

Town of Norlina  
Regular board meeting  
Minutes March 7, 2022  
Norlina Town Hall- 139 Hyco St.

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

Not present Commissioner Dennis Carrington and Town Attorney Robby May.

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 Commissioner Charles Smiley, followed by a moment of silence.

Citizen Comments

No Comments.

Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Hagan to accept the regular meeting minutes for 2/7/22 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Simes; motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports

None

Departmental Reports

- Police- Commissioner Burrows – nothing currently.
- Finance- Commissioner Smiley – nothing currently.
- Technology & Enhancement- Commissioner Carrington - nothing currently.
- Park & Public Works - Commissioner O'Hagan – nothing currently.
- Zoning- Commissioner Simes nothing currently.

Old Business

Director Blaine Reese and Commissioner Tyrone Simes discussed reviewing the solar farm ordinance. They discussed amending the current ordinance to match the ordinance for the county. Changes would include things such as height restrictions, buffers, foliage on front of property, etc.

Director Blaine Reese announced that the Board of Adjustments would be meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 10:30 A.M. to discuss the Kenyan Institute project.

Director Blaine Reese stated that he had one vacancy on the Board of Adjustments. He stated that he had two applicants and didn't know without checking into the rules to see if one could serve as an alternate. Reese gave the two applications to the board to select the best candidate.

Commissioner Simes made a motion to appoint Carol Johnson to the Board of Adjustments, seconded by Commissioner Charles Smiley; all were in favor.

New Business.

Mayor Wayne Aycock addressed the board with water bill complaints. When the bills were printed in January the due date was printed as the 10<sup>th</sup> instead of the 5<sup>th</sup> causing the citizens to be upset; Mayor Aycock ask the board to consider reimbursing the accounts that paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> not after that date.

Commissioner Tyrone Simes made a motion to reimburse last months late fee if it was paid before 5P.M. on the 10<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Commissioner Claude O'Hagan; all were in favor.

Director Blaine Reese addressed the board with changes he would like to see in the office of Town Hall. He stated that in other municipalities that the workers would come in at 8 but the office wouldn't open to the public until 8:30 or 9:00 AM, he stated that the current employees must come in early daily due to the new technology upgrades to do the deposit and run online payments. He stated that we should follow the same hours as other municipalities. The board agreed to the time changes. Starting Wednesday, March 9, 2022, Town Hall will not open until 9A.M., all other times remain the same.

Director Blaine Reese addressed the board and explained that other companies always have the same due dates each month regardless of if it hits on a holiday or weekend and that it allows for more errors to be made when it's not consistent. Reese proposed that water bills always be due on or before the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month no matter what day it falls on. The board agreed and starting on April 5, 2022, regardless of what day the 5<sup>th</sup> falls on there will be no extensions.

Mayor Wayne Aycock made a motion to go into executive session for personnel, seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Simes; all were in favor.

Mayor Wayne Aycock made a motion to come out of executive session for personnel, seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Simes; all were in favor.

No decisions or actions were taken during executive session.

#### Adjournment

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