

MINUTES

The Rural Hall Town Council held their regular meeting on June 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Timothy M. Flinchum - presiding; Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon Councilwoman Susan H. Gordon; Councilman Jesse A. Stigall; Town Manager Megan M. Garner; and Town Clerk Dora K. Moore. Councilman Ricky S. Plunkett was unable to attend.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Clerk Moore.

A moment of silence was held.

Adoption of Agenda: Councilwoman Susan H. Gordon made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon made a motion to approve the May 10, 2021 regular meeting; May 17, 2021 budget work session; June 1, 2021 budget public hearing; and June 7, 2021 agenda briefing minutes as written. Councilman Jesse A. Stigall seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem McDermon and Councilman Stigall voted in favor. Councilwoman Gordon opposed. Motion passed 2-1.

Councilman Jesse A. Stigall made a motion to approve and seal the June 7, 2021 closed session minutes. Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Janet M. Carithers, 7439 Church Street, serves as the Rural Hall Historical Society President. She thanked Council and staff for their support of the Society and museum. She shared an open house for the new facility will be held September 11 in partnership with the Rural Hall Historical Train Depot. Mrs. Carithers shared the barn from the Bitting homestead will be donated to the Society by current owner, Susan Ziglar. Mayor Flinchum requested Mrs. Carithers attend the August agenda briefing to provide more details.

Attorney D. Barrett Burge arrived at 7:10 PM.

Carolyn Kiger, 720 Irish Road, inquired why a former Town employee did not receive his full longevity; why there is no Junior Fire Department; and why are paid and volunteer firefighters leaving the department.

ANNOUCEMENTS & MEETING UPDATES:

Flag Purchases:

May 2021

Purchaser

Rural Hall Senior Citizens Club

In Memory

Dot Patterson

Yard of the Month: Louise Hepler, 7080 Broad Street, was named June 2021 Yard of the Month by the Rural Hall Garden Club. *(A copy of the certificate is included with the minutes.)*

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June Movie Night: *Playing with Fire* will be showing at Covington Memorial Park on June 18. A food truck and ice cream truck will be onsite for purchases.

Municipal Election Filing: Filing for two Rural Hall Council seats begins Friday, July 2 at noon and ends Friday, July 16 at noon.

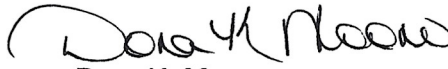
Fireworks Display: The Town's second annual Fireworks Display will be Saturday, July 3. Parking and food trucks will be available at Town Hall and Covington Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Collection of Taxes: Councilwoman Susan H. Gordon made a motion to approve Ordinance #825, collection of 2021 taxes, and Ordinance #826, collection of prior years taxes. Councilman Jesse A. Stigall seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. (*Ordinances #825 and #826 have been placed in the Ordinance Book.*)

Road Closure Declarations: Mayor Pro Tem John N. McDermon made a motion to approve Ordinance #827 declaring road closures for the Rural Hall 5K/10K, Halloween, and the Christmas Parade. Councilman Jesse A. Stigall seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. (*Ordinances #827 has been placed in the Ordinance Book.*)

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilwoman Susan H. Gordon to adjourn at 7:22 PM.


Dora K. Moore
Town Clerk