

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 14, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

The Rural Hall Town Council held their regular council meeting on August 14, 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; 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.

**Adoption of Amended Agenda:**

Councilwoman Janet Carithers added North Forsyth Little League to the New Business section of the agenda. Councilwoman Janet Carithers made the motion, seconded by Councilman Eddie Horn to adopt the amended agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements and Meeting Updates:**

- August Yard of the Month – Hazel Hahn (6320 Lochinvar Drive)
- Summer Splash – August 18, 1-3:00 PM at Covington Park
- Agenda Briefing is Wednesday September 6, at 3:00 PM

**Public Comment Period:**

Gerardo Gonzalez , 8025 Broad Street Rural Hall, signed up to speak about the fire station project, and the impact on the adjacent property.

Lisa Lane, 7701 Broad Street Rural Hall, signed up to speak about Halloween in Rural Hall.

Michael Woodcock, 7685 Broad Street Rural Hall, signed up to speak and say “Thank you”.

**Unfinished Business**

Public Works Director Jason Hill gave an update about the digital sign being installed at Town Hall. He stated the permits have been received and all materials have been ordered.

Councilwoman Janet Carithers made the motion, seconded by Councilman Terry Bennett to repeal Ordinance #'s 399 and 472 and adopt Ordinance # 857. Motion passed unanimously. This ordinance will change the speed limit to 25 mph on Academy Street.

Councilman Eddie Horn made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon to adopt Resolution # 856 and authorize staff to sell surplus items listed. Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business/ Items of Discussion:**

It was announced the Mayor has received a list of names of citizens that would be willing to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee. Mayor Timothy Flinchum asked the Council members if they had any other names they would like to add. Councilman Terry Bennett and Councilwoman Janet Carithers had a few names, but they have not been contacted to see if they were willing to serve on this committee. Mayor Flinchum asked the Council members to contact the individuals and if they were willing to serve, to get their contact information to the Town Clerk,

Councilwoman Janet Carithers mentioned North Forsyth Little League had put up a fence around the ballpark with locks and would not allow other organizations or individuals to use the field. She stated the NFLL President has resigned. The WS/Forsyth County School System has requested a meeting with NFLL. She said she does not want to see WSFCS revoke the lease from NFLL. There was a discussion regarding the Town entering into a lease agreement with WSFCS to continue working with NFLL to house the origination here in Rural Hall. Jamie Serber stated he and others would like to see the locks removed from the gate and these ballfields be able to be used by the public. Councilwoman Janet Carithers requested the Town send a letter the WSFCS requesting they continue the lease with NFLL.

### **Board Comments/Questions**

Councilman Terry Bennett thanked the other Council members for a short meeting. He also thanked the citizens for attending the meeting and the staff for their hard work.

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon thanked those citizens who came out and voiced their concerns, and the others who attended the meeting.

Mayor Timothy Flinchum, Councilman Eddie Horn and Councilwoman Janet Carithers thanked all those in attendance and staff for all their hard work.

Interim Town Manager Ron Niland stated the digital sign discussed would come in handy when we have events to announce, and it can be changed from anywhere in the world if you have internet. He also stated we have received one application for the Town Manager's position. Ron stated he looked forward to retiring again.

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon made the motion to adjourn at 7:34 pm.

Lynette E. Hendrick  
Town Clerk