



MAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM
RUTH TOWN HALL

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

David called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

David offered the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Officials & staff participating: Mayor David Guy, Commissioners Steppe and Goode, Manager Hanaway.

Citizen's present: Chris and Ann Doty, Ann Prince

Guest's present: None

AGENDA ADOPTION

William made a motion to adopt the agenda as written. Nick seconded. Passes unanimously.

GUEST SPEAKERS

None present.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Chris Doty would like to know how the new road is going to affect the Town, he would like a map. He would like to talk about the Ruthridge entrance and some upgrades. He also would like to discuss lighting in the neighborhood, specifically the intersection of Shadywoods and Sherry Street. Further description is the beginning of Sherry street (at the bottom) inadequate lighting for the roadway. There is an area there where there is darkness. He would also like sidewalks in Ruthridge.

William did let Mr. Doty know the Ruthridge entrance is on our agenda tonight.

Ann Prince wanted to discuss the Ruthridge entrance as well, and the bushes on the front are obstructing motorist views from oncoming traffic. She also wanted to discuss the debris down from David's house on Sherry Street where brush has been left in the right of way. Ann also requests the right of ways where people aren't living to be mowed.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

William made a motion to approve last meetings minutes. Nick seconded. Passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Town Landscaping/Green Space for Ruthridge Entrance-David has submitted this item to be revisited.
David wants to discuss the Ruthridge entrance. David stated he wanted to approach this from Town beautification. He mentioned the viewpoint being obstructed from the left even with the closure to 64. William communicated he understands the Ruthridge homeowners perspectives and he's looking for a more permanent option. William asked for Amie to share the quotes she had collected. Amie shared to remove everything and pave would be \$21,500.00. To pull up the mulch, tear out the bushes, sow grass, would be approximately \$2,000.00. William clarified he asked for a hip quote, not complete details until the board made a decision. Lastly, there is an interested buyer, the Town would sell and no longer have the liability or expense. David asked for more details of how the interested buyer was approached. William explained it was not an approach or formal with any detail, it was merely an are

you interested, if so we will suss out the details. Amie communicated the landscaper knows the homeowner and suggested he might be interested. William communicated grassing it would solve the line of sight issue as well. Nick made a motion to table this for our next meeting, William seconded. Passes unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2. Financial Reporting-The reports are attached and in your packets which were emailed to you. I would like to amend the following: 10-367-02 Sales & Use increase \$5,000.00. We are already over by almost \$3,000.00 and we have a month and a half to go. We may have to adjust prior to year end, but I'd rather not be over. I am also recommending we amend 10-367-03 Franchise & Utility increasing by \$500.00. I'm asking for a motion and a second to process these amendments. Thank you for your consideration. I will be sending you a separate packet for adobe sign with the bank statements and the bank reconciliations. So, please be on the lookout for those. You guys know the drill by now. It goes to the first, then after signature to the next, the to the final member for signature.

Be mindful our budget hearing will be on June 21st. I will submit the proposed budget to you by the 18th of this month. In between the 18th and June 4th, we can organize a budget workshop if the board feels it necessary to make adjustments in the proposal.

The advertisement regarding the public hearing will be submitted to the paper to run three weeks prior to the June 21st public hearing. It has already been submitted (and is attached here) to run on 6/4, 6/11, & 6/18. Reminder after the board reviews and signals approval of the final proposal, it will be posted in the bulletin board outside the Town hall and I will post it on the website. Therefore, this proposed budget document will need to be confidently accepted before 6/4. So, you will have from 5/18 to 6/4 to tease out any changes prior to posting. That's 17 days to review and massage. If any of you feel uncomfortable with this schedule and task timeline, you better speak up. Thank you

Amie would like a motion to amend 10-367-02 Sales & Use TD increasing by \$5,000.00. She also requests an amendment to 10-367-03 Franchise & Utility TD increasing by \$500.00. William made a motion to amend each of the above accounts by the amount recommended, Nick seconded both. Passes unanimously.

Amie shared all the dates for Budget public hearing, she will email the budget packet with multiple proposals, multiple ordinances, many supporting documents to the board this evening. The board will have from tomorrow until the 4th to tease out any changes they might have; Amie recommends having a budget workshop before the 4th to discuss and for them to adopt the proposed budget. She asks the board to be thinking about their schedules and lets get something organized.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Grant Project Ordinance-Amie has attached a proposed ordinance for ARPA activity. This is a requirement and she would like to present it to the Board for review and adoption. The document is attached.

David broadcasted the Grant Project Ordinance. William made a motion to adopt the Grant Ordinance resolution for ARPA 2021. Nick seconded, passes unanimously. Amie will fill in and send copies to the board for signature if necessary.

4. Wright Brothers Construction Company, Inc.- The Town was contacted with questions regarding trailers/RVs within the Town's boundaries. This is related to NCDOT new highway activity. Amie spoke extensively with a representative from Wright Brothers Construction (subcontractor for NCDOT) Amie will share the conversation with the board.

Amie presented the request of multiple RV's/Trailers to the board for highway subcontractors. Amie provided background to the board of the contractors pursuit to get an answer. Amie shared she asked about the timeline and how many RV's/trailers? He said the timeline is 5 to 6 months and they are projected 7 to 8 RV's. The board feels since it is State owned property they feel they can do what they want. They would ask it be kept clean. Amie will put a letter together on letterhead and send it to the board for review and signature.

5. Keep Rutherford County Beautiful-The TDA reached out to David, copying me regarding a request for donation. The document is attached. I felt it should at least be on the agenda so council is aware of the ask.

The board is asked to donate \$1,000.00 to this effort. The board feels at this time this is excessive. David suggested asking for volunteers to do a litter pickup in Ruth. He made the point of supplying the bags, stickers, vests, and the tipping fees at the landfill would all be cheaper than \$1,000.00. Nick shared the DOT does 64 and it fills up quickly.

6. Leash Ordinances-David has submitted this item for discussion.

David would like to discuss leash ordinances. He shared with the board the incident in Ruthridge of a pedestrian walking his two dogs on a leash when another dog attacked him and his pets. He believes the county has a leash ordinance and would like to communicate the board's support of this ordinance. Nick and William thought the county did not have a leash ordinance. This item will be tabled and Amie will research the county's ordinances. Results will be shared at next month's meeting.

7. Smoking focus and education within the Town of Ruth-David submitted this item for discussion and consideration. Materials are attached.

There is a second document they wish you to review titled "Important Facts on Smoking and COVID-19" It's featured in the middle of home page on the tab labeled "Featured Content" I have inserted the link to their page below. You can copy and paste in your URL bar or highlight the below text, right click on your mouse and select go to page.

<https://www.tobaccopreventionandcontrol.ncdhhs.gov/>

David would like to present the follow: Smoking focus and education within the TOR. David reviewed the materials and asked for comments. Nick said if people smoke outside he sees no problem. Amie asked if there had been a problem? All said no, however, David would like to have a sign up in the rental area. William said he felt the contract to rent stated no smoking. Amie pulled up the rental contract and read it to the board. It does prohibit tobacco products inside or outside. Everyone feels our contract verbiage is comprehensive and no more needs to be done.

ADJOURNMENT

Nick made a motion to adjourn, William seconded, passes unanimously.

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