

**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 September 12, 2022, 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.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Chief Dennis Franks; Max Hsiang, Planning Director; Marsha Gross, Finance Officer; Brian Price, Public Works Director; 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) 08-08-2022

(2) 08-08-2022 – closed

B. Police Department Updated Wrecker Service Agreement

C. Constitution Week Proclamation 2022

D. Resolution Supporting Continued Development of County and Municipal Infrastructure to Sustain Economic Investment, Workforce Development, and a Preferred Quality of Life in Union County

Council Member Drake made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Scholl which passed unanimously by Council. The Constitution Week Proclamation 2022 and Resolution Supporting Continued Development of County and Municipal Infrastructure to Sustain Economic Investment, Workforce Development, and a Preferred Quality of Life in Union County are attached to these minutes therefore incorporated herein.

2. Reports

A. Report from the Mayor

The Mayor had no report.

B. Reports from Council Members/Town Committees

Council Members Hall, Drake, and Grooms had no reports.

Council Member Ayer noted that the WUMA meeting was hosted by Stallings for September where doughnut holes were discussed.

Council Member Scholl finished the advanced leadership course at the School of Government. Council held consensus to allow publishing UNC School of Government press releases on Council Member's accomplishments.

Council Member Richardson had no report.

C. Report from Town Manager/Town Departments

Town Manager recognized department heads for reports:

- Chief Franks – Two events were hosted by the Police Department: National Night Out and Back to School Bash where 175 backpacks were distributed. Chief recognized Corp. Pittman for her leadership with the Back to School Bash.
- Parks and Recreation Director McSwain thanked the Council for approving the Community Service Program for the parks. The department had its first individuals that week as a part of the program.
- Finance Officer Gross reported that Stallings was awarded the Award of Excellence in Reporting for the sixth year in a row.
- Town Manager Sewell updated the Council on the NCDOT Potter/Pleasant Plains Intersection progress. NCDOT was in the process of updating the surveys and design for that intersection. It planned to let the work in late Spring/early Summer 2023.

3. Agenda Approval

Council Member Scholl made the motion to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion received the Council's unanimous support after a second from Council Member Ayers.

4. Vickery Greenway Pinch Point Fencing

Cost Estimates Follow Up

Town Manager Sewell reminded the Council that the Vickery Subdivision donated land to the Town for the purpose of developing a greenway trail. At a certain point, pinch point, the dedicated land was a narrower and closer to private property. Therefore, it was initially planned for additional enhanced landscaping in that area (\$15,000). Citizens whose property was affected was now requesting

fencing in that area in addition to the enhanced landscaping. However, due to the typography and wetlands in that area, it was a more complex issue than just constructing a typical fence. The fence recommended in that location would cost approximately \$131,000 per an engineer assessment. Tree removal was not included in that estimate. Town Manager Sewell's memo detailing this issue is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Council Member Richardson made the motion to suspend the rules to allow public comment on this item. Council Member Hall seconded the motion to which Council passed unanimously.

Sean Gold, 2015 Donavon Drive, assumed no one on the Town Council would like to see the property value decrease because of the greenway. He did not feel the original screening budget of \$15,000 was not adequate to provide the level of screening. He felt the only way to screen properly was a fence. He did not feel landscaping was going to be effective in a wetland and felt wood was sufficient material to build a fence. He felt the property values in Vickery were being affected negatively by the greenway.

Tim Russell, 2009 Donavon Drive, was shocked at the fencing price and was concerned about security with the apartments being built nearby and renters going in those apartments. He thought there were four properties affected.

Ms. Hoots, 2019 Donavon Drive, was concerned with safety due to the apartments being built.

Council Member Richardson made the motion for the residents to bring fencing cost for the four properties to the Town and the cost will be brought back to the Town Council for approval. Council Member Drake seconded the motion to which the Council unanimously approved.

5. Waste Connection Contract Extension

Assistant Town Manager Nichols explained that the Town's contract with Waste Connections would expire in June 2023. Ms. Nichols requested direction as to whether Council would like to exercise its right per contract to extend the contract for two years.

Council Member Scholl made the motion to move forward with a contract extension with Waste Connections. Council Member Drake seconded the motion to which Council approved unanimously.

6. Citizen Survey

Council held consensus to continue to provide feedback to staff on the draft citizen survey. Staff would also speak with the professor at Western Carolina University who was offering his services for this project about picking the project back up at the first of 2023.

7. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and (6)

Council Member Scholl made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and (6). The motion was seconded by Council Member Hall and passed unanimously by Council.

Council went into closed session at approximately 8:16 p.m. and reconvened back into open session at approximately 8:57 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Council Member Hall moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Ayers, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Approved on November 14, 2022.

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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