

Town of Norlina  
Regular board meeting  
Minutes December 4, 2023  
Norlina Town Hall- 139 Hyco St.

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

**Call to order**

Mayor Wayne 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.

**Swearing in of Mayor and Board of Commissioners**

Wayne Aycock was sworn in as Mayor by Town Attorney Robby May. Tyrone Simes, Claude O'Hagan, Denny Burrows, Latarshia Turner-Brothers, and Charles Smiley were sworn in as Commissioners by Town Attorney Robby May.

Commissioner Simes was sworn in as Mayor Pro-tem by Robby May.

Commissioner Smiley made a motion to appoint Christina Ebron as town clerk, Simes seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Commissioner Burrows made a motion to appoint Tony Marrow as Police Chief; Simes seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Commissioner O'Hagan made a motion to appoint Robby May as the Town Attorney, Smiley seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Commissioner Simes made a motion to appoint Tina Carter as Deputy Clerk, O'Hagan seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Commissioner Tyrone Simes made a motion to appoint Blaine Reese as Director of Operations, Claude O'Hagan seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Commissioner Charles Smiley made a motion to appoint Mark Perkinson as Public Works Director, Claude O'Hagan seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Citizen Comments**

Carolyn Hudgins -Expressed concern over the single wide ordinance. She had removed a single wide and wanted to replace it with another one and it had been more than a six-month lapse. Blaine Reese asks her to stay after the meeting to discuss with him.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Tyrone Simes to accept the regular meeting minutes for 11/6/23 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Charles Smiley; motion carried unanimously.

## **Administrative Reports**

None

## **Departmental Reports**

Police- Commissioner Burrows – Chief Tony Marrow discussed the toy drive he will be having on December 21, 2023.

Finance- Commissioner Smiley – nothing currently.

Technology & Enhancement- Commissioner Carrington - nothing currently.

Park & Public Works - Commissioner O'Hagan/Blaine Reese – nothing currently.

Zoning- Commissioner Simes – nothing currently.

## **Old Business**

Director of Operations Blaine Reese discussed speedbumps; he stated that a petition must be signed by everyone in the neighborhood.

## **New Business.**

Reese discussed the Internal control policy that covers the deposits, LGC rules, quality control.

Reese discussed that we would have a new auditor out of Cary, NC, Joyce and Company.

Reese stated that the town had lost an employee, Mr. Leslie Wells. He requested that the town close at 12:30 so that all the employees could attend his funeral services. Mr. Wells was an exceptional employee that will be deeply missed by all.

Reese reviewed the letter sent to the town reviewing the water rate increases. Reese stated that the town didn't have a choice but to increase the water rates by 75 cents per thousand in order to stay afloat. This increase in cost will double the amount of water that was originally supplied to us.

Commissioner Charles Smiley made a motion to increase the water rates by 75 cents to offset the increase from the county, seconded by Commissioner Denny Burrows; all were in favor.

Commissioner Tyrone Simes made a motion to accept Joyce & Company to do our upcoming audit, seconded by Denny Burrows; all were in favor.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Tyrone Simes to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Charles Smiley; all were in favor of adjourning.