

MINUTES

The Board of Councilmen of the Town of Rural Hall held a called meeting on December 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Town Hall Conference Room to discuss the plan for the License Plate Agency. The following members were present: Mayor Timothy M. Flinchum - presiding; Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon; Councilwoman Susan H. Gordon; Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett; Town Manager Megan M. Garner; Public Works Director Jason Hill, and Fire Chief Andy Marshall.

Manager Garner reported staff has exhausted all location possibilities for the license plate agency. Staff has considered renting a storefront or vacant building, remodeling offices in the back of Town Hall, and the remodeling of old Town Hall. Manager Garner noted the Historical Society has been using the upstairs of the old Town Hall to display their material and some storage downstairs. Staff preference is to renovate both levels of the old Town Hall placing the license plate agency upstairs and moving the Historical Society downstairs. This is the most economical decision for the Town and allows the historical significance of the old Town Hall to be told. Director Hill shared a rough sketch of how the upstairs would look after renovations.

The meeting was moved to the old Town Hall, 145 Bethania Street so Council and public could see the layout of the building and initial thoughts on renovations.

Councilwoman Susan H. Gordon made a motion to approve a budget amendment of \$150,000 of appropriated fund balance to renovate the upstairs of the old Town Hall for the license plate agency and renovate the downstairs for the Historical Society.

Because Councilwoman Gordon serves as Treasurer for the Historical Society, she will share the plans with the Historical Society at their meeting that evening.

The meeting reconvened at Town Hall at 11:45 AM and Town Clerk Dora Moore joined the meeting.

Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon, to approve the license plate agency contract. Motion passed unanimously. *(Copy of agreement is included with the minutes.)*

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett to adjourn at 12:14PM.



Dora K. Moore
Town Clerk