forsyth County Superior Court, swore in Mayor Timothy M. Flinchum assisted by his wife, Karen. Judge Morgan stated this was one of his favorite duties as a superior court judge – watching the transfer of power.

Judge Eric Morgan also swore in Councilwoman Susan H. Gordon assisted by Robb Holt.

Town Clerk Dora Moore swore in Councilman John N. McDermon assisted by his wife, Linda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Election of Mayor Pro Tem:** Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett made a motion to elect John N. McDermon to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilwoman Susan H. Gordon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk Dora Moore swore in Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon assisted by his wife, Linda.

**Tobaccoville Annexation Agreement:** Manager Garner shared the current annexation agreement with Tobaccoville expires January 2020. The Town has properly advertised and held the required public hearing. Tobaccoville will hold their public hearing January 2, 2020. The agreement is essentially the same with the map and boundaries unchanged. Attorney Burge also noted the agreement is almost verbatim and must be renewed because the agreement cannot be longer than 20 years. Councilwoman Susan H. Gordon made a motion to approve Ordinance #804 and the Tobaccoville Annexation Agreement. Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. (*Ordinance #804 and the Tobaccoville Annexation Agreement have been placed in the Ordinance Book.*)

**License Plate Agency Special Meeting:** Manager Garner reported the Town was notified late last week that we were awarded the license plate agency contract. The State has a minimum of 120 days for the agency to be opened; however, it can be longer. Manager Garner requested a special meeting be held to determine the location. Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett made a motion to schedule a called meeting for Thursday, December 12 at 10 AM to discuss the License Plate Agency plan. Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett to adjourn at 7:35 PM.

  
Dora K. Moore  
Town Clerk