

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 8, 2024**  
**MINUTES**

The Rural Hall Town Council held their regular council meeting on July 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Terry M. Bennett - presiding; Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Horn; Councilman Mark Lane; Councilman Michael Woodcock; Councilwoman Anita Ring; Town Manager Homer Dearmin; Town Clerk Lynette Hendrick; Finance Administrator Donna Watson; LPA Supervisor Dawn Tysor; PIO Alston Brown; Public Works Director Jason Hill; 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.

**Announcements and Meeting Updates**

- Splash Day at Covington Park July 26, 1-3 PM (rain date Aug 2)
- National Night Out – August 6, 6:00 pm Covington Park
- Labor Day September 2 offices closed
- 2024 Flat and Fast Rural Hall 5/10K Race October 26
- Hall-o-ween (Halloween in Rural Hall) October 31
- Veterans Day November 11 offices closed
- Thanksgiving Holidays Observance November 28, 29 offices closed
- Christmas Tree Lighting December 5, 6:00 PM
- Christmas Parade December 8, 2:00 PM
- Christmas Holiday Observance December 25-27 offices closed

Mayor Terry Bennett recommended three items be added to the agenda: Town Owned Property, Six Month Budget Review and Community Policing Update from Corporal Collins. Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Horn made the motion seconded by Councilman Mark Lane. Motion passed unanimously.

**Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Terry Bennett talked about the July 3rd fireworks show and the positive impact it had on our community and others around us.

**Yard of the Month**

Mayor Bennett recognized Hugh and Jodie Waller 7354 Broad Street for July's Yard of the Month. They were not at the meeting.

**Public Comment Period**

Franklin Quezada, Apartment 33W. Wall Street, Rural Hall signed up to speak with his topic being labor work for bilingual, violence in the community.

Chon Gonzalez 8025 Broad Street, Rural Hall did not sign up to speak but requested to report a public dumping area at Summit Street and Academy St.

**Consent Agenda**

Councilman Mark Lane made the motion seconded by Councilwoman Anita Ring to adopt the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Hearing**

Councilwoman Anita Ring made the motion, seconded by Councilman Michael Woodcock to open the public hearing to discuss the Intent to Authorize Exchange of Real Property. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Terry Bennett opened the Public Hearing to discuss the Intent to Authorize Exchange of Real Property. No one signed up to speak. Mayor Terry Bennett asked the Gonzalez's if they were satisfied with the plat, and they stated they were for now. Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Horn made the motion, seconded by Councilman Mark Lane to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

Mayor Terry Bennett recognized Corporal Michael Collins from the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office to give us an update. Corporal Michael Collins stated the additional Deputy would be starting July 22. Mayor Terry Bennett and other Council Members congratulated Corporal Collins on his promotion.

Mayor Terry Bennett requested staff put together a list of all Town owned property and have it in the agenda package by August meeting.

Mayor Terry Bennett also requested a six-month budget review be placed on the January agenda.

Councilwoman Anita Ring made the motion, seconded by Councilman Mark Lane to adopt Resolution 871 Authorizing the Exchange of Real Property for New Fire Station. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Mark Lane made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Horn to adopt Resolution 867 Amending the Capital Project Ordinance and Fire Department Construction Contract. Mayor Pro Tem Horn stated he doesn't want to cut corners, but save money where we can. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Terry Bennett introduced Lieutenant Butch Moore with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office to discuss nuisance abatement on Woodbriar Apartments. Lieutenant Moore gave an overview of the number of emergency calls from Woodbriar Apartments, which have greatly increased over the past few years. He gave an overview of requirements of FCSO staff, TORH staff, the property owner and other agencies to get this property cleaned up and where it needs to be.

There were a few citizens present that requested to speak.

Monica Seavon 504 Heatherton Lane, Rural Hall, requested to speak regarding the neighborhood around Woodbriar Apartments.

Scotty Speas 7720 Broad Street, Rural Hall, stated he worked with DSS, and requested the community report anything that looks out of the ordinary. If you think a child is in need report it. That is the only way for them to get help if they are truly in need for them to get help.

**Department Reports**

Town Manager Homer Dearmin stated the department reports are included in the agenda for Council to review.

**Council Members Comments**

The Mayor and Council thanked Lieutenant Butch Moore and Corporal Michael Collins, and the other Deputies for all they are doing to make our community safe.

Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Horn made the motion, seconded by Councilman Mark Lane to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM.

Lynette E. Hendrick  
Town Clerk