

MINUTES

The Rural Hall Town Council held their Regular Council meeting on November 14, 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.

Adoption of Amended Agenda:

Councilman Bennett amended the agenda by adding 6940 Broad St. storm drain to Unfinished Business. Mayor Pro Tem made the motion, seconded by Councilman Horn to approve the amended agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Bennett made the motion, seconded by Councilman Horn to approve the regular minutes for 9-27-22, 10-3-22, 10-10-22, and 10-26-22. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Horn made the motion, seconded by Councilman Bennett to approve and seal closed session minutes from 10-10-22. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation from Bret Matney – Seniors Ball Team/Bombers:

Bret wanted to thank the Town for their support of the Bombers Ball Team. The Bombers have been in the Town of Rural Hall for 10 years. The Bombers were recognized in the Winston Salem Journal. The teams that played against the Bombers took up money and had the newspaper article framed and this memorabilia was presented and donated to the Town so it can be displayed in the Town Hall. Bret introduced Craven Page, a team member of the Bombers, to give more history about the team. Mr. Page stated the team started twenty-plus years ago and played in Lewisville. They played in many places before making Rural Hall their home. Mr. Page said the only requirement to play on the team was that you had to be at least 80 years of age.

Presentation of Boo-Ti-Ful house winners:

Michelle Lawson 900 Falconbridge Road, Rural Hall and Tina Phelps

Announcements and Meeting Updates:

Thanksgiving Holiday Offices Closed November 24, 25

Work Session III with Consultant November 30, 5:30 PM at Rural Hall Fire Station

Christmas Tree Lighting December 1, 6:00 PM

Christmas Parade December 4, 2:30 PM

Public Comment Period:

Richard Stevens of 2817 Stratford Drive, Greensboro NC Yielded his three minutes to Carol Newsome.

Carol Newsome of 8495 Broad Street, Rural Hall signed up to speak about the topic “The Year in Review”.

Lynn Wagoner of 844 Bethania Rural Hall Road, Rural Hall, yielded her time to June Koehn

Michelle Lawson of 900 Falconbridge Road, Rural Hall yielded her time to June Kohen (public comment guidelines only allow a speaker to receive 3 yielded minutes).

June Koehn of 430 College Street, Rural Hall signed up to speak of "Ethics".

Unfinished Business:

Councilwoman Carithers mentioned she had received numerous text and calls regarding the internet at Covington Park and would like to reverse the vote that was taken at the last meeting. Councilman Bennett asked was there a way to limit the internet service. Manager Meadows said Jason our Public Works Director spoke with Spectrum and said the service could not be limited or adjusted. Councilwoman made the motion, seconded by Councilman Horn to reverse the vote from the last meeting and keep the internet service at the park. The motion passed three to one with Councilman Bennett voting against.

Councilman Bennett wanted the topic of the storm drain at 6940 Broad St. to go on record that the Town attempted to address it. Jason mentioned that NCDOT said because this property was commercial property it was the owner's responsibility to fix.

New Business/ Items of Discussion

Councilman Bennett made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gordon approved the ARPA Budget Grant Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Horn made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Carithers to approve the budget transfer within the Town # 10 fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Comments/Questions:

Councilwoman Carithers, Councilman Bennett, Mayor Pro Tem Gordon and Mayor Flinchum wanted to thank all who came out to the meeting.

Councilman Horn made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gordon, to enter **Closed Session NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)** Attorney-Client Privilege - litigation matters, to discuss legal claim by Andy Marshall with Attorney; update on the lawsuit of Town of Rural Hall v. Garner 21 CVS 5345 Forsyth County; The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Timothy Flinchum called the Council Meeting back in session at 8:53 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Gordon made the motion to adjourn at 8:55 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Lynette E. Hendrick
Town Clerk