

## MINUTES

The Rural Hall Town Council held an agenda briefing on March 2, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the Town Hall Conference Room. The following members were present: Mayor Timothy M. Flinchum - presiding; Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon; Councilwoman Susan H. Gordon; Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett; Councilman Jesse A. Stigall; Town Manager Megan M. Garner; and Town Clerk Dora K. Moore.

Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

English Bradshaw and Bernard Foy gave a presentation related to the historic Memorial Industrial School and Horizons Park. Memorial Industrial School was a former black orphanage that has attained historic designation. Several options are being considered to preserve the property and buildings while bringing new life to them. At this time, a community village where all ages work together providing resources for the different age groups is being considered. Mr. Bradshaw stressed the planning process is extremely early but educating the community is important.

Ashley Anderson, Sanford Holshouser, talked with the Council about strategic planning for the Town by developing a sustainable plan honoring the past. Council agreed a strategic plan is needed and thanked Ms. Anderson. Mayor Flinchum shared that he has received feedback within the community that even though the Town is stagnant, they do not want the community to morph into something they do not recognize. Staff will solicit request for qualifications.

Manager Garner noted revising the manager evaluation form was a goal given to her by the Council. Manager Garner and Councilwoman Gordon are scheduled to attend an evaluation workshop on April 2. The manager's review is supposed to be done annually in May per her contract.

Council reviewed the proposed School of Governments' Suggested Rules of Procedures and requested the item be placed on the agenda for consideration.

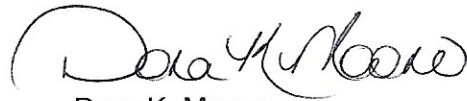
Manager Garner reported that discussions continue with Forsyth County about fire inspection, plan review, and investigation services and a follow up meeting is scheduled for March 9. Manager Garner still contends that charging the Town for these services is a violation of a long-standing agreement between the Town and Forsyth County. Since no resolve seems to be forthcoming, Manager Garner and Chief Marshall have met with the City of King, which has agreed to help Rural Hall for a full year and as an advisor the second year. The Town's options at this point are: 1) pay Forsyth County \$52,000 the first year with the understanding the fee will increase; or 2) hire a full-time employee that will cost more than \$52,000 and utilize the employee for more than inspections and investigations. Due to the nature of their job, the new employee would probably be exempt and work 8 AM until 5 PM. Mayor Pro Tem McDermon feels the Town may pay more to hire another employee, but the Town would receive more as well.

Staff and Council will continue reviewing Town ordinances related to concealed weapons.

Manager Garner reported a Finance Director has been hired and is expected to begin March 16. The individual has over 17 years local government experience.

Council toured the Public Works facility.

Councilman Plunkett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:38 pm.

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Dora K. Moore  
Town Clerk