

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2023
MINUTES**

The Rural Hall Town Council held their regular council meeting on November 13, 2023, at 7:00 PM in Town Hall Council Chambers. The following members and staff 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:

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Janet Carithers, to add a closed session to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of Minutes

Councilman Terry Bennett made the motion, seconded by Councilman Eddie Horn to adopt October 2nd and 9th Regular Meeting minutes, and add January 18th and October 9th closed session minutes to the closed session to discuss. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements and Meeting Updates:

- November 23 and 24 Thanksgiving Holiday - Offices Closed
- November 30, 6-8:00 PM, Christmas Tree Lighting
- December 3, 2:30 Christmas Parade
- There will be no December Agenda Briefing meeting.

Public Comment Period:

No one signed up to speak during the public comment period.

New Business/ Items of Discussion:

Public hearing set for December 11, 2023, for: Towns Peddlers and Solicitors Policy and Revised Animal Ordinance # 294 Section 7 "Keeping of Fowl".

Councilman Terry Bennett made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Janet Carithers, to enter a closed session per NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (1) to prevent the disclosure of confidential or privilege information. Motion passed unanimously at 7:08 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon made the motion, seconded by Councilman Eddie Horn, to move back into open session at 7:14 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon made the motion, seconded by Councilman Terry Bennett, to adopt the October 9th, closed session minutes and the amended January 18, 2023 closed session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Comments/Questions

The Council thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and staff for their hard work.

Mayor Timothy Flinchum stated his tenure with the Town of Rural Hall is coming to an end and wanted to thank everyone for hanging in through the hard times. Currently, he thinks he is leaving the Town in a good place and looks forward to seeing how things move forward.

Councilwoman Janet Carithers announced Susie Gordon and Chris Nowlin have birthdays in November. The Triad Community Band will perform at the Rural Hall Moravian Church Thursday night.

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Gordon made the motion to adjourn at 7:18 pm.

Lynette E. Hendrick
Town Clerk

APPROVED