

MINUTES

The Rural Hall Town Council held their regular meeting on June 13, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Timothy M. Flinchum - presiding; Mayor Pro Tempore Susan H. Gordon; Councilman Norman E. Horn; Councilwoman Janet M. Carithers; Town Manager Misty A. Meadows; Town Clerk Lynette Hendrick; and Interim Town Attorney Randolph M. James.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Town Clerk Lynette Hendrick

A moment of silence was held.

Adoption of Amended Agenda:

Mayor Pro Tem Gordon made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Janet M. Carithers to adopt the agenda as written, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Eddie Horn made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Janet Carithers to approve minutes from closed session meeting from April 11, agenda briefing meeting May 2, regular meeting May 9, budget workshop meeting May 16, and closed session minutes May 9, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment Period:

1. Kevin Snider, 121 Opal Drive, Rural Hall NC 27045, signed up to speak with his topic described as NFLL. Mr. Snider is the president of North Forsyth Little League. NFLL continues to operate with uncertainty. NFLL signed a one-year lease with the School System but has no idea what the future of NFLL holds. There are also safety and crime concern because they continue to find evidence of drug use, sexual activity, and alcohol consumption at the facility. The concession stand has been broken into and they captured on camera someone riding a dirt bike on the fields. Rural Hall Elementary children throw rocks on the field, break up asphalt, hang on the fences and continuously leave trash on the field. For 57 years NFLL has poured numerous amounts of money into this facility that they do not own but call home.
2. Brian McGlamery 696 Perth Rd, Rural Hall, Mr. McGlamery rendered his three minutes to Josh Wright.
3. Josh Wright, 900 Hindenburg Lane, Germanton NC 27019, Josh Wright come to formally thank the staff for allowing him to serve the RH Fire Department as Captain. He enjoys making a difference in his community. He spoke to show his support to co-workers, Fire Department and Town Manager.
4. Carol Newsome 8495 Broad Street, Rural Hall, Ms. Newsome rendered her time three minutes to June Koehn.
5. June Koehn, 430 College Street, Rural Hall, signed up to speak with her topic described as "Transparency". Mrs. Koehn stated she was here tonight to ask for the censor of Susan Gordon and Janet Carithers for violating the ethics code.

Being there is no other speaker signed up to speak Mayor Flinchum announced Public Comment Period was closed.

Announcements/Events and Meeting Updates:

- June 14 Food Truck Tuesday
- July 3 Fireworks Event

June Yard of the Month:

- Daniel and Phyllis Curry, 669 Montroyal Road – not present

Flag Purchases this month were by Peggy Smith in memory of O. Travis Smith, and Kenneth Lee Stewart.

Unfinished Business

- Mayor Flinchum announced to the board procedures to add items to the agenda. Items are to be presented to the Town Clerk by email or calling ahead of meeting night. He said it really helps staff prepare if added ahead of time rather than amending the agenda the night of the meeting. It also helps the flow of the meeting. He also stated for everyone to be mindful of the roles of staff and council.
- Manager Meadows stated a meeting is scheduled with RMP Partners to discuss the option to rebuild or remodel the Fire Department. The meeting is mainly an informational meeting. Councilman Horn stated he had been approached by firemen and others for him to be added to the Fire Department Committee for Rebuilding. Councilwoman Carithers made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gordon to add Councilman Eddie Horn to the Fire Department Committee to Rebuild or Remodel with Councilman Terry Bennett, the motion was passed unanimously.
- Manager Meadows stated they received information from Cook Heating and Air, regarding the filtration system at the LPA. They will be getting Pilot Mechanical to submit a quote also.
- Manager Meadows stated all Town contracts have been added to the Council's dropbox.
- Manager Meadows stated we have not had a lot of interest in the Volunteers Events Committee. The Town is looking for a committee to help the Town carrying out the events planned by staff. The town has a small staff and loves to do events but does not have time to coordinate numerous events. The staff has made a list of representatives from the organizations and businesses in town that may be interested in being on this committee.
- Councilwoman Carithers mentioned the Concert at the Hall was a great event and she hope we could do more of those.

New Business

- Mayor Flinchum announced Ordinances #837 and #838 were documents from Forsyth County Tax office stating we give them permission to collect 2022 taxes and 2021 and prior years taxes. Mayor Pro Tem made the motion, seconded by Councilman Horn to adopt the Collection of 2022 Taxes Ordinance #837 and Collection of 2021 and Prior Years' Taxes Ordinance # 838, motion passed unanimously.
- Mayor Flinchum explained the Road Closure Declaration Ordinance #839 is to close off streets for the RHABA 5K & 10K, Halloween and Christmas Parade. Councilman Horn made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Carithers to adopt Ordinance # 839 Road Closure Declaration, motion passes unanimously.
- Councilwoman Carithers made the motion, seconded by Councilman Horn to adopt the revised Public Comment Procedures, motion passed unanimously.
- Mayor Pro Tem Gordan mentioned people have gotten excited about the park, now that the Town has purchased additional land at the park. Public Works Director Jason Hill said we have not discussed anything on a staff level, the property is just being maintained for now. Mayor mentioned this item needed to be added to the agenda on one of the Agenda Briefing meetings.
- Mayor Pro Tem Gordon mentioned the idea about a gazebo in the grassy area beside of Town Hall. Mayor also mentioned this item could also be added to a future agenda to discuss.

- Mayor Pro Tem Gordon inquired about the Town obtaining an ABC license. Manager Meadows stated her, and the Intern has been working to figure out the steps to take. The Council has to pass a Resolution to get this on the voting ballot.

Mayor Pro Tem Gordon made the motion, seconded by Councilman Horn the council move into closed session NCGS 14.-318.11(a)(3) to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege litigation matters and to seek legal advice about modification of a prior ordinance regarding Jeff Wood.

Mayor Flinchum called the meeting to order.

Councilwoman Carithers made the motion, seconded by Councilman Horn to approve the modifications of the prior ordinance regarding Jeff Wood, the motion passed unanimously.

With there being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Horn to adjourn at 9:30 pm.

Lynette E. Hendrick
Town Clerk