



**WESTERN UNION MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021, 4:00 P.M.
TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
1924 WEDDINGTON ROAD, WEDDINGTON, NC
Minutes**

1. Open the Meeting and Determination of Quorum

Quorum was determined with Delegates present: Vice Chair Amanda Fuller-Wesley Chapel, Joe Pollino-Marvin, Rick Becker-Mineral Springs, Alternate Anne Pruitt-Weddington
Chairman Jeff Perryman absent
Alternates present: Andy Wortman-Marvin, Jerry Countryman-Mineral Springs

Vice Chair Fuller called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Visitors: Gary Vail, Wayne Deatherage, Johnathon Thomas, Julie Thomas

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: Delegate Pruitt made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.
Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

3. Approve September 23, 2021 meeting minutes

Motion: Delegate Pruitt made a motion to approve the September 23, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.
Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Public Comments

None

5. Delegate and Municipality Reports

Wesley Chapel: The village has been holding roundtable discussions with residents as a part of the comprehensive plan process. Advertising for park employee position. Dealing with a lawsuit over a cell phone tower approval.

Mineral Springs: Completed survey with a lower than expected response rate. Blighted property in the process of being sold. Had a problem with lack of sewer service and owner passed away before closing, so property is in probate.

Marvin: Town Hall construction making great progress. Holding the first Marvin day on May 21, 2022 and they are looking for sponsors. It will include a car show/5K run/music. The Newtown Road/Marvin Road roundabout is on hold for another year. Village is working with state representatives to get that back on track. Heritage District small area plan has been approved by the Planning Board.

Weddington: Holding the Town tree lighting on Friday November 19th. Looking to hire a new planner and part time administrative assistant.

6. Old Business

a. Discussion of American Rescue Plan Funds

Towns are waiting on finalized guidance for spending the funds. Marvin is looking to use funds for audio/visual equipment and sewer and water infrastructure to the new town hall and use the sewer and water to feed part of heritage district.

7. New Business

a. Discussion with Jonathon Thomas, Chairman, Union County Planning Board regarding current plans for Extra Territorial Jurisdiction.

Mr. Thomas gave a background on the process to develop the County 2050 Comprehensive Plan. Concerning ETJ, the official stance is to establish transition zones consistent with municipal plans and support annexation of donut holes.

Mr. Thomas made recommendation that WUMA present a map with ETJ options for discussion with the BOCC to show the neighboring municipalities are willing to work together.

b. Discussion of Cell Phone Towers

Verizon is suing Wesley Chapel using the Communication Act. Wesley Chapel denied an application based on the cell tower not being in harmony with the surrounding area.

Mineral Springs successfully stopped a cell tower by using examples of decline in property values due to cell towers.

Marvin residents are currently working on opposing a county cell tower application off Rea Road.

8. Delegate Comments

Ms. Thomas gave an update that ground has been broken for the new library site and there is work being done a sewer line extension along the 12-Mile Creek corridor.

Delegate Pollino asked to include a discussion of dog parks and possibly a joint bond as a way to join communities together.

Delegate Becker stated that the November meeting will be in Mineral Springs on Thursday November 18th.

9. Adjournment

Motion: Delegate Becker made a motion to adjourn the October 22, 2021 WUMA meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.