

**Town of Mineral Springs  
Town Hall  
3506 S. Potter Road  
Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
September 12, 2019 ~ 7:30 PM**

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**Minutes**

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The Town Council of the Town of Mineral Springs, North Carolina, met in Regular Session at the Mineral Springs Town Hall, Mineral Springs, North Carolina, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2019.

**Present:** Mayor Frederick Becker III, Councilwoman Valerie Coffey, Councilman Jerry Countryman, Councilwoman Lundeen Cureton, Councilwoman Peggy Neill, Town Clerk/Zoning Administrator Vicky Brooks, Attorney Bobby Griffin, and Deputy Town Clerk Janet Ridings.

**Absent:** Councilwoman Janet Critz and Mayor Pro Tem Bettylyn Krafft.

**Visitors:** None.

With a quorum present Mayor Frederick Becker called the Regular Town Council Meeting of September 12, 2019 to order at 7:31 p.m.

**1. Opening**

- Councilwoman Neill delivered the invocation.
- Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Public Comments**

- None.

**3. Consent Agenda**

- ***Councilman Countryman made a motion to approve the consent agenda, containing the following:***

- A. July 2019 Tax Collector's Report
- B. July 2019 Finance Report

***and Councilwoman Cureton seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:***

***Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Cureton, and Neill  
Nays: None***

4. **2019 Property Tax Order of Collection**

- Mayor Becker explained the council had the Order of Collection and the Settlement from Union County for 2018. Mayor Becker has looked it over and it does balance. There is also a report and Settlement for 2012 through 2017.
- **Councilwoman Coffey made a motion to approve the property tax Order of Collection and Settlements and Councilwoman Neill seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:**

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Cureton, and Neill*

*Nays: None*

5. **Prior Years' Tax Settlement and Write-Offs**

- Mayor Becker explained the council had the Mineral Springs Settlement of Delinquent Taxes. Ms. Ridings did it for the previous three years and had noted, by law, the town will be writing off the 2009 balance of \$120.02. The settlements balance to the deposits from those delinquent taxes for the year.
- **Councilwoman Neill made a motion to approve 2018 Tax Settlement covering the years 2009 through 2011 including the write-offs from 2009 and Councilwoman Cureton seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:**

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Cureton, and Neill*

*Nays: None*

6. **Proclamation for Constitution Week**

- Mayor Becker explained the council has the Daughters of the American Revolution Proclamation every year, which reminds us that Constitution Week is September 17<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Councilwoman Coffey made a motion to approve this Proclamation for Constitution Week and Councilman Countryman seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:**

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Cureton, and Neill*

*Nays: None*

- The proclamation is as follows:

**Town of Mineral Springs  
Proclamation**

**Constitution Week  
September 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

**Whereas, The Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law; and**

**Whereas, September 17, 2019, marks the two hundred thirty-second anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and**

**Whereas, It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate it; and**

**Whereas, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,**

Now, Therefore, I, Frederick Becker, III, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Mineral Springs in the State of North Carolina do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23, 2018 as

~ Constitution Week ~

and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

In Witness Of, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September of the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen.

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Frederick Becker III, Mayor  
Town of Mineral Springs

ATTEST:

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Vicky A Brooks, CMC, Town Clerk

7. **Proclamation Declaring October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

- Mayor Becker explained that every year Turning Point requests the town declare October as Domestic Violence Month.
- ***Councilwoman Neill made a motion to approve the Proclamation for October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Councilwoman Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:***

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Cureton, and Neill*

*Nays: None*

- The proclamation is as follows:

**Proclamation  
Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence affects all Union County residents, and far too many people suffer abuse at the hands of a spouse, partner, parent, child, or sibling; these victims can be of any age, race, religion, or economic status and the resulting damage is inflicted not only on the victims, but their children, families, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence includes not only physical but also mental abuse, emotional abuse, financial abuse, sexual abuse, and isolation; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is widespread, including one in three Americans who have witnessed an incident of domestic violence with an annual cost to US companies of \$3.5 billion in lost work time, increased health care costs, higher turnover, and lower productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, there have been 1,244 women, men, and children murdered as a result of domestic violence since January 1, 2002 in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the North Carolina Council for Women, domestic violence programs across the state responded to over 120,000 crisis calls and provided services to over 52,000 victims last year; and

**WHEREAS**, the key to prevention is education, community awareness, having zero tolerance for domestic violence, and requiring accountability by the abuser; and

**WHEREAS**, Union County recognizes the importance of having collaborations by multiple partners to promote social norms, policies and laws that support gender equity and foster intimate partnerships based on mutual respect, equality, and trust; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Frederick Becker III, Mayor of the Town of Mineral Springs, do hereby proclaim October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Union County and urge all citizens to support this observance. I further urge our citizens to increase their awareness and education of this destructive force which deeply affects a large number of families in our State each year and to become part of the efforts to stop violence in families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Mineral Springs to be affixed this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.

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Frederick Becker III, Mayor

Attest:

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Vicky Brooks, CMC, Town Clerk

8. **Proclamation Declaring September 2019 as Litter Awareness Month**

- Mayor Becker explained this was a new proclamation request he received from a friend of his, Nancy Gullede, who has joined Litter Busters and wanted the town to declare the month of September as Litter Awareness Month.
- ***Councilwoman Coffey made a motion that we approve the Proclamation declaring September as Litter Month and Councilman Countryman seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:***

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Cureton, and Neill  
Nays: None*

- The proclamation is as follows:

**Town of Mineral Springs, North Carolina  
Mayoral Proclamation**

**Whereas**, litter can have an immediate and long-lasting impact on the community, degrading the natural environment, reducing property values, increasing crime, discouraging residential growth and tourism and blighting the visual aesthetic of our neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, the Town Council has a strong interest in reducing and eventually eradicating roadside litter and litter in our waterways; and

**Whereas**, all members of our community are strongly encouraged to properly dispose of all trash, recycle as per established guidelines and foster litter control awareness; and

**Whereas**, the NCDOT has identified September 14-28, 2019 as dates for the North Carolina Department of Transportation Biannual Cleanup Drive Involving community volunteers statewide to participate in organized litter sweeps.

**Now Therefore**, I, Frederick Becker III, Mayor of the Town of Mineral Springs, North Carolina, on behalf of the Town Council, do hereby declare September to be **Litter Awareness Month** and encourage all residents, businesses and all members of the community to join in all efforts to keep Mineral Springs clean and litter free.

Dated this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

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Frederick Becker III, Mayor

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Attest: Vicky Brooks, Municipal Clerk

9. **Discussion of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival**

- Ms. Brooks explained she did not have the final budget ready; it would be at least next month. Ms. Brooks asked if the council wanted to wait until everyone was present to discuss it. Mayor Becker responded "absolutely"; it will be moved forward to next month.

10. **Staff Reports**

- There were no staff reports.

11. **Other Business**

- Councilman Countryman stated he just wanted to say thank you to “all of us” for helping with the festival. “I think it was a really successful festival and I think we all need to pat ourselves on the back”, Councilman Countryman said.
- Councilwoman Cureton noted she wanted to say thank you too and that a lady called her and told her she had won a gift (something from Walmart the lady would be giving her).

12. **Adjournment**



- ***Councilman Countryman made a motion to adjourn and Councilwoman Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:***

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Cureton, and Neill*

*Nays: None*

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.
- The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mineral Springs Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Vicky A. Brooks, CMC, Town Clerk  
Frederick Becker III, Mayor