



**WESTERN UNION MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2022, 4:00 P.M.
MARVIN VILLAGE HALL
10006 MARVIN SCHOOL ROAD
MARVIN, NC
MINUTES**

1. Open the Meeting and Determination of Quorum

Chairman Perryman called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Present: Chairman Perryman (Weddington Delegate), Steven Ayers (Stallings Delegate), Andy Wortman (Marvin Alternate), Rick Becker (Mineral Springs Delegate); Joe Pollino (Marvin Delegate), Jonathan Thomas (Union County)

Absent: Vice-Chair Fuller (Wesley Chapel)

Staff: Christina Amos, Manager, Village of Marvin

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Becker motioned to adopt the agenda; the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Approve October 20, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Mr. Becker made a motion to approve the 10/20/22 minutes; motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Public Comments - None

5. Delegate and Municipality Reports

Mineral Springs: Mr. Becker discussed an afterschool project Mineral Springs is doing for \$56,000 with ARPA funding called Emotional readiness. High level details of project discussed.

Stallings: Mr. Ayers discussed the P3 intersection in detail and it being turned back over to NCDOT as the interlocal agreement is currently being finalized. He discussed Christmas in the park event and briefly discussed the sewer issue at the County level.

Wesley Chapel: Mr. Boyce discussed the Fall Bash event successes and learning lessons. He also discussed the planned Movie Night on December 2nd and Coco and Carols Event. He discussed a beaver issue at the park. He also discussed zoning issues with new

comprehensive plan. He stated he wanted to discuss insurance and events at the next meeting to see how others handle processes with insurance and special events.

Weddington: Mr. Perryman discussed ETJ proposal. He also discussed updating Rules of Procedure for the Weddington board as a result of the Roots Farm and Weddington Green proposals; the idea would be to add a conflict-of-interest statement to meeting and to extend public comment times. There was discussion of investments and loans. He discussed Karen Dewey, Weddington Town Administrator, to send information on investments municipalities. He also discussed the possibility of Weddington's charter changing to a Manager-Council form of government. He discussed the tree lighting event.

Marvin: Mr. Pollino discussed Marvin's wayfinding and branding initiative; he also discussed Marvin's recent Halloween event and Marvin Day celebration scheduled for June 3, 2023. He discussed General Obligation Bonds and road resurfacing plans for the Village in working with NCDOT.

6. Old Business

a. Discussion of Presentation of ETJ Proposal

Mr. Perryman stated the Weddington Planner and Attorney discussed the possibility of having ETJ over certain areas instead of a distance; however, some board members expressed concerns over property rights and want to discuss further so they are putting on the retreat agenda. He also discussed the possibility of de-annexation.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of County Sewer

Mr. Ayers discussed growth and development and sewer access issues associated with Stallings' downtown planning.

Mr. Perryman discussed a capital reserve account with Union County that was suppose to fund sewer expansion.

Ms. Amos discussed Marvin's experience with the sewer capacity issues that started a couple years ago when the County requested an interlocal agreement from Union County municipalities but gave no benefit to municipalities. She also discussed Marvin's involvement when the County denied a local development access to sewer and that projects involving pump stations were the controversial developments as Union County did not want to increase rates for all rate payers just to fund the maintenance of pump stations. She discussed options that Marvin explored in response to issues faced which consisted of: purchasing a pump station larger than the development needs to create a larger impact; becoming a wholesale buyer from Union County and then selling water/sewer to customers pending Union County's approval in an interlocal agreement; aligning with other municipalities that are interested in getting into the water/sewer business and starting a Water/Sewer Authority (which she explained would be a very long process).

Mr. Thomas discussed sewer expansion has not been funded at Union County.

Mr. Perryman discussed getting information back from respective boards and then approaching the County.

b. Discussion of Law Enforcement Alert System

Mr. Perryman discussed in detail the [code red] system with Union County. He discussed the notification system works in the event of emergencies where people in communities could be informed. He gave examples of how the system could benefit localities and just wanted to let all know that it exists currently in Union County.

There was discussion about reaching out to Andrew Ansley with Union County for more information, if desired.

c. Discussion of NCDOT Contract Reform-Cost Overruns

Mr. Perryman discussed the responsibilities of municipalities in NCDOT contracts that go over estimated costs regardless of the timeline of the project.

There was discussion of keeping this item on the agenda for future discussion to get state representatives to reform this contractual language in the future.

d. Discussion of 2023 Meeting Schedule

The following dates and locations were approved for January-June:

January 26, 2023: Mineral Springs

February 23, 2023: Weddington

March 23, 2023: Stallings

April 27, 2023: Wesley Chapel

May 23, 2023: Marvin

June 22, 2023: Mineral Springs

8. Delegate Comments

None; holiday wishes from all.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Becker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m.