

AGENDA BRIEFING AND WORK SESSION MEETING
May 1, 2023
MINUTES

The Rural Hall Town Council held their agenda briefing and workshop meeting on May 1, 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; Councilman Eddie Horn; Councilwoman Janet M. Carithers; Interim Town Manager Ron Niland; Interim Finance Director Homer Dearmin; Public Works Director Jason Hill; Fire Chief Mike Simone; LPA Supervisor Dawn Tysor; 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:

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

Announcements and Meeting Updates:

- May 6, Concert at the Hall, Kids in America 80's Band 5:30 -9:00 PM Town Hall
- July 3, Fireworks Event Celebrating 4th of July 6:30 PM-Until

Proclamations were presented by Mayor Timothy Flinchum

- 54th Municipal Clerks Week April 30-May 6.
- International Firefighters' Day May 4, 2023
- National Day of Prayer – May 5, 2023

Shannon Dennison with Anderson Smith and Wike PLLC gave a presentation of the FY 21-22 Audit

Unfinished Business

Code Enforcement – Steve May works for the Town part-time. He come into the office one day every two weeks and inspect the entire town limits to see if any property is in violation of the Town's Code of Ordinances. If they are, they receive a letter giving them two weeks to comply. If they do not, the staff will do what is necessary to bring the property up to code and charge the owners.

Rural Hall Historic Society – Interim Manager Ron Niland wanted to discuss with the Council what they would like to see done with the building and its contents. Manager Ron Niland will talk with more members of the society and decide what to do.

New Business/ Items of Discussion:

Councilwoman Janet Carithers made the motion, seconded by Councilman Eddie Horn to approve the FY 22-23 Audit contract with Anderson Smith and Wike PLLC. Motion passed unanimously.

Council approved Fire Chief Mike Simone to move forward with the demo and backfilling of the EMS house contract.

The Town received five Law Firm proposals for the Council to review and decide which ones they wanted to interview.

Interim Manager Ron Niland discussed with the Council plans for reorganizing staff positions at Town Hall.

Interim Manager Ron Niland discussed the possibility of Rural Hall having a Citizens Academy. This would be a 6-week program meeting once a month and would be open to any Town citizen interested in learning about Rural Hall.

The Public Works Director will request a speed study be done on Academy Street by NCDOT and report their findings when it is completed.

The closed session on the agenda was not needed at this meeting.

Councilwoman Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Lynette E. Hendrick
Town Clerk