

Town of Norlina  
Regular board meeting  
Minutes March 4, 2024  
Norlina Town Hall- 139 Hyco St.

Board members present- Mayor Wayne Aycock, Commissioner Denny Burrows, Commissioner Tyrone Simes, 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.

**Citizen Comments**

Ann Burrows questioned the location of an emergency shelter in the area. Commissioner Tyrone Simes stated that John Graham gymnasium is the location for Warren County.

Carol Johnson stated concern for broken concrete near her residence. Director of Operations Blaine Reese stated that he would have Mark Perkinson come out and patch it/fix it.

Mr. Fields expressed concern with the sewage near his residence. Director Blaine Reese stated that grease being poured down the drain is the issue. Commissioner Claude O'Hagan asked Public Works Director Mark Perkinson to go out to the residence on a weekly basis to check on it.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Tyrone Simes to accept the regular meeting minutes for 2/5/24 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Claude O'Hagan; motion carried unanimously.

**Administrative Reports**

Commissioner Tyrone Simes stated that the COG did not have a meeting in February and the next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2024.

**Departmental Reports**

Police- Commissioner Burrows – Police Chief Tony Marrow recognized officer Whitfield for outstanding work.

Finance- Commissioner Smiley – budget prep will start in April.

Technology & Enhancement- Commissioner Turner-Brothers – not at meeting.

Park & Public Works - Commissioner O'Hagan/Blaine Reese – nothing at this time.

Zoning- Commissioner Simes – stated that the Kenyan Institute is still raising money for the project on Heavens St.

**Old Business**

Director of Operations Blaine Reese stated that he was working on the condemned properties. Reese stated he is still trying to make contact with one of the property owners; he will update everyone at the next meeting.

**New Business.**

Commissioner Tyrone Simes made a motion to go into executive session to seek legal advice, seconded by Commissioner Charles Smiley; all were in favor.

Commissioner Claude O'Hagan made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Simes; all were in favor.

No decision was made.

Director of Operations Blaine Reese reviewed the information from the Board of Adjustments meeting pertaining to the re-zoning of the property located next to 132 US HWY 1 south.

Commissioner Tyrone Simes made a motion to change the zoning and allow a car lot with an office building on the property, seconded by Commissioner Charles Smiley; all were in favor.

Director of Operations Blaine Reese stated that a Public Hearing needed to be set for Monday, April 1, 2024, at 7 PM to make changes to some rezoning ordinances.

**Adjournment**

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