

Town of Norlina  
Regular board meeting  
Minutes August 2, 2021  
Norlina Town Hall- 139 Hyco St.

Board members present- Mayor Wayne Aycock, Commissioner Tyrone Simes, Commissioner Claude O'Hagan, and Commissioner Charles Smiley.

Call to order

Mayor Aycock called the regular town board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Police Chief Keishawn Mayes, followed by a moment of silence.

Citizen Comments

Faye Coleman – addressed concerns with the Norlina School property and the events it holds, (noise, traffic, trash, trespassing).

Latarshia Turner Brothers – commented on the weekend event at the Norlina School property – stated it was beneficial to the local residents.

Glenn Fields – concerned with abandoned property and the growth that effects his property. Commissioner O'Hagan responded stating he will try to locate the property owner to have this resolved.

Gene Rooker – concerned with the facial recognition cameras that were aired on WRAL and the picture that was shown of him making him look like a criminal. Commissioner O'Hagan responded stating he would like to try to have WRAL correct the story, apologize or have the Warren Record put an article in the paper to correct the misunderstanding and make things right.

Carol Johnson – stated she was concerned with her water bill and thinks something is wrong with the readings, the system, or the meter. Commissioner O'Hagan stated Blaine was on vacation this week, but he would look into this once he returns.

Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Hagan to accept the regular meeting minutes for 7/12/21 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Simes; motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports

None.

Departmental Reports

- Police- Commissioner Smiley – nothing at this time.
- Finance- Commissioner Carrington – nothing at this time.
- Technology & Enhancement- Town Clerk stated the Webpage is up and running and the GO Live date for Invoice Cloud is September 20.
- Park & Public Works - Commissioner O'Hagan stated he is trying to get in touch with someone from CSX to determine if the town will be given the museum before fixing it up.
- Zoning- Commissioner Simes stated he is looking into the vacant building in the area trying to bring new businesses to Norlina.

### Old Business

None.

### New Business.

Chief Mayes stated that the town didn't purchase the facial recognition package.

Commissioner Claude O'Hagan addressed the issue stating that the news was told one thing and made a story about something completely different. He stated he doesn't have any control over the stories the news puts on, but that he will not be doing any future stories with them. O'Hagan stated that he wants to try to get things right with Mr. Rooker and he wants to have them try to correct the issue they caused.

Commissioner Claude O'Hagan made a motion to have a certified letter sent to WRAL requesting that they correct the story or apologize; seconded by Commissioner Charles Smiley; all were in favor.

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Hagan to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Smiley; all were in favor of adjourning.