

## MINUTES

The Rural Hall Town Council held their Regular Council meeting on December 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the 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 Horn made a motion to add Grant Project Funds for the design cost of a new fire station to the agenda. Horn made the motion, seconded by Councilman Bennett, to approve the amended agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Councilman Horn made the motion, seconded by Councilman Bennett to approve and seal the closed session minutes from 11/14/22. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Carithers made the motion, seconded by Councilman Horn to approve the regular meeting minutes from 11/2/22, work session minutes 11/7/22, regular meeting minutes 11/14/22, and work session, with the consultant, minutes from 11/30/22. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Bennett made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Carithers to take closed session minutes November 2, 2022 back to closed session for further discussion.

### **Public Comment Period:**

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

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

### **Announcements Meeting Updates**

Flag purchase by Senior Citizens Club in memory of Billy Ray Venable  
Town Offices Closed December 23-27 (Christmas)  
Town Offices Closed January 2 (New Year's)

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

Councilmember Horn made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gordon to adopt the 2023 Council Meeting Schedule and the 2023-2024 Budget Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Gordon made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Carithers to adopt Ordinance # 844, which amended the speed limit to 25 MPH on Church Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Gordon made the motion, seconded by Councilman Horn to adopt Ordinance # 845 to make the Town Manager Meadows the official designee to make recommendations to the NC ABC Commission on Local Government ABC permit applications.

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Councilman Bennett made the motion, seconded by Councilman Horn to adopt Ordinance # 846 to authorize the Establishment of a Grant Project Fund for the design cost of a new fire station.

**Winston-Salem/Forsyth Co. School Board Performance Update – Superintendent Tricia McManus Presentation** Ms. McManus was here to share data with the council regarding the three schools in our area, Rural Hall Elementary, Northwest Middle School and North Forsyth High School.

**Unfinished Business:**

Councilman Horn requested information from Fire Chief Mike Simone regarding the Rescue Pumper and Fire Department equipment update.

**Closed Session**

Councilman Horn made the motion seconded by Councilwoman Carithers to move into Closed Session NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney-client privilege - litigation matters to discuss update on the lawsuit of Town of Rural Hall v. Garner 21 CVS and Attorney Client Privilege communication regarding the Town's response to the state auditor.

Mayor Timothy Flinchum called the Council Meeting back in session at 10:09 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Gordon made the motion to adjourn at 10:10 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Lynette E. Hendrick  
Town Clerk