

**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 November 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stallings Government Center, 321 Stallings Road, Stallings, North Carolina.

Those present were: Mayor Pro Tempore Lynda Paxton; Council Members Steven Ayers, Heather Grooms, Brad Richardson, and David Scholl.

Those absent were: Mayor Wyatt Dunn.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Chief Dennis Franks; Max Hsiang, Town Planner; Matthew West, Planning Technician; Brian Price, Public Works Director; and Melanie Cox, Town Attorney.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and meeting called to order

Mayor Pro Tempore Lynda Paxton welcomed everyone to the meeting and Council Member Grooms delivered the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Paxton then led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

No one was present who wanted to give public comment.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

A. Minutes of the following meetings:

- (1) 09-20-2021 – closed
- (2) 09-24-2021 – closed
- (3) 09-27-2021
- (4) 10-07-2021 – special

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 was not present to give a report.

B. Reports from Council Members/Town Committees

Council Member Scholl stated that he thought Stallings Fest was excellent and thanked staff for their efforts.

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

C. Report from Town Manager/Town Departments

Town Manager Sewell reported on the following:

- Introduction of Max Hsiang as the new Planning Director
- Proud of effort of all staff for Stallings Fest
- P3 intersection – Union County wanted to change some of the design from a utilities standpoint removing the process of boring underneath the road
- Lawyers Road/Emerald Lake Roundabout – Bid out in July 2022; construction in August 2022
- Assistant Town Manager Nichols updated the Council on the ARPA Funds stating that staff was working with Centralina Regional Council to understand the perimeters from the government. Staff would bring project ideas to Council for discussion and final approval.
- Chief Franks shared that the Police Department was participating in No Shave No November. For \$30/month, officers did not have to have to shave their facial hair. All proceeds went to the Hometown Heroes, Union County which assisted those with childhood cancer and families.
- Parks and Recreation Director Platts thanked the Council for its support of Stallings Fest. She also reported that Christmas had begun, and lights would come on soon. The Christmas Tree lighting would be on Dec. 4 with Reindeer Games activities throughout that week. Parks projects for Blair Mill and Privette Parks would be coming to Council at the December meeting.

3. Agenda Approval

Council Member Paxton requested adding parcel 07129315 to the closed session. Council Member Richardson made the motion to approve the Agenda which the above addition. The motion received Council's unanimous support after a second from Council Member Grooms.

4. RZ 21.08.06 – 132 Stallings Rd Re-Zoning from TC to SFR-1

This item was deferred from Sept. 27.

Council Member Paxton explained this item was deferred from Sept. 27 from a request by the owner. She re-opened the public hearing and Planning Technician West presented the Council with information on the rezoning request. Mr. West's presentation is attached to these minutes and

therefore incorporated herein. There were no conditions recommended on the application. The Planning Board recommended approval of the request on September 21, 2021.

Applicant Judy Buchanan requested the Council defer the rezoning decision until after the first of the year. Council Member Paxton then closed the public hearing.

Council Member Richardson made the motion to defer the decision on this item per the applicant's request. Council Member Scholl seconded the motion to which Council approved unanimously.

5. CZ21.04.01 – CZ – Ag – Wilson

This item was deferred from Sept. 27. This was a request to resume the public hearing on this item at the November 22, 2021, Council Meeting.

The Applicant requested deferral of this item and staff recommended approval of the request. The applicant would go before the Planning Board the following week. Council held consensus to set the new date for Council to hear this item on November 22, 2021.

6. Landscaping Contract

Public Works Director Brian Price explained to the Council that per Council direction, staff went out to bid for several landscaping items throughout Town. Mr. Price presented the Council with the background, history, scope, and bids for the project. This presentation is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Council Member Scholl made the motion to approve the contract with Smith Grounds for the roadside cutting, Town Hall, and Blair Mill Park contingent upon Town Attorney Cox's approval at a cost of \$60,540/year. The motion was passed unanimously after a second from Council Member Ayers.

7. Parks and Recreation Committee Application Consideration

Council Member Richardson made the motion to appoint Randall Miller to the Parks and Recreation Committee with term expiring March 31, 2023. The motion received Council's unanimous support after a second from Council Member Scholl.

8. Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) regarding Parcel 07126007A; 2725 Old Monroe Road, Stallings, NC

Council Member Richardson made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) regarding Parcel 07126007A; 2725 Old Monroe Road, Stallings, NC as well as parcel 07129315. The motion passed unanimously after a second by Council Member Scholl.

Council went into closed session at 7:34 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 8:54 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Council Member Grooms moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Richardson, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Approved on December 13, 2021.

s/Wyatt Dunn
Wyatt Dunn, Mayor

s/Erinn Nichols
Erinn E. Nichols, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

s/Cox Law Firm, PLLC
Cox Law Firm, PLLC