

**AGENDA BRIEFING AND WORK SESSION MEETING  
JUNE 5, 2023  
MINUTES**

The Rural Hall Town Council held their agenda briefing and workshop meeting on June 5, 2023, at 3:00 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; Councilwoman Janet M. Carithers; Interim Town Manager Ron Niland; Interim Finance Director Homer Dearmin; Public Works Director Jason Hill; Fire Chief Mike Simone; and 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.

**Adoption of Amended Agenda:**

Two items were added to the agenda under new business: Road Traffic and Code Enforcement. Councilwoman Janet Carithers made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon to adopt the amended agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements and Meeting Updates:**

July 3, Fireworks Event Celebrating 4<sup>th</sup> of July 6:30 PM-Until

**Unfinished Business**

Interim Manager Ron Niland mentioned he was working on the best way to move forward regarding the Historical Society property.

Interim Manager Ron Niland mentioned the additional deputy position was approved in the FY 2023-2024 Budget. We will return the signed contract to FCSD/Forsyth County for them to start the process of adding the deputy to Rural Hall.

Interim Manager Ron Niland stated he had met with Randy Thomas and will be starting work on the greenway between King and Winston-Salem.

**New Business/ Items of Discussion:**

Interim Manager Ron Niland wanted the consensus of the Council in regard to planning National Night Out 2023. The Council requested that staff gather more information regarding this event and present it at the Regular Meeting on June 12.

Interim Finance Director Homer Dearmin stated that two resolutions authorizing Forsyth County to collect 2023 taxes, and the collection of 2022 and prior year taxes, will be on the June 12 agenda for approved.

Interim Manager Ron Niland mentioned he would be getting information together to start the Citizens Academy first class in August.

Interim Finance Director Homer Dearmin stated there will be a resolution on the June 12 meeting agenda for the road closures for the Fast & Flat Race, Halloween on Broad Street and Rural Hall's Christmas Parade.

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon added the item Road Traffic concerns, the concern of traffic on Broad Street. The Interim Manager Ron Niland stated that the additional deputy should be able to help with this problem.

Mayor Timothy Flinchum added "Code Enforcement" to the agenda. He wanted to know if it would be beneficial for the code enforcement part-time employee to come once a week during the summer months. Interim Manager Ron Niland stated he will have a conversation with Steve May and bring the information back to the Council. Public Works Director Jason Hill informed the council that he checks the spreadsheet and the town residences when he rides through the town limits. If there is something that needs addressing immediately, he will send an email to the Town Clerk, Lynette Hendrick, and she will send the resident a letter giving them 10 days to clean up the property or the Town will abate the property.

Interim Finance Director Homer Dearmin gave a status report on the income received from the sale of surplus items.

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon made the motion seconded by Councilwoman Janet Carithers to enter closed session per NCGS 143-318.11(a)(2) to discuss property acquisition.

The Council returned to open session at 3:50 pm and the meeting was called to order by Mayor Flinchum.

The Council wanted to thank all those who attended the meeting and commended staff for a job well done.

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:54 pm

Lynette E. Hendrick  
Town Clerk