



SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 01, 2020 at 6:00 PM

RUTH TOWN HALL

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Guy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Mayor Guy offered a prayer.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor David Guy

Commissioner William Steppe

Commissioner Nicholas Goode

Town Administrator, Finance Director & Clerk Amie Hanaway

No guests or citizens present

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Steppe, Seconded by Mayor Guy. Last meeting minutes are approved.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE

Nicholas Goode has been chosen for appointment to the commissioner vacancy.

Motion made by Commissioner Steppe, Seconded by Mayor Guy.

Mayor Guy administered the Oath and Nick was sworn in as interim commissioner.

Mayor Guy rescinded his voting rights now the vacancy has been filled.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion made by Commissioner Steppe, Seconded by Commissioner Goode.

Agenda has been approved.

GUEST SPEAKERS

3. Dana Chapman-Our new Republic Services GDS Representative was scheduled to attend, introduce herself, and supply the board with some materials. Dana was not present, as previously communicated.

COMMUNITY FORUM

OLD BUSINESS

4. Parade, March, Protest Ordinance.

Amie shared her phone meeting with John Crotts to the board. John felt an ordinance should be simple and should call for a permit for parades, marches, or protests. He felt if groups gathered without a permit, there would be grounds for dispersing the crowd. John is to email Amie more guidance and she will forward all correspondence from legal to the board.

5. Sign Ordinance

Amie communicated to the board the contents of a phone meeting with John regarding a more detailed sign ordinance. She told them John had forwarded Spindale's sign ordinance (not currently online) as it

might match more closely with our situation and we could use it to build ours. He did communicate this might warrant a conversation about zoning, as most of these issues are land use issues. Amie will forward Spindale's sign ordinance and all other follow up email correspondence from John with the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. J.M. Teague Proposal

Amie shared the conversation between Kenny Armstrong from J.M. Teague and how this quote came about. She encouraged the board to read through the quote after the meeting and consider if this might be something of value. The board will review the quote and provide feedback if necessary.

7. Municode Website Proposal

Amie reviewed the quote, the cares expenditure options, discussed the first year costs with existing host vs Municode, the comparison recurring costs. She highlighted the pitfalls of existing and the advantages of the proposed. The board asked several questions. After much discussion there was a vote.

Motion made by Commissioner Steppe, Seconded by Commissioner Goode.

Passes without opposition. William encouraged Amie to reach out to Municode and move things forward.

8. CARES funding item listing

Amie reviewed the current documents submitted to the county for funding and shared feedback to the board of the four webinars she has attended on CARES funding.

9. Powell Bill Reporting Update

Amie reviewed the Powell Bill reports submitted to date with the board.

10. Budget vs Actual

Amie reviewed the Budget vs Actual, highlighting areas of focus.

11. Denny's billboard update

Amie supplied an update on the last conversations regarding the Denny's billboard relocation project.

NEW BUSINESS

New business items discussed were as follows:

1. Mayor Guy's idea of an award for helpful service. He shared the story of the Rutherfordton Police departments officers assisting one of our citizens in their off-duty time. William encouraged the board to continue to think about it and we will revisit with their brainstorming ideas at the next meeting.
2. Amie asked for photography sources for the website. David has a friend who does photography and will contact him.
3. Amie shared we should have some products for review by the end of the week for our branding package.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Goode, Seconded by Commissioner Steppe.

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