

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

The Town Council of the Town of Stallings met for a meeting on October 26, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, a virtual electronic platform, due to the North Carolina declared state of emergency because of COVID-19. Public could access the meeting via phone (1-646-558-8656), web link (<https://zoom.us/j/93636073217?pwd=UjJTS3NaYndUTDA3UXhhSmtYalRBdz09>) or the Zoom app (Meeting ID: 936 3607 3217; Password: 555421).

Those present and visible on camera were: Mayor Wyatt Dunn; Mayor Pro Tempore Lynda Paxton; Council Members Steven Ayers, Heather Grooms, John Martin, Brad Richardson, and David Scholl.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Chris Easterly, Town Engineer; and Lynne Hair, Town Planner.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and meeting called to order

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

Public Comments

No one had joined the meeting who wanted to give public comment.

1. Agenda Approval

Mayor Dunn requested the Council add a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) as Agenda Item 4.A for parcels 07126008A and 07126012A. Council Member Scholl made the motion to approve the Agenda with the addition above. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers and passed unanimously by Council.

2. Water/Sewer Expansion in Western Union County

Union County Commissioner Richard Helms presented the Council Union County's water/sewer expansion plan. Assistant County Manager Brian Matthews was also present on behalf of the County Administration. Mr. Helms' presentation is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Council discussed the expansion plan with the County representatives.

3. Open Space/Green Space Strategies (Martin) (Continued from 10-12-2020)

Clerk Note: This item was discussed after Agenda Item 4.

Town Planner Hair presented the Council with Open Space/Green Space Strategies as requested by Council Member Martin so that Council could continue its discussion from its 10-12-2020 meeting concerning the re-write of Article 21 of the Development Ordinance. This presentation is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein. Centralia Regional Council (CRC, formally CCOG) gave the Town a quote of \$7500 to facilitate these changes and technical re-write with the project taking around four months.

Council Member Scholl made the motion to have the staff go back to the CRC and negotiate a better price up to \$7500 and then move forward with contracting with the CRC. The motion was seconded by Council Member Martin and passed unanimously by the Council.

4. Downtown Committee Recap and Suggestions (Continued from 10-12-2020)

Clerk Note: This item was discussed prior to Agenda Item 3.

Town Manager Sewell reminded the Council that it had tasked himself and Council Member Richardson to reach out to key property owners in the downtown area. A letter was sent out to all the property owners on Stallings Road noting the Town would like to speak with them about downtown efforts. Approximately seven meetings had been set up over the next several weeks which encompassed approximately half of the property owners along Stallings Road.

Town Manager Sewell and Council Member Richardson suggested tabling the item until they were able to complete the meetings and have the discussions with the property owners.

4.A. Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) for parcels 07126008A and 07126012A

Council Member Paxton made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5). The motion was seconded by Council Member Martin and passed unanimously by the Council.

Council went into closed session at 7:42 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 7:59 p.m.

5. Adjournment

Council Member Paxton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Ayers, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:01 p.m.

Approved on December 14, 2020.

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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