MINUTES

The Rural Hall Town Council held their regular meeting on January 10, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Timothy M. Flinchum - presiding; Councilwoman Susan H. Gordon; Councilman Norman E. Horn; Town Manager Misty A. Meadows; and Interim Town Attorney Randolph M. James.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Finance Director, Wade Gilley.

A moment of silence was held.

Adoption of Agenda:
Councilwoman Susan Gordon made a motion to amend the agenda to move the Approval of Minutes, Item 5, after Public Comment Period, Item 6, and to remove Item 10, Closed Session NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3), and to adopt the agenda as amended. Councilman Norman Horn seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
Cynthia Stigall, 611 Runningbrook Lane, deferred her three minutes of speaking to Carol Newsome.

Carol Newsome, 8495 Broad Street, expressed concerns about overreach, lack of transparency, employees elevated beyond their qualifications, proper and equal treatment of citizens, and the process of requesting public records.

Janet Carithers, 7439 Church Street, spoke on behalf of the North Forsyth Little League, requesting support and grant money for the little league to improve facilities and impact a lot of children.

Approval of Minutes:
Councilman Norman E. Horn made a motion to approve the December 13, 2021 special meeting minutes and to approve and seal the December 13, 2021 closed session minutes as written. Councilwoman Susan H. Gordon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcement:
Town Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2021, in observance of Martin Luther King Junior's Birthday

New Business:

A. Staffing Needs – Manager Meadows is in the process of finalizing the job description and posting for a town clerk. The job will be posted as soon as possible on the Town website, the NCLM 's job board, the NC Association of County Commissioners job board, and applicable listservs. Mike Simone has officially been named Fire Chief.

B. Appointing members for the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) - Councilwoman Susan Gordon made a motion to approve Norman Horn as the member and Susan Gordon as the alternate for the TAC and Misty Meadows as the member and Jason Hill as the alternate for the TCC. Councilman Norman Horn seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Forsyth County Fire Service Options for the Town of Rural Hall – A meeting has been scheduled with Gary Styers and Forsyth County for January 12 at 1:30 PM for staff to further discuss options and get more information about suppression and prevention services offered by the county.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilwoman Susan Gordon to adjourn at 7:24 PM.

Misty A. Meadows
Town Manager