

## MINUTES

The Rural Hall Town Council held their Regular Council meeting on September 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM in Town Hall Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Timothy M. Flinchum - presiding; Mayor Pro Tem Susan H. Gordon; Councilman Terry M. Bennett; Councilman Eddie Horn; Councilwoman Janet M. Carithers; Town Manager Misty A. Meadows; Town Clerk Lynette Hendrick, Finance Director Wade Gilley, and Interim Attorney Randy James.

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

A moment of silence was held and remember the loss from 9/2011.

### **Adoption of Amended Agenda:**

Councilman Horn made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Carithers, to adopt the agenda, and motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Terry Bennett the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gordon, to approve regular minutes from August 1 and August 8, 2022, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Horn made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gordon, to approve closed session minutes for August 8, 2022, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Announcements and Meeting Updates:**

September Yard of the Month- Kent & Kim Hunter  
 September 13 Food Truck Tuesday  
 September 24, Concert at the Hall  
 September 27, Council Work Session at the Fire Department  
 Flag Purchases for the Month of August

### **Public Comment Period**

Carol Newsome 8495 Broad Street, Rural Hall rendered her time to June Koehn.

June Koehn 430 College Street, Rural Hall signed up with the topic "Being Transparent". Mrs. Koehn mentioned the public was supposed to be able to get into the council chamber 30 minutes before the meeting. June stated she made a public record request that has not yet been filled. She requested the personnel record of Manager Misty Meadows and the contract for Ron Niland.

### **New Business/ Items of Discussion**

Personnel Policy Article V, Section 18, Fire Department Applicants Criminal History Record Check Procedures: Councilwoman Carithers made the motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gordon, to adopt the new policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Manager Meadows introduced the Town's new Administrative Assistant Donna Watson. Donna was previously employed at the LPA as a part time Title Clerk. She has experience in government. She has jumped right in and is doing a great job.

Budget Amendment and Council Vote:

- Councilwoman Carithers made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gordon to approve the new contract for Ron Niland and void the previous one.
- Councilwoman Carithers made the motion, seconded by Councilman Bennett to approve the new contract for VC3 Unlimited Plus Plan (3 year contract). The motion passed unanimously.
- Mayor Pro Tem Gordon made the motion, seconded by Councilman Horn to adopt the new Fee Schedule (effective October 1, 2022) which includes notary fee increases and LPA pepper spray. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Horn made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Carithers, to enter **Closed Session NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)** Attorney-client privilege - litigation matters, to discuss legal claim by Andy Marshall's with Attorney; update on the lawsuit of Town of Rural Hall v. Garner 21 CVS 5345 Forsyth County; update on the lawsuit of Garner v. Susan Gordon, 22 CVS 1078, Alamance County; and to seek legal advice about modification of a prior ordinance regarding Jeff Wood. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Timothy Flinchum called the Council Meeting back in session at 8:49 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Gordon made the motion to adjourn.

Lynette E. Hendrick  
Town Clerk