



MAY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 04, 2021 at 6:00 PM

RUTH TOWN HALL

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

David called meeting to order.

INVOCATION

David offered the invocation.

ROLL CALL

David recognized attendees:

William Steppe, Commissioner, Nicholas Goode, Commissioner, Amie Hanaway, Town Administrator

Citizens in attendance: Jamie Yelton, Jennifer Ensley, Amanda Guy, Ava Guy, Mia Guy

AGENDA ADOPTION

William made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Nick seconded the motion. Passes without opposition.

GUEST SPEAKERS

None

COMMUNITY FORUM

Jamie Yelton asked if the Town had ordinances for little buildings/sheds on homeowner property. The board informed her If you meet county ordinances, you satisfy Ruth's requirements.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

William made a motion to adopt the previous meetings minutes. Nick seconded the motion. Passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ruthridge Community Project Update

David submitted this item and will present.

David let the board know he has acquired several verbal commitments and approvals in support of a Ruthridge community project. He has drafted a personal (unofficial) letter to the residents of Ruthridge encouraging their participation. William requested David be sure to keep the Town out of those conversations to prevent confusion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2. Financial Report Review

Amie will present and speak to the financial reports, highlighting budget prep

Amie shared with the board her review of the budget versus actual, her 2021/2022 budget work. She encouraged the board to submit any items for budget consideration. William reminded Amie and the board of the spring drone footage expenditure. Amie mentioned the expenditure for the mayors/managers host meeting in November.

Amie asked the board to be looking at their calendars and thinking of their availability for the public hearing budget meeting. Amie is planning to tentatively provide the proposed budget at their June 1st meeting, post it in the bulletin board at that time, provide it to the news outlets, schedule the hearing meeting between the 21st-29th.

3. Trail Partners Update

David submitted and will present.

David shared our legal team had supplied the final revision/draft of the RRDC bylaws and encouraged the board to review the revisions and add comments. Amie shared the rough drafts have been included in the previous months packets and they were encouraged to review so any feedback could be supplied to the legal team, RRDC, & TBRT, additionally the revised copy would not be as time consuming to proof. The TBRT partners request these bylaws be adopted in the June meetings.

David was unable to attend the previous TBRT meeting due to last minute schedule change and will be virtually attending the May 6th meeting with Eric Woolridge and the DbD team.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Ruth Day Celebration-September

David shared his ideas of having a Ruth Day in the absence of MayFest in Rutherfordton. David has support from several businesses in Forest City, would love to reach out to SBC for access to their parking, is tentatively targeting September. William encourages investigation regarding liabilities and general statues. He requests to keep the conversation going. Jamie suggested a community yard sale as an outreach opportunity.

5. Storm Water Drainage Issue

David shared the specific areas of concern where there are drainage issues. Two in Ruthridge, one at the bottom of Acorn in Old Town. David mentioned a french drain along with other potential solutions. William asked about normal rainfall, not unusual rainfall. David communicated under normal rainfall there are no issues. Amie shared the careful delineation of homeowner property versus storm drain and cross over road flow. Jamie Yelton shared a story of property drainage issues on their second property. Shared drain causing connective issues. William asked Amie to reach out to storm drain experts. Amie also communicated she is keeping her ear to the ground and staying involved with ARP funding and the possibility of storm drains potentially being a covered item.

6. Light Tunnel

David communicated the light tunnel is still not on at night. With springtime and increased foot traffic on the TBRT, there has been an increase in the request for the light tunnel. Amie will contact Jason Camp again regarding tunnel not illuminating at night. Amie shared she has had two separate conversations with him requesting the lights always remain lit at night not just seasonally. He shared he had a timer and a dimmer, so she was startled to hear it isn't on at night. She will pursue.

7. Skills Games Ordinances

David asked if the board was aware of any gaming ordinances or regulatory bodies that might be available to govern these types of establishments or any other businesses those establishments might draw. William shared we consulted with legal, Amie shared John Crotts review of the law. David may encourage Chris Francis to frequent these establishments for review.

CLOSED SESSION

8. Notes provided to the board for closed session discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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