

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 8, 2023
MINUTES**

The Rural Hall Town Council held their regular council meeting on May 8, 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.

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:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Eddie Horn made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Janet Carithers to approve April 3 Agenda Briefing Minutes, April 10 Visioning Meeting Minutes and April 10 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements and Meeting Updates:

Community Forum with FCSO at Rural Hall Library May 17, 6-7:00 PM
June 1 Public Hearing FY 23-24 Budget Proposal
July 3 Fireworks Event

Proclamations read by Mayor Timothy Flinchum for National Police Week May 15-19 and National Public Works Week May 21-27.

Presentation from Michelle McCullough Historic Resources Officer Winston Salem/Forsyth County Planning & Development Services. Michelle spoke about areas of Rural Hall being put on the Historic Registry and what the Town needs to do to move forward with this process.

Public Comment Period:

Carol Newsome, 8495 Broad Street, signed up to speak about transparency and proper procedures.

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

Unfinished Business

Councilman Terry Bennett made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Janet Carithers to approve the 2022-2023 Pay Scale and reorganization of staff at Town Hall.

New Business/ Items of Discussion:

Interim Manager Ron Niland gave a brief overview of the FY 23-24 Proposed Budget and handed the Council a copy to review. A copy of the proposed budget will be at the Town Hall and the Rural Hall Public Library for the public to review.

Board Comments/Questions:

The Council thanked staff for their hard work on organizing the Concert. We had a great turnout. Also, thanks to all the citizens who attended the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon made a motion, seconded by Councilman Terry Bennett to go into closed session per NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) pursuant to personnel and NCGS 143.318.11(a)(3) pursuant to attorney client privilege.

Mayor Timothy Flinchum called the meeting back into open session at 8:52 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon made the motion to adjourn at 8:53 PM

Lynette E. Hendrick
Town Clerk

APPROVED