



**WESTERN UNION MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022, 4:00 P.M.
BANKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL
10012 NEW TOWN ROAD
MARVIN, NC 28173
MINUTES**

1. Open the Meeting and Determination of Quorum

Chairman Perryman called the meeting to order at 4:10pm and determined a quorum was present.

Present: Chairman Perryman (Weddington Delegate), Vice-Chair Fuller (Wesley Chapel), Joe Pollino (Marvin Delegate), Andy Wortman (Marvin Alternate), Rick Becker (Mineral Springs), Steven Ayers (Stallings Delegate)

Staff Present: Austin W. Yow (Marvin Clerk & Assistant to the Manager), Hunter Nestor (Marvin Planning & Zoning Administrator)

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- Add WUMA Meeting Schedule to New Business

MOTION: Vice-Chair Fuller moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approve January 27, 2022, meeting minutes

MOTION: Joe Pollino moved to adopt the minutes from January 27, 2022.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments

Julie Thomas spoke on finding donors for the new library. She stated she was looking for ways to contact residents. She added that they had a \$1.5 million deficit to address and noted that naming rights to rooms were available to large donors.

5. Delegate and Municipality Reports

Weddington: Chairman Perryman stated that the Town had their retreat recently, at which they decided to have quarterly retreats. He stated this was to address their backlog of issues and projects that need to be addressed. He stated that the new Weddington Mayor Craig Horn has copied Marvin's Coffee with Council events to meet with residents. He stated that traffic

has been awful at the McKee and Weddington-Matthews intersection and noted that the Town recently committed another \$70,000 towards the roundabout project. He then spoke on the Town's recent audit, which found that the Town was in great financial shape. Lastly, he spoke on a controversial proposed mixed-use development termed "Weddington Green" and its scheduled public information meetings. Lastly, he spoke on solid waste services. He stated that the Town is sorting out one last issue with Active Waste Solutions.

Wesley Chapel: Vice-Chair Fuller stated that the Village is still working on their COMP plan. She then spoke on issues relating to dam remediation at their park. She then spoke on a planned Easter event being organized by their Parks and Recreation Board. Mrs. Fuller spoke on issues related to senior citizen communities, which have taken a lot of time and resources from the Village.

Marvin: Joe Pollino spoke on Marvin's Budget Retreat at which the Council held a joint meeting with the Union County Board of Commissioners. He noted that multiple topics were discussed including addressing the donut holes. Andy Wortman reflected on his conversation with the County involving proposing the restructuring of NCDOT. Mr. Pollino briefly spoke on Marvin's success with recruiting sponsors for the first Marvin Day Celebration.

Mineral Springs: Rick Becker stated he spoke with Bjorn Hansen of Union County about the critical intersection funds. He noted that those funds have been depleted and the Town is waiting to see if the funds are replenished before applying for CRTPO funds.

Stallings: Steven Ayers stated that Stalling bought the old John Deere dealership for economic development purposes. A new hospital opened yesterday, and the first baby has been born. He stated that the Town will be meeting with DFI to work on downtown development plans. He spoke on the Town receiving \$1.6 million in state funds that the Town has been unable to use on its projects.

6. Old Business

a. Continued Updated Discussion of American Rescue Plan Funding

Delegates spoke on ARPA funding and the rules for the use of the funds. They spoke on the American Rescue Plan Standard Allowance, which allows the use of funds for lost revenue up to \$10 million. Delegates spoke on the various ways that they are looking to use the funds. Wesley Chapel is looking to reimburse the Village for its employee salaries. Marvin is using funds for employee hazard pay, expenses related to technology for their new Village Hall, and the expansion of water/sewer infrastructure. Delegates highlighted the flexibility that the final rule has provided municipalities on how to use the funds.

b. Continued ETJ Discussion

Chairman Perryman informed the delegates that Jim Joyce, Professor at the UNC School of Government will be attending the next WUMA meeting to speak about ETJs. He noted that he and Andy Wortman will be engaging with County on establishing ETJs. He encouraged at least one more delegate to volunteer. Delegates then gave their thoughts and ideas on how ETJs should work. Chairman Perryman advocated for municipalities to

be given complete control over donut holes, and for towns to work together to address areas that lie in between the jurisdictions of two municipalities.

Hunter Nestor, Marvin Planning & Zoning Administrator, spoke on his experience with ETJs, noting ETJs only allow for the enforcement of zoning regulations, not code enforcement. He also spoke on possible alternatives, such as a County-wide UDO or Union County establishing new zoning districts that have similar regulations to neighboring towns.

7. New Business

a. WUMA Meeting Schedule

Delegates discussed and adopted the following meeting schedule.

March 24, 2022	Weddington
April 28, 2022	Wesley Chapel
May 26, 2022	Mineral Springs
June 23, 2022	Marvin
July 28, 2022	Stallings
August 25, 2022	Weddington
September 22, 2022	Wesley Chapel
October 27, 2022	Mineral Springs
November 17, 2022	Marvin
December	No Meeting

MOTION: Rick Becker moved to adopt the meeting schedule.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

8. Delegate Comments

Weddington: Chairman Perryman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Wesley Chapel: Vice-Chair Fuller encouraged the western part of Union County to vote in the November elections.

Marvin: Joe Pollino stated that the County officials wished to receive information about WUMA meetings. Mr. Nestor stated that filing applications for the County's Critical Intersection Fund may induce the County to replenish the fund.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Steven Ayers moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:28pm.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.