

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 13, 2023
MINUTES**

The Rural Hall Town Council held their agenda briefing and workshop meeting on March 13, 2023, 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; Interim Town Ron Niland; Town Clerk Lynette E. Hendrick.

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

A moment of silence was held.

Councilwoman Janet Carithers amended the agenda by adding (G) Friends of the Library to the Announcements/Meeting Updates. Also, Interim Town Manager Ron Niland added a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6) Personnel matters and NCGS 143.318(a)(5) Property Acquisition.

Adoption of Amended Agenda:

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon made a motion, seconded by Councilman Eddie Horn to adopt the amended agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Eddie Horn made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Janet Carithers to approve February 13 closed session minutes and February 6 and February 13 open session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements and Meeting Updates:

Helicopter Easter Egg Drop April 7, 2023 11:00 AM

Mulch Delivery Week April 10-21, 2023

Shred and Med Event April 29, 9 AM-1 PM

Concert at the Hall May 6, 6-9 PM

4th of July Fire Works - July 3, 6:30 PM (rain date July 5)

Flag Purchase by Tonya Joyce in honor of Clyde H. Dehmer.

Councilwoman Carithers stated The Friends of the Library book sale will be March 30-31 10 am – 6 pm, and April 1, 10 am -1 pm.

Public Comment Period:

Jim Flynt, 5445 Murray Rd., Winston-Salem yielded his three minutes to Carol Newsome.

Carol Newsome, 8495 Broad St., signed up to speak with her topic being accountability.

Miranda Griffin, 5533 Dogwood Dr., Winston-Salem, signed up to speak about the Rural Hall Historical Society.

June Koehn, 430 College St., signed up to speak with her topic being the Town Attorney.

Lyndall Payne, 111 Edwards Rd. Rural Hall, signed up to speak with her topic being “Attorney”.

New Business/ Items of Discussion:

Adoption of Resolution 773 NC Local Government Debt Setoff Program – Interim Manager Ron Niland requested this be put off for staff to gather more information.

Councilman Terry Bennett made a motion, seconded by Councilman Eddie Horn to adopt Ordinance # 848 Budget Amendment for Attorney Fees. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Eddie Horn made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Janet Carithers to adopt Ordinance # 849 Budget Amendment for Grapple Boom Truck. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Eddie Horn made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon to approve the AIA Contract from Bobbitt Construction to do preliminary work for a New Fire Station. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon made a motion, seconded by Councilman Terry Bennett to adopt the Capital Project Ordinance # 846 for the New Fire Station. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Terry Bennett made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon to accept a gift of 61 cemetery plots at Crestview Memorial. Motion passed unanimously. Staff will gather more information on how to formally proceed with this.

Board Comments/Questions:

Each of the Council members wanted to thank everyone who came to the meeting and for the staff's hard work. Interim Town manager Ron Niland thanked everyone for such a warm welcome.

Councilwoman Janet Carithers made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6) Personnel matters and NCGS 143.318.11(a)(5) Property acquisition.

Councilman Horn made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

Lynette E. Hendrick
Town Clerk