

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

The Town Council of the Town of Stallings met for its regular meeting on January 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stallings Government Center, 321 Stallings Road, Stallings, North Carolina.

Those present were: Mayor Wyatt Dunn; Mayor Pro Tempore David Scholl; Council Members Steven Ayers, Taylor-Rae Drake, Heather Grooms, Graham Hall and Brad Richardson.

Those absent were: Council Member Taylor-Rae Drake.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Chief Dennis Franks; Max Hsiang, Planning Director; Jamie Privuznuk, Finance Officer; Eunice McSwain, Parks and Recreation Director; and Melanie Cox, Town Attorney.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and meeting called to order

Mayor Wyatt Dunn welcomed everyone to the meeting and delivered the invocation. Mayor Dunn then led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

No one was present to give public comment.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

A. Minutes of the following meetings:

(1) 12-12-2022 – special

(2) 12-12-2022 – closed

Council Member Ayers made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson which passed unanimously by Council.

2. Reports

A. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Dunn had no report.

B. Reports from Council Members/Town Committees

Council Members Hall, Grooms, Ayers, and Richardson had no reports.

Council Member Scholl enjoyed the parks with his children and grandchildren over the holidays.

C. Report from Town Manager/Town Departments

Town Manager Sewell reported on the following:

- National Law Enforcement Day was that day.
- Staff was participating in the Biggest Loser weight loss challenge with the beginning of the new year.
- Employee of the Year was Mary McCall and Officer of the Year was Lt. Heath Cranford.
- DFI small meetings had been scheduled with the Council.
- At the QUAD meeting, there was an update on CATS and that the Silver Line completion was slated for 2036.
- Chief Franks reported that the check for the funds raised from No Shave November was being presented that evening to Home Town Heroes. \$13,000 was raised in Union, with \$2500 coming from Stallings Police Department, with all proceeds going to help childhood cancer.

3. Agenda Approval

Council Member Scholl made motion to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grooms and passed unanimously by Council.

4. RZ22.09.02

Recessed from 12-12-22

A. General Rezoning, SFR-1 to MU-2 – Council Vote

Planning Director Hsiang reported on the updated buffer issues for RZ22.09.02 and presented the Council a letter from the applicant stating that he would input the buffer the Council was wanting.

Council Member Richardson made the motion to approve RZ22.09.02 - General Rezoning, SFR-1 to MU-2. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grooms and passed unanimously by the Council.

B. Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness

Council Member Richardson read the Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness for RZ22.09.02 into the record and made a motion to approve it. The motion was passed unanimously by the Council after a second from Council Member Hall. The Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness for RZ22.09.02 is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

5. NCLM delegate selection and voting direction

Town Manager Sewell explained the North Carolina League of Municipalities was looking to set it legislative goals and provided 15 different options for the Council to consider. The Town could pick up to ten goals.

The NCLM proposed goals that Council selected were:

- Revitalize vacant and abandoned properties with enhanced legal tools and funding.
- Allow municipalities to use local resources and capabilities to expand broadband access in their communities through innovative partnerships.
- Extend deadlines for completion of federal infrastructure projects.
- Expand state transportation funding streams for construction and maintenance for municipal and state-owned secondary roads.
- Support integrated and multi-modal transportation solutions.
- Increase state funding for public transportation operations.
- Expand incentives and funding for local economic development.
- Expand incentives that encourage regionalization of water and sewer, as well as other municipal services, when appropriate.
- Enhance state systems and resources for local law enforcement officer recruitment, training, and retention.
- Provide local revenue options beyond property tax.

Council Member Ayers made a motion to appoint Mayor Dunn as the NCLM delegate and directing him to vote on the priorities as decided by the Council. Those priorities are listed above. The motion was seconded by Council Member Scholl and passed unanimously by the Council.

6. FY22-23 Town Priorities & Action Strategies Update

Town Manager Sewell presented and went through the FY22-23 Town Priorities & Action Strategies Update. The FY22-23 Town Priorities & Action Strategies Update is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

7. Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)

Council Member Ayers made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) which was seconded by Council Member Hall. The motion was passed unanimously by the Council.

Council went into closed session at 7:52 p.m. and reconvened back in open session at 8:25 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Council Member Ayers moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Grooms, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved on February 13, 2023.

s/Wyatt Dunn

Wyatt Dunn, Mayor

s/Erinn Nichols

Erinn E. Nichols, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

s/Cox Law Firm, PLLC

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