



# NOVEMBER REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:00 PM

RUTH TOWN HALL

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## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Guy called the meeting to order.

### INVOCATION

Mayor Guy lead group in prayer

### ROLL CALL

Mayor David Guy

Commissioner William Steppe

Commissioner Nicholas Goode

Administrator Amie Hanaway

Attorney John Crotts

Victory Outdoor Advertising Owner Curtis Snethen

### AGENDA ADOPTION

William moved to approve agenda, Nick seconded. Passes without opposition.

### APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

William moved to approve last meetings minutes, Nick seconded. Passes unanimously.

### COMMUNITY FORUM

No comments

### PUBLIC HEARING

Sign Moratorium being considered was reviewed. William moved to adopt the proposed sign moratorium. Nick seconded. Passes unanimously.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Curtis Snethen from Victory Outdoor Advertising would like to discuss his current billboards with the board.

Curtis offered some background into his life's work and his roots. 55 billboards in Rutherford County. Owner of several local businesses.

Curtis was contacted by NCDOT on August 17, 2020 through subcontractor Telex to relocate two of his billboards within thirty days. Curtis contacted property owners to see if he could relocate his billboards and was granted access. Curtis then contacted the county to pull permits, seemingly unaware of the Town of Ruth's board or their sign ordinance. Curtis apologized for this misstep.

William communicates to Curtis the recent billboard activity is driving the board to tighten up it's current sign ordinance. The board has a moratorium enacted, lifting the 3rd day of January 2021. William communicates the board can not predict if Curtis's billboards will be compliant or noncompliant after the ordinance is revised.

Curtis asks where does he stand for leaving his current billboards erected in Ruth until the ordinance is revised? William calls on John Crotts, town attorney, for guidance. John communicates he is currently in violation of the permit process. Informally there will be no judgement on the permit application, or the existing signs until the moratorium is lifted and the sign ordinance refined.

Curtis was instructed the removal of his signage and or the advertisement on the signage is his discretion until ordinance completion. The board reiterated they can not tell him whether his billboards will be compliant upon sign ordinance revision.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

See attached Reports

Amie reviewed the attached financial reports. Instructed the board to reach out is they have any questions later.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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