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**TOWN COUNCIL RECESSED MEETING  
AUGUST 9, 2023, 6:30 PM  
MINUTES**

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CALL TO ORDER	MAYOR BARBARA MALLETT
INVOCATION	MAYOR PRO TEM RUSH
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	MAYOR BARBARA MALLETT
WELCOME	MAYOR BARBARA MALLETT

**Present: *Mayor Barbara Mallett, Presiding; Board Members: Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Rush, Albert Smith, John Noble, Alderman Dwayne Holmes, Alderman. Town Manager Michael Douglas, Town Clerk, ShaTaira Bailey, Town Attorney Thomas Brooke.***

**Absent: *Alderman High, Alderman Curtis Cowan***

**APPROVE MINUTES of regular meeting on July 10, 2023.**

***A motion was made to approve the July 10 regular minutes by Alderman Smith; seconded by Alderman Holmes. Motion passes unanimously.***

**PUBLIC COMMENT** *Please note that comments shall be limited to five minutes and the Town Council reserves the right not to act on requests first presented this evening.*

**Mr. Dowdy had concerns about the Dunbar Center. He stated that there is constant activity and traffic in the abandoned building. He asked questions about what the town plans to do with that building. Town Manager, Michael Douglas, explained the process the town is now going through to control these issues and what steps are being taken. He also explained the process is long and cannot be handled over night.**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing – Variance Request Garden Street

*A motion was made to enter public hearing by Alderman Holmes, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.*

*There were no public comments for the public hearing.*

*Mr. Douglas explains that Sign Connection is requesting a variance on behalf of Garden Street Communities. The Town's current sign ordinance restricts the size for signage for the Kerns Ridge entrance, making the signage difficult to see. Mr. Douglas explains that with the approval of this variance, a larger sign can be established, thus increasing the visibility of the coming community.*

*A motion was made to close the public hearing by Mayor Pro Tem Rush; seconded by Alderman Holmes. Motion passes unanimously.*

*A motion was made to approve the variance by Mayor Pro Tem Rush; seconded by Alderman Rush. Motion passes unanimously.*

2. Updates

*Mr. Douglas speaks to the council about a few updates for the town.*

- a. Trash Services - *Waste Management services will end at the end of August, and we will begin our new contract with GFL on September 4, 2023. Trash days were also moved from Fridays to Mondays.*
- b. Public Works – *Public Works now have a full-time working crew of 4.*
- c. 2022 Audit – *Mr. Douglas tells the board of alderman and mayor that the audit for FY 21-22 is now complete.*
- d. Concession Stand Renovation – *Images were shown in the council meeting for the new and improved concession stand for Royal Giants Park.*

3. Manager Comments


4. Council Comments

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Recessed Regular Meeting  
August 9, 2023  
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ADJOURNMENT

***A motion was made to adjourn by Alderman Smith; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem  
Rush. Motion passes unanimously.***

  
Mayor, Barbara A. Mallett

  
ShaTaira Bailey, Town Clerk

