

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE
TOWN OF STALLINGS, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Town Council of the Town of Stallings met for a special meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Stallings Government Center, 321 Stallings Road, Stallings, North Carolina.

Those present were: Mayor David Scholl; Council Members Steven Ayers, Mike Couzens, Jon Van de Riet, and Laurie Wojtowicz.

Those absent were: Mayor Pro Tempore Brad Richardson; and Council Member Graham Hall.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Town Attorney Melanie Cox; Max Hsiang, Planning Director; and Kevin Parker, Engineering Director; Jessie Williams, Finance Officer; Karen Reid, Human Resources Director; Eunice Donnelly, Parks and Recreation Director; Chief Dennis Franks; and Mary McCall, Accounting Technician.

1. Call the meeting to order

Mayor Scholl called the meeting to order.

2. 2026-2027 Budget Discussions

Town Manager Sewell reminded the Council where it was on the budget process and that it was at the point to give direction to the Staff and/or allow the Town Manager to submit his recommendation to the Council.

Finance Officer Jessie Williams demonstrated to the Council the future budget needs based on various tax rate scenarios. It was highlighted that taxes did not cover all the Town's services and the current tax rate would only cover next fiscal year's operating expenses.

Council discussed various items in the budget. Council preferred a tax rate adjustment over a solid waste fee and requested the Staff look at increasing development fees. The Town Manager would give the Council a suggested budget by April 30, 2026.

3. Adjournment

Council Member Couzens moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Van de Riet, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Approved on May 11, 2026.

s/David Scholl

David Scholl, Mayor

Approved as to form:

s/Cox Law Firm, PLLC

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s/Erinn Nichols

Erinn E. Nichols, Town Clerk