

## MINUTES

The Board of Councilmen of the Town of Rural Hall held its regular scheduled meeting on April 9, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Larry T. Williams - presiding; Councilman Herman C. Denny; Councilman John N. McDermon; Councilman Dewhitt C. Neely; and, Town Manager Frank L. James. Mayor Pro-Tem Durward A. Smith, Jr. and Town Attorney D. Barrett Burge were not in attendance.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Dora Moore.

Reverend Clayton Fulton, pastor of Stewards Chapel AME Zion Church, led the Council in prayer.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

No one spoke.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilman Herman C. Denny made a motion approving and dispensing with the reading of the minutes for the March 12, 2007 regular scheduled meeting and April 2, 2007 agenda briefing. Councilman Dewhitt C. Neely seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Councilman John N. McDermon made a motion, seconded by Councilman Dewhitt C. Neely, to approve the March 2007 financial reports for the Town and Fire Department as presented. Motion passed unanimously by the Board of Councilmen.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETING UPDATES:**

**March 2007 Flag Purchases:** Mayor Williams reported the following flag purchases were made in March 2007:

In Honor  
Brady Furniture Company's Loyal Employees  
The Rural Hall Community

Purchaser  
John Brady  
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In Memory  
Revis & Arlee Combs  
Milton G. Kiger, Sr.

Purchaser  
Ronnie, Kim, Lucas & John Middleton  
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**Get Smart, Get Moving! Exercise Program:** Mayor Williams announced the Town's new exercise program, *Get Smart, Get Moving!* will kick off on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at Covington Memorial Park. Mr. James shared that Misty Meadows has placed a lot of effort into promoting the new program which has resulted in a lot of positive feedback.

**Municipal Clerks Week:** Mayor Williams proclaimed April 29-May 5, 2007 as Municipal Clerks Week and shared his appreciation for the work done by the Town's clerks. *(A copy of the proclamation has been placed in the Minute Book.)*

**National Day of Prayer:** Mayor Williams reminded the Council that the National Day of Prayer Service will be held Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12 Noon at Town Hall. The Rural Hall/Stansleyville Ministerial Association will conduct the service and Steve Hill Insurance Agency along with B+P Performance will provide a light lunch.

**Broad Street Widening Project Update:** Mr. James reported the Broad Street widening project is moving extremely well. Contractors are redoing some drains but this should only delay the project a couple of days. Driveway paving is anticipated to begin in the next couple of days. Mr. James also reported that Town engineers have completed their survey work and will begin their designing of a retaining wall. Mr. James expressed hope that the weather will continue to cooperate and the project will remain on schedule.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2007-08 Budget Participation Timetable:** Councilman John N. McDermon made a motion, seconded by Councilman Herman C. Denny, to approve the 2007-08 Budget Participation Timetable. Motion passed unanimously.

As a matter of information, Mr. James updated the Council on the following items:

**Crosswalks:** Mr. James reported that he has contacted both contractors who submitted quotes for street imprints. He has requested each to provide a quote for painting the walks versus imprinting.

**Curbing at Town Hall:** Mr. James reported, weather permitting, the curbing contractor will begin moving in equipment this week so they can begin the curbing project at Town Hall.

**Traffic Light Signalization:** Mr. James reported that he has spoken with North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) about the sensors at the top of the US 52 N exit ramp onto NC 65. NCDOT officials will be checking the sensors as well as the signal light timers.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Denny to adjourn at 7:18 PM.

Dora K. Moore  
Deputy Town Clerk/Secretary

Linda V. Booth  
Town Clerk/Accounting Clerk

Frank L. James  
Town Manager