

**Minutes of the
Mineral Springs Town Council
Public Hearing / Regular Meeting
June 10, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.**

The Town Council of the Town of Mineral Springs, North Carolina, met in Public Hearing and Regular Session at the Mineral Springs Town Hall located at 3506 Potter Road South, Mineral Springs, North Carolina, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2021.

Present: Mayor Frederick Becker III, Mayor Pro Tem Valerie Coffey, Councilman Jerry Countryman, Councilwoman Janet Critz, Councilwoman Lundeen Cureton, and Councilwoman Bettylyn Krafft.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Town Clerk/Zoning Administrator Vicky Brooks and Deputy Town Clerk Janet Ridings.

Visitors: None.

1. Opening

With a quorum present at 7:32 p.m. on June 10, 2021, Mayor Frederick Becker called the Regular Town Council Meeting to order.

Councilwoman Critz delivered the invocation.

Moment of Silence for Councilwoman Peggy Neill.

Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Hearing – 2021-2022 Proposed Budget

Mayor Becker called the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget Public Hearing to order at 7:35 p.m.

There were no public hearing comments.

Mayor Becker closed the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Consent Agenda – Action Item

Councilwoman Critz motioned to approve the consent agenda containing the April 2021 Tax Collector's Report, and the April 2021 Finance Report and Councilwoman Cureton seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz, Cureton, and Krafft. Nays: None.

5. Consideration of a Resolution Honoring Councilwoman Peggy Neill – Action Item

Mayor Becker read the resolution honoring Councilwoman Peggy Neill.

Councilwoman Coffey motioned to adopt the resolution for Peggy Neill and Councilwoman Krafft seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz, Cureton, and Krafft. Nays: None.

The resolution is as follows:

**Town of Mineral Springs
Resolution in Memory and Honor of
Councilwoman Peggy Neill
R-2021-05**

WHEREAS, the Mineral Springs Town Council, for itself and on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Mineral Springs, expresses its profound sense of loss at the passing of Councilwoman Peggy Neill; and

WHEREAS, we recognize Peggy for her life of compassion, generosity and dedication to our community, and, most particularly, her service to the Town;

WHEREAS, Peggy began her service to the Town of Mineral Springs even before its re-incorporation, having dedicated hundreds of hours of her time as part of the citizens' re-incorporation committee, and as such she should be recognized as a founder of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Mineral Springs is deeply grieved at the loss of its friend and public servant, but is grateful for the opportunity of having known and worked with Peggy;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Mineral Springs, North Carolina, that we express to the family of Peggy Neill our deepest and most heart-felt condolences and that, as a token of respect and esteem, this Resolution shall be incorporated into the permanent records of this Council.

ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2021.

Frederick Becker III, Mayor

Valerie Coffey, Mayor Pro Tem

Jerry Countryman, Councilman

Janet Critz, Councilwoman

Lundeen Cureton, Councilwoman

Bettylyn Krafft, Councilwoman

Attest:

Vicky Brooks, CMC, NCCMC, CZO, Town Clerk

Councilwoman Critz asked if there will be copies of the resolution signed on nicer paper that can be sent to the family.

Mayor Becker responded Ms. Brooks had good paper. A copy can be taken to the service as a token of the town's appreciation of Peggy's contributions.

Councilwoman Krafft asked if there was any information about the services.

Councilwoman Critz responded the service will be a Memorial Service on Wednesday, June 23rd at Siler Presbyterian Church at 10:00 a.m. There will be a receiving visitation on Tuesday, June 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at Siler Presbyterian Church.

Councilwoman Critz added she did speak with Peggy's son, and he is not familiar with all that Peggy has done, so they have asked the council to contribute anything they want to and they will give Mayor Becker five minutes to share what Peggy has meant as a council member in the community.

Councilwoman Coffey noted she truly regretted she would no be able to attend, because she will be working.

6. Consideration of Copper Run Subdivision Road Right-of-Way Maintenance – Action Item

MEMO

To: Mineral Springs Town Council
From: Rick Becker
Date: June 3, 2021
Subject: Agreement with Copper Run HOA for Right-of-Way Maintenance

The town of Mineral Springs owns several parcels of land that have road frontage within the Copper Run subdivision. While True Homes was building, the rights-of-way were occasionally mowed and maintained; now that the neighborhood is built out, NCDOT has taken over the roads, and the HOA is controlled by its resident board, the HOA's landscaper has been mowing the right of way in front of all of our properties while doing the rest of the HOA's common area maintenance.

Although our properties are not officially part of the HOA membership and they are not governed by the covenants nor subject to dues, I believe that the town has some responsibility as a good neighbor to keep our road frontage maintained and mowed to match that of the rest of the neighborhood. I have had informal discussions with some of the HOA officers, and we decided to submit a maintenance proposal to Council.

The town is not obligated to participate. The only other similar situation is in Harrington Hall, where the town owns one lot at the end of Wolf Creek Circle. It has less road frontage than we have in Copper Run – 100-150 linear feet or so – and the Harrington Hall lot abuts our parking lot property. We currently have our landscaper Taylor and Sons mow the front of the Harrington Hall lot at the same time he mows the parking lot areas. We pay him \$125 per visit (which includes the parking lot work) – on-demand – and he makes 5 – 6 visits per season.

We have 1,850 linear feet of frontage in Copper Run, and I believe that it would be much more expensive for us to pay Taylor and Sons to maintain that property. Therefore, I am proposing the attached agreement, whereby we would reimburse the Copper Run HOA \$600 per year as a contribution toward the cost of maintaining the right of way in front of our properties.

Mayor Becker explained this is an odd agreement he was proposing, but it has been on the back burner for a number of years since Copper Run was built out and it was no longer being maintained by True Homes instead of the HOA taking care of the town's road frontage. As Mayor Becker mentioned in the memo, there is not a legal obligation, it is more of being a "good neighbor", because the town has a lot of frontage and the HOA is taking care of it. The town pays our landscaper to do one little piece of it in Harrington Hall as part of the parking lot [greenway]. This is a voluntary thing. Mayor Becker warned the HOA guy he had been in discussions with that he did not expect the council to commit a lot of money, because the town would be happy to have the NCDOT mow it, but they do try to keep their subdivision manicured and people who live there basically mow their property right to the curb. Mayor Becker came up with the idea of an annual \$600 and to put it before the council to see what they wanted to do. The only question Mayor Becker got from Attorney Griffin was that he was concerned about being able to terminate the contract if the HOA was not maintaining it to town standards.

Councilwoman Critz asked what the reason for this was.

Mayor Becker explained it started back before the license agreement with town property discussions; it was sort of discussed at one time, but Mayor Becker asked for it to be handled separately and to wait until the end of the year, so they would have a fiscal year contract. Mayor Becker told the guy to wait, and it was more of a good neighbor thing. It is not town property, it is NCDOT's right of way, so there are no liability issues. The town is not paying to maintain somebody else's private property.

Councilwoman Critz asked why NCDOT was not doing it.

Mayor Becker responded they would, but they would maybe come in every couple of months, which would be knee-high grass. The HOA is going to cut it, even if the town paid them nothing, because they want their place to look nice.

Councilwoman Critz asked if the town contribution would go toward their landscaper and not the town landscaper.

Mayor Becker responded the town would be reimbursing the HOA for a portion of their expense.

Councilwoman Critz asked if this put the town in a position of being equitable to everyone else.

Mayor Becker responded it was town property, so it is frontage of town property that the town owns. It is not like other neighborhoods where the town does not own any property. Mayor Becker reiterated; the town does pay the town landscaper to maintain one lot in Harrington Hall that adjoins the parking lot property.

Councilwoman Critz asked if there was no road frontage that was the town's in Harrington Hall.

Mayor Becker responded yes, in Harrington Hall, the town has one and the town pays the town landscaper.

Councilwoman Critz asked if it was just a small portion.

Mayor Becker responded it was on the cul-de-sac.

Councilwoman Critz asked if that existed across the street at the equine.

Mayor Becker responded no, the town does not own any property there, the town has a little 25-foot strip, but the town does not own a lot or anything in that subdivision.

Councilwoman Critz asked if Mayor Becker was talking about for the trail.

Councilwoman Coffey commented in light of the fact that it is town property in Copper Run, the town would be extending being good neighbors.

Mayor Becker responded that was how he looked at it, so he promised the guy he would put it before the council, because even if it is a small amount of money, it is taxpayer money, and the council needs to feel comfortable if they are going to make a commitment like that. This is an annual contract and it can just be terminated.

Councilwoman Coffey motioned that the council pay the contract fee for the right of way maintenance at Copper Run and Councilwoman Cureton seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz, Cureton, and Krafft. Nays: None.

7. Consideration of Taylor and Son Landscaping Contract for Town Hall – Action Item

Mayor Becker explained Ms. Brooks talked with Ms. Taylor; there are no changes to the price and the terms were the same.

Councilman Countryman motioned to approve the Taylor and Son Landscaping contract and Councilwoman Krafft seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz, Cureton, and Krafft. Nays: None.

8. Benchmark Planning Land Use Plan Scope of Services Quote – Action Item

Ms. Brooks asked if the council had received and reviewed the proposal. Ms. Brooks pointed out Benchmark has worked for several towns doing this type of thing. The proposal and the timeline are shown on the last page. Ms. Brooks commented it was a lot of money, but she questioned what the town would have paid back when UNCC did the study.

Councilwoman Critz commented the town did a donation of \$10,000 and the town knew it was basically what they recommended the town do, and it was like a steal.

Councilwoman Critz asked if Benchmark was the only quote.

Ms. Brooks responded it was the only one she received, but she did touch back with N-Focus who told her they were not interested in giving the town a bid.

Councilwoman Critz asked if that was because Mineral Springs was “small potatoes”.

Ms. Brooks responded she did not know, maybe it was because when the town did the UDO, N-Focus and Benchmark gave the town a quote, but Benchmark won. Maybe N-Focus did not want to spend all the time putting something like this together just for it to go to Benchmark.

Mayor Becker commented that part of him said, when he discussed this briefly with Ms. Brooks, “well we were starting from scratch with UNCC and we are not starting from scratch, in a way we are, even though our goals are probably very similar to what they were fifteen years ago. The situation is different, the background is different, what’s happening around us is different, so in some ways they are going back from scratch again if they are going to do a good product. I was thinking that, and it is, I know that they did Waxhaw’s recent one [five years ago], I am not going to talk on the merits of what Waxhaw does, but I know it is like a 200-page document and it has all sorts of regional statistics and it’s a big thing. I don’t know if ours proposed to be that large a document. I suspect not”.

The UNCC study piggybacked off the Urban Open Space Institute that was funded by the Knight Foundation. The program has not been repeated to the knowledge of Councilwoman Critz.

Councilwoman Coffey stated she believed this was a fair and equitable proposal. “You can’t get studies any cheaper than this, this is just not heard of. This is what it costs to have these studies done and some places are paying a lot more, so I think for the size town that we are and what the project will entail, I am of the opinion this is a fair quote”, Councilwoman Coffey said.

Councilwoman Critz mentioned the town was spoiled from what they had in the past.

Mayor Becker noted it was done a different way. The Vision Plan was done by the University and the town paid COG to incorporate the Vision Plan into the Land Use Plan, which cost about \$2,500. The town had \$12,000 to \$13,000 into the Vision Plan and Land Use Plan 15 years ago.

Councilwoman Krafft asked if the council was trying to make a motion to approve to move forward or what was the task.

Mayor Becker responded the council could approve the proposal and ask Benchmark to draft a contract that the town would be able to execute.

Councilwoman Critz noted the first Steering Committee meeting was in July and asked if the council needed to provide people from the council, and the planning board.

Ms. Brooks responded if that was the way the council wanted to do it. They could appoint a couple council members to sit with the planning board and call that the Steering Committee or they could do what they did last time where it was two planning board members, two council members, and two board of adjustment members. It is really up to the council. Ms. Brooks suggested having the planning board onboard the whole time was a good idea.

Councilwoman Critz agreed.

Councilwoman Krafft agreed and commented as much as she wanted to get on top of this, she wondered about starting in the summer when everybody is on vacation.

Ms. Brooks noted the plan has to be updated by June 30, 2022.

Councilwoman Critz motioned to accept the Comprehensive Plan given to us, submitted by Benchmark for the amount of \$33,000.00 and Councilwoman Krafft seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz, Cureton, and Krafft. Nays: None.

Councilwoman Critz volunteered to be one of the council members on the Steering Committee.

Councilwoman Krafft stated she will be with the planning board.

Councilwoman Coffey stated she would take a seat if she could.

Mayor Becker responded Councilwoman Coffey could do it as council.

Ms. Brooks commented the only problem she could see was that would be a quorum, but she could advertise a quorum for that meeting; they would not be taking action as a council.

Councilwoman Critz motioned that she and Councilwoman Coffey volunteer to meet with the planning board as the Steering Committee and Councilwoman Cureton seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz, Cureton, and Krafft. Nays: None.

9. Consideration of the 2020-2021 Nonprofit Contributions – Action Item

Mayor Becker explained the write-ups were in the agenda packet. Council on Aging requested \$3,000 and Mayor Becker explained the council had committed themselves to the same as last year for starters and that was \$2,000 for them.

Councilwoman Critz asked Mayor Becker if Council on Aging said why.

Mayor Becker responded Councilwoman Critz would have to read the letter.

Mayor Becker noted it was \$2,000 for Turning Point last year and they did not ask for a specific number. Last year, the council gave \$2,000 for Red Cross who asked for \$1,500 this year, and it was \$2,500 for Catawba Lands Conservancy. Mayor Becker explained the council had a few options, they could do nothing, or stick with \$2,000, \$2,000, \$2,000, and \$2,500, or since Red Cross specifically asked for \$1,500, the council could take that extra \$500 that was allocated to them and throw it at the Council on Aging and give them \$2,500. The council would be spending the same amount; they are capped at \$8,500 that they can spend up to.

Councilman Countryman responded that sounded like a reasonable approach, transferring the money to Council on Aging.

Mayor Becker commented the Red Cross had a specific dollar amount and it was less than the council gave them last year. Council on Aging is asking for more and the council could meet them halfway.

Councilman Countryman thought the population was aging.

Councilman Countryman motioned to go \$2,500 to Council on Aging, \$2,000 to Turning Point, \$1,500 to Red Cross as requested, \$2,500 to Catawba Lands Conservancy and Councilwoman Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz, Cureton, and Krafft. Nays: None.

10. Consideration of Adopting the 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance – Action Item

Mayor Becker explained he gave the council a new budget in this edition, because once they made one change it brought changes throughout the document (employee overhead, the overall taking it out of capital). Mayor Becker stated he explained it on page five of the budget. The total amount is still the same and the tax rate is still the same. The council can see what the ordinance says that is the one they were adopting. Mayor Becker asked if it was still to everyone’s satisfaction.

Councilwoman Coffey responded most definitely.

Councilwoman Krafft responded excellent job, as usual.

Councilwoman Krafft motioned to adopt the 2021-2022 budget as proposed and Councilman Countryman seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz, Cureton, and Krafft. Nays: None.

Ordinance-2020-02 is as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
TOWN OF MINERAL SPRINGS

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022
O-2020-02**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Mineral Springs, North Carolina, the following:

Section I. Appropriations. The following amounts are hereby approved in the General Fund for the operation of the Town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning 7/1/2021 and ending 6/30/2022, in accordance with a Chart of Accounts to be established for the Town:

ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL GOVERNMENT: \$338,366.00		
Advertising	\$1,800.00	
Attorney	\$9,600.00	
Audit	\$4,730.00	
Charities and Agencies	\$10,545.00	
Community Projects	\$26,000.00	
Contingency	\$3,000.00	
Elections	\$3,300.00	
Employee Overhead	\$35,400.00	
Fire Protection	\$12,000.00	
Intergovernmental	\$15,000.00	
Office and Administrative	\$157,719.00	
Planning and Zoning	\$49,272.00	
Street Lighting	\$1,200.00	
Tax Collection	\$1,600.00	
Training	\$3,000.00	
Travel	\$4,200.00	
CAPITAL:		\$25,849.00
Capital outlay	\$25,849.00	

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:

\$364,215.00

Section II. Estimated Revenues. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning 7/1/2021 and ending 6/30/2022:

Property taxes	\$78,365.00
Interest	\$2,500.00
Other income	\$1,200.00
Sales taxes	\$271,925.00
Vehicle taxes	\$6,725.00
Zoning fees	\$3,500.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES:

\$364,215.00

Section III. Property Tax Levy. A tax in the amount of \$0.021 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation is hereby levied on property within the Town of Mineral Springs which was listed for property taxes in Union County, North Carolina as of January 1, 2021.

ADOPTED this 10th day of June 2021. Witness my hand and official seal:

Frederick Becker III, Mayor

Attest:

Vicky A. Brooks, Clerk

11. Staff Updates

Mayor Becker explained the American Rescue Plan and the COVID bill does have direct payments to individual municipalities nationwide. In North Carolina, the ones that are generally under \$50,000 are called non-entitlement municipalities where the state gets this large pot of money and then they give it to us through a rather complicated process and the uses are very narrow. Most of the money can be used for water and sewer expansion or broadband expansion. Mineral Springs does not have water and sewer and the state is limited on what municipalities can do with broadband, not that money isn't also a limitation.

Mayor Becker wanted to call it to the council's attention, because there is information going around, and it is not true. Like every big bill, there are dollar amounts and a certain amount of billions of dollars has been allocated in North Carolina to these municipalities, which is done by population. If you do the math, they say Mineral Springs is entitled to \$910,000, Waxhaw is entitled to \$5,100,000, and Wesley Chapel is entitled to \$2,700,000. Theoretically this is true, but that is not what the municipalities are entitled to, because the next paragraph says the maximum any municipality can get is 75% of their total adopted budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. Mineral Springs budget was about \$365,000, so the maximum the town could get would be \$270,000, which is already getting smaller; because the town does not do the stuff, it cannot be used for road improvements or for sidewalks. The only thing that comes up in one little paragraph that has a complicated calculation that is done over the next four years. It talks about revenue losses, the town did not lose any revenues that Mayor Becker could show the council in a finance report, but the formula they want you to use says you take your budget for the year ending 2019 and then you add 4.1% per year as an increase. If you did not make 4.1% in your revenues, you are entitled to the difference. For the first period it might be around \$22,000 through December 2020. Mayor Becker did not know what was going to happen through December 2022. That money can be used for almost anything, which is the only caveat Mayor Becker found. The town is ahead of things, so the council does not have to make any decisions. Federal grants are the most complicated things on the face of the earth. Ms. Brooks did a class on grants and the rule of thumb for any grant is you just follow their rules, but that is easier said than done with Federal grants where the rules are amazingly complex. Mayor

Becker stated he did talk to the town auditor, because often when you take any Federal grant money you have to go through a much more complex auditing process, which is more expensive, and it could wipe out your little grant. The auditor said the town would only have to do the single audit process for \$750,000 and up. It may go up a few thousand, because there would be more transactions.

Mayor Becker explained the state has been contacting him; there is an office in the state called North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office (NCPRO) and they get the money from the Feds and they send it to the towns. They do not even have a complete list of what towns are allowed to use it for, they have not figured out how they are going to do it yet, but Mayor Becker had to register with them and then he had to register with something call SAM.gov, which is a Federal agency that you have to be registered with to accept the first dollar of Federal money. If the town is ever going to do an intersection, they would need to do that, so the town is now registered with the Feds and they are registered with the state as a vendor. Mayor Becker explained that is where the town has gotten and nothing else has taken place, but he wanted to make sure the council knew what was happening and to hear the town does not have a million dollars coming from the Feds that they could use for anything. The town may get \$270,000 of which over the next four years, they may be able to get \$80,000.

Mayor Becker explained the second one was the HUD/CDBG program, which is not a new program, it is a community development block grant program, and it is a lot more flexible in terms of what is applicable, but you generally want to be doing things that are benefitting lower income neighborhoods with lower income citizens; it could be used for certain sidewalks in areas where the town does not have any. Towns must renew their interest in HUD every three years and Mineral Springs has not done it before. Assistant Union County Manager Patrick Niland strongly recommended Mineral Springs sign on as a participant, because even if the town does not take any money or apply for any grants, the town's population goes into the census for Union County, which gives the county more funding possibilities. Mayor Becker sent Mr. Niland a letter saying the town is interested in participating. This is not one where they are going to be sending the town money like ARP money, it is one where the town would have to look at projects and would have to apply. The good thing is it is administered by COG (Centralina Council of Governments), so if they are getting paid for it, their cut out of the grant money, but you have to have a professional administrator who, if you are going to apply for any CDBG grant money, the COG is actually doing the Federal interfacing.

Mayor Becker explained the third thing he found out was from the CRTPO agenda packet, is that there is another piece of COVID Rescue money, which is going to state Departments of Transportation. It is about \$7,000,000 worth going to the CRTPO region, which is Iredell County, Mecklenburg County, and half of Union County. CRTPO will vote on it next Wednesday and what the TCC of the CRTPO is recommending is that money be used for maintenance that has be long awaited, things as pedestrian as the signal loops at intersections where they no longer respond to cars and the light time does not work, or pavement striping. This would be in the three-county region.

Councilwoman Critz asked about the potholes the size of the Grand Canyon.

Mayor Becker responded he did not think it was going to be pothole maintenance, that comes out of the regular NCDOT maintenance budget. The only thing Mayor Becker saw for Mineral Springs was \$4,100 for the repair of the signal looping at the downtown intersection, so maybe that will make the light timed better, if it happens.

Councilwoman Critz asked if that was before or after the intersection improvement or if it had nothing to do with it.

Mayor Becker responded it had nothing to do with it. It was probably region wide with intersections that need attention.

12. Other Business

Councilwoman Critz explained she and Councilwoman Neill had been on some long trips over the past year and did a lot of talking during that time. Recently there was an email from Centralina Council of Governments or UNC Chapel Hill talking about a mentoring program, which Councilwomen Critz and Neill had a couple long conversations about how they thought that would be something good to do in Mineral Springs, each council member could target one or two people they know who are active in the community and appear to be long termers in the community and they could set up workshops that they would put some personal investment into these people as mentors, so that they could start training people to take their places and train people to get more involved and just teaching them what it is like. A lot of time people are wary of getting involved because they think it is going to consume them or they are not interested, because they don't think it applies to them; often times neither one of those is true. Councilwoman Crit suggested, in Peggy's honor, that the town try to implement such a mentoring thing in the next couple of years. It is certainly something that Councilwoman Critz thought the council realized needs to happen, because, excluding Councilwoman Krafft, "we are all in the senior citizen age category".

Councilwoman Coffey responded she has recruited, although she did not get them on board, but she is always in the recruiting thought process when it comes to Mineral Springs and she has invited members of her community to get involved in the past, because sometimes there are people that have a lot of wonderful ideas and opinions, but when it comes to being responsive, all of a sudden there is dead silence.

Councilwoman Critz explained the conversations she had with Peggy that made it a little different was the fact that they would incorporate workshops where it could be opened to the public, but targeting the people that were willing to come alongside and mentor. Councilwoman Critz thought each council member, at some point in time, has tried to get other people interested, but when she and Peggy read what came out of Chapel Hill where they had a thing you could go online and they were encouraging it in more towns to set up workshops, so people could find out exactly what it means to be a council member and what the responsibilities are or what it mean to be a planning board member.

Councilwoman Krafft stated she thought the overall mentorship movement was coming. Councilwoman Krafft belongs to three groups right now and has four mentees that she is working with in different aspects of her career. Councilwoman Krafft thought it was a good idea, she did not know, like Councilwoman Coffey, she has been trying to get people involved, but she is afraid Mineral Springs is becoming more of a bedroom community again. People are trying to get away from the hustle and bustle, so they come home, and they do not want to go out after they get home; they just want to stay home. Councilwoman Krafft is hoping the town can find some people to do that, that really care about the town.

Councilwoman Critz commented if they want it to stay like that and they want those perks for when they come home from work, someone is going to have to protect them.

Councilwoman Krafft agreed, and stated she was looking forward to the town getting the newsletter out again and getting back to doing some more town-type things.

Councilwoman Coffey commented she did not know that everything was getting back to normal, but she was sure it would and hopefully there will be more people that will step up and get the inoculations they need to help protect themselves and others. Councilwoman Coffey thought that will be a great thing; that's where we are, we are open for growth.

Mayor Becker commented it was a long-term project to look at.

Councilman Countryman asked if there was any additional follow-up regarding the Lowe's program that was designed.

Mayor Becker responded he had not heard anything, but John Howie would be the one who would hear from them. No news is probably not good news in this case.

Councilwoman Krafft asked about the property behind Patterson's storage, the vacant lot that has the turf. Is that going forward?

Ms. Brooks responded yes.

Councilwoman Krafft responded she had not heard anything, and she drives by there all the time, there were some kids out there this past week doing mischief/just being kids.

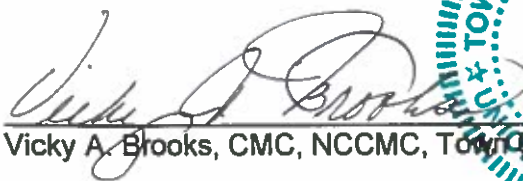
Ms. Brooks explained they still had one more step to go.

13. Adjournment – Action Item

At 8:33 p.m. Councilwoman Coffey motioned to adjourn the meeting and Councilwoman Krafft seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz, Cureton, and Krafft. Nays: None.

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mineral Springs Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by:


Vicky A. Brooks, CMC, NCCMC, Town Clerk




Frederick Becker III, Mayor