

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 12, 2023
MINUTES

The Rural Hall Town Council held their regular council meeting on June 12, 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 Manager Ron Niland; Town Clerk Lynette E. Hendrick and Fire Chief Mike Simone.

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

A moment of silence was held.

Adoption of Amended Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Terry Bennett made a correction to the May 1st & 8th, minutes to remove the "all in Favor" statement at the end of minutes. Councilman Terry Bennett made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Janet Carithers. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements and Meeting Updates:

July 3 Fireworks Event

June yard of the Month – Curtis and Sherry Cornett

Public Comment Period:

June Koehn, 430 College St., signed up to speak with her topic - budget.

Sandra Barton, 549 Heatherton Ln., signed up to speak with her topic - speed bumps, extra deputy at school times.

Lyndall Payne, 111 Edwards Rd., signed up to speak with her topic - business manager.

Carolyn Kiger, 720 Iris Rd., signed up to speak with her topic - staff.

Unfinished Business

Interim Manager Ron Niland discussed with the Council the National Night Out event that normally happens in Rural Hall the first Thursday in August. He wanted to get consensus from them if they were in favor of still having the event. Councilman Terry Bennett said it was a national event and thought we should move forward in planning. The remainder of the council agreed.

New Business/ Items of Discussion:

Councilwoman Janet Carithers made the motion, seconded by Councilman Eddie Horn, to approve the Collection of 2023 Taxes, Ordinance 853, and Collection of 2022 Prior Years Taxes, Ordinance 854. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon made the motion, seconded by Councilman Terry Bennett to adopt the Road Closure Ordinance 855 (road closures for the Business Association Race, Halloween on Broad and the Christmas Parade). Motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Janet Carithers made the motion, seconded by Councilman Eddie Horn, to adopt the contract from Hugh Campbell Law Firm as the Town of Rural Hall's Town Attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Comments/Questions:

The Council wanted to thank all those in attendance and staff for their hard work.

Councilman Terry Bennett mentioned that the EMS house has now been demolished, providing more room for the construction of the new Fire Station.

Interim Manager Ron Niland wanted to thank everyone for making him feel welcome. He stated that he feels his time here will make him a better person and manager.

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM.

Lynette E. Hendrick
Town Clerk

APPROVED