

MINUTES

The Rural Hall Town Council held their regular meeting on July 11, 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 Terry Bennett; 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:

Councilman Terry Bennett made the motion, seconded by Councilman Eddie Horn, to adopt the agenda as written, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilwoman Janet Carithers requested that the minutes to be approved be sent to the council on Fridays with the agenda. All minutes can be emailed except closed session minutes.

Councilman Eddie Horn made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Janet Carithers, to approve minutes from budget public hearing June 1, 2022, agenda briefing meeting June 6, 2022, and regular council meeting June 13, 2022, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Janet M. Carithers made the motion, seconded by Councilman Eddie Horn, to approve and seal closed session minutes from June 13, 2022, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Janet M. Carithers mentioned Rural Hall had two new businesses: Southern Charm & Grill, and Pet Boutique. Also Brothers Music and Trade just had their 2 year anniversary.

Public Comment Period:

1. June Koehn, of 430 College Street, Rural Hall, spoke about "Transparency" in the Town.
2. Frank James, of 7290 Broad St. Mr. James wanted to thank staff and council for a job well done. He also wanted to honor Robbie Wagoner II for his service to the Town during a difficult time and wish him well in his new endeavors.

Announcements/Events and Meeting Updates:

- Tuesday, July 12 Food Truck (Bertitas Tacos and Cookie Mobster)
- Tuesday, August 2 National Night Out

Mayor Flinchum presented the July Yard of the Month certificate to Derek and Robin Edwards of 7765 Broad Street.

Unfinished Business

- Fire Department: Manager Meadows mentioned Consultant Ron Niland toured the Fire Department and will help staff and council proceed with the plan to rebuild or remodel the fire department.
- LPA Filtration System: Manager Meadows stated the system has been installed by Pilot Mechanical and is working as needed.

New Business

- NFLL: Manager Meadows spoke with Principal Shannon Boles at Rural Hall Elementary and the WSFCS Leasing Department about NFLL issues and concerns. Manager Meadows also called Siemens about the possibility of NFLL using their field or even purchasing the property. She has turned all this information over to Kevin Snyder and connected him with the proper resources.
- Councilman Eddie Horn made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Janet Carithers, to approve the resolution calling for Alcoholic Beverage Election adding mixed beverage to the ballot for vote in the next general election in November 2022. The motion passed unanimously.
- Consultant and Mount Airy Mayor Ron Niland will be consulting staff and council over the next fiscal year on strategic planning and future projects for the Town of Rural Hall.

Councilman Eddie Horn made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Janet Carithers, to move into closed session:

- NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney Client Privilege - litigation matters to discuss legal claim by Andy Marshall Attorney; Attorney Client Privilege - update on the lawsuit of Town of Rural Hall v. Garner 21 CVS 5345 Forsyth County; Attorney Client Privilege - update on the lawsuit of Garner v. Susan Gordon, 22 CVS 1078, Alamance County;
- NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel Matter - Performance Evaluation for Town Manager Misty Meadows;

Councilwoman Janet Carithers made the motion, seconded by Eddie Horn, to adjourn the closed session and return to the regular meeting, the motion passed unanimously.

With there being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Eddie Horn to adjourn at 9:06 pm.

Lynette E. Hendrick
Town Clerk