

**AGENDA BRIEFING AND WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**August 7, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

The Rural Hall Town Council held their agenda briefing and workshop meeting on August 7, 2023, at 3:00 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; Councilwoman Janet M. Carithers; Councilman Eddie Horn; Interim Town Manager Ron Niland; Interim Finance Director Homer Dearmin; Public Works Director Jason Hill; Fire Chief Mike Simone; and 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:**

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon made the motion, seconded by Councilman Eddie Horn to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements and Meeting Updates:**

- Rural Hall Citizens' Academy Meeting Dates: Wednesday Evenings, beginning August 9 thru August 30.
- Wednesday September 6, Agenda Briefing Council Meeting

**Unfinished Business**

Public Works Director Jason Hill has worked with NCDOT to have the speed limit changed for all of Academy Street to 25mph. The two agreements previously made with NCDOT will need to be repealed and the third approved. This will be voted on at our regular meeting this month.

Interim Town Manager Ron Niland stated the layout for the Fire Department will be presented at the September meeting.

**New Business/ Items of Discussion:**

Interim Town Manager Ron Niland stated there are 3 items from the Public Works Department and the Fire Department that are no longer needed. We desire to declare them surplus and dispose of them in accordance with the Town of Rural Hall's Finance Policy and NCGS. This will be voted on at the August Regular Meeting.

Interim Finance Director Homer Dearmin gave the Town's finance report for the FY 22/23. He stated he and Finance Clerk Donna Watson have a meeting this week regarding the Town's Capital Management Trust Fund investments.

Interim Town Manager Ron Niland stated the Town needs a Recreation Advisory Committee to apply for grants and get a Master Plan drawn up for the future of Covington Park. Ron requested Council members send names of those willing to serve on this committee to Town Clerk Lynette Hendrick and she will email them to Mayor Timothy Flinchum.

The Council members thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and thanked staff for the great job on the Town's National Night Out event.

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 pm

Lynette E. Hendrick  
Town Clerk

APPROVED