

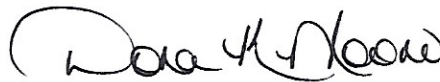
MINUTES

The Rural Hall Town Council electronically held a special meeting on March 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM. 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.

License Plate Agency Funding – Manager Garner reported the Town attempted to obtain three bids for renovating the upstairs portion of 145 Bethania Street for the License Plate Agency (LPA). Two bids were received, and the third declined to bid. Manager Garner is unable to award the contract to the low bidder due to insufficient funding in the LPA account as Council initially allocated \$150,000 for renovations. Public Works has spent a tremendous amount of time gutting the building saving the Town a great deal of money. Manager Garner presented a budget amendment and documentation to the Council requesting an additional \$61,247 for the LPA. The additional funds would cover construction as well as two months of salaries for four employees and incidentals. Once hired and before the LPA can open, the staff will attend three weeks of training. For simplicity sake, the LPA staff will be considered Town staff. Because they will be considered Town staff, the Town will receive all notary fees. This is consistent with how the Town of Walnut Cove operates their LPA office. Manager Garner noted there is a lot of uncertainty due to the construction and COVID-19. The application process for staffing concluded this past Friday at 4 PM. The position was advertised via the Town's website and social media, Indeed, and NC Works. An estimated 220 applications have been received. Councilman Jesse A. Stigall made a motion approving Ordinance #808 amending the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance for additional LPA funding. Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett seconded the motion and Council approved the motion unanimously. (*Ordinance #808 has been placed in the Ordinance Book.*)

COVID-19 – Mayor Flinchum shared the he was considering a voluntary stay-at-home order for the Town but did not issue such since Governor Cooper issued a statewide stay-at-home order. Fire Chief Marshall shared that both Forsyth County and the area hospitals want to slow the progress of COVID-19 in the community and are encouraging everyone to stay at home. Public Works Director shared that his staff is working on small projects. Currently, he sees no need to stop brush, limb, or yard waste services. He noted citizens working in their yards provides the citizen an outlet.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett to adjourn at 10:26 AM.


Dora K. Moore
Town Clerk