

**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, February 3, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at the Stallings Government Center, 321 Stallings Road, Stallings, North Carolina.

Those present were: Mayor Wyatt Dunn; Council Members Steven Ayers, Brad Richardson and Laurie Wojtowicz.

Those absent were: Mayor Pro Tempore David Scholl; and Council Members Taylor-Rae Drake and Graham Hall.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Assistant Police Chief James Perry; Max Hsiang, Planning Director; Nick Coffey, Parks and Recreation Senior Maintenance Technician; Kevin Parker, Engineering Director; Jessie Williams, Finance Officer; Mary McCall, Accounting Technician; and Karen Reid, Human Resources Director.

1. Call the meeting to order

Mayor Wyatt Dunn called the meeting to order.

2. Purpose and Process

Town Manager Alex Sewell welcomed all to the first budget meeting for the upcoming fiscal year. He recapped the budget and the budget process for FY2024-2025 as well as the projects and main items that were included within that budget. The previous year, the Council saw the shortfall and operational deficit that would happen in that year, asked the staff to make budget cuts, and ultimately raised taxes by \$0.03/\$100 using fund balance to bridge the gap.

3. 2024-2025 Budget Year Recap

Finance Officer Jessie Williams recapped the current budget in detail. This recap is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

4. Revaluation Overview

Curt Walton, Walton & Hall, reviewed and reeducated the Council on the revaluation process that Union County would be conducting for the upcoming year. Mr. Walton's revaluation handouts are attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

5. 5-Year Budget Forecast

Finance Officer Jessie Williams reviewed the 5-Year Budget Forecast with the Council. This forecast is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

6. Council Selection of Up to Three Budget Scenarios

Curt Walton, Walton & Hall, gave the Council five scenarios to consider for its FY2025-2026 Budget in order to effectively adopt a balanced budget. Mr. Walton's budget scenario handout is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Council held discussion on the scenarios. It held consensus to investigate Scenario 2 (revenue neutral – budget cuts were definite); Scenario 4 plus \$0.03 tax increase; and Scenario 5 (do not lower the tax rate).

Council would hold its Annual Planning Retreat on Saturday, February 22, 2025. The next special budget meeting would be held on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Council Member Ayers moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Wojtowicz, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Approved on March 10, 2025.

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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