

**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 April 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stallings Town Hall, 315 Stallings Road, Stallings, North Carolina.

Those present were: Mayor Wyatt Dunn; Mayor Pro Tempore David Scholl; Council Members John Martin, Lynda Paxton, Deborah Romanow, and Shawna Steele.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk; Interim Chief John Flynn; and Melanie Cox, Town Attorney.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and meeting called to order

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

Public Comments

Jason Hayes, 6116 Panache Drive, was requesting the Council grandfather in a basketball hoop in the neighborhood which had recently received a code violation. He stated it was a community hoop and had been in the community for over 20 years and used by a wide range of kids. It created a sense of community and family. For the record, the goal had been moved per the ordinance and was not currently in violation. The goal was located in the back of the neighborhood and not in a high traffic area. The goal could be easily moved at any time.

Jenny Hayes, 6116 Panache Drive, added that the goal had never received a complaint from the garbage company or mailman.

Jim Hubert, 8048 Sapphire Court, wanted to express that he loved the park and thought it was very well maintained and the staff was doing an excellent job there. He thought the intersection improvement at Potters and Pleasant Plains would be a great improvement. Mr. Hubert also received clarification on the Bulk Pick-Up dates. He inquired if the speed limit could be more clearly posted at Parkview and Old Monroe Road.

Steve and Jenny Turner, 6119 Panache Drive, was present to speak in favor of the basketball goal as well. The citizens came in on the recommendation of the Sgt. Ben Davis and Officer Lovingood.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

A. Minutes from the following meetings:

- (1) 02-25-19 – special
- (2) 02-25-19
- (3) 02-25-19 – closed

- (4) 03-11-19
- (5) 03-11-19 – closed
- (6) 03-25-19 – special
- (7) 03-25-19
- (8) 03-25-19 – closed 1 of 2
- (9) 03-25-19 – closed 2 of 2
- B. Ordinance to Establish and Restructure the Boards and Committees for the Town of Stallings Amendment
- C. Heyse Parks and Recreation Award
- D. Sale of Service Weapon

Mayor Dunn recommended adding the November 13, 2018 Minutes to the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Martin requested changing “Stevens Mill Road” on Condition 10 of the November 13, 2018 Minutes, Agenda Item 4, CZ18.08.01 – Epcon Communities to “Idlewild Road.”

Council Member Romanow made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented with the addition of November 13, 2018 Minutes and the revision of those minutes as noted by Council Member Martin. The motion was seconded by Council Member Paxton which passed unanimously by Council. The Ordinance to Establish and Restructure the Boards and Committees for the Town of Stallings Amendment is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

2. Reports

A. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Dunn reported that he had met with NCDOT along with Matthews and Indian Trail concerning the Old Monroe Road Widening. That subject would be added to the Agenda for the evening. He also noted that the Easter Egg Hunt event went great.

B. Reports from Council Members/Town Committees

Council Member Paxton reported on the following:

- South Charlotte Partners Transportation Summit, Ballantyne
 - 102 people a day move into Charlotte (specifically South Charlotte with the majority from NY)
 - Fourth best average commute time
 - New funding package in the legislature
- NC FIRST – 14-member board would recommend changes to the strategic transportation investment.
- CRTPO – presentation on autonomous vehicles to decrease crashes.
- Transportation Advisory Committee – requested the Council to have Police Department to collect data regarding on-street parking.
- Stallings 101’s next session – April 9 at 6:30 p.m.
- Inquired on the lack of Earth Day activities.

Council Member Martin reported the following:

- The inter-municipality meeting between Indian Trail, Matthews, and Stallings discussed ETJs.
- Board of Adjustment (BOA) Meeting – There was an assessment against a property with \$1800 in fines. The BOA waived the fines against that property as the situation was addressed.

Council Member Romanow had no report.

Council Member Scholl reported the following:

- Emergency Table Top was interesting and well executed.
- CATS meeting - interesting data was presented on transportation.
- Development Agreement process with Atrium Hospital was exciting; \$150 million investment.

Council Member Steele had no report.

C. Report from Town Manager/Town Departments

Town Manager Sewell reported on the following:

- Occupancy Tax Bill – The bill was filed and in que to start the hearing process.
- NCDOT Chestnut Roundabout request - \$350,000; NCDOT was requesting \$68,000 up front with total commitment remaining the same. Consensus from Council to proceed in this fashion.
- Easter Egg Hunt – Things went well but some things were identified to improve upon.
- Met with NCDOT where an updated concept plan with Monroe Road project was received. This item would be added to the Agenda for discussion.

The Police Department had no report.

3. Agenda Approval

Mayor Dunn recommended adding Agenda Item 4.A. as *NCDOT Old Monroe Widening Update* and amended Agenda Item 5 to be *Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318-11(a)(3) and (4)* citing case 18CVS769 Stallings v. Loukos for *NCGS 143-318-11(a)(3)*.

Council Member Romanow made the motion to approve the Agenda with the above noted changes which was seconded by Council Member Paxton.

Council also held consensus to have a special meeting on April 15 at 6 p.m. for a *Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318-11(a)(6)*.

4. District 5 Council Seat

Mayor opened the floor to nominations for the District 5 Council Seat. Council Member Steele nominated Billy Birt, Jr. to the seat. Mayor Dunn then closed the nominations. Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Birt for District 5 Council Seat.

4.A. NCDOT Old Monroe Widening Update

Town Manager Sewell reviewed the latest plan from NCDOT for the Old Monroe Widening. The plan is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Right-of-way acquisition for that project was scheduled for June 2019 with construction beginning in Spring of 2022. The plan did not include:

- Slip lanes
- 11 ft lanes
- Landscaping
- Buried utilities
- Mast arms at every location with red light

5. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318-11(a)(3) and (4)

Council Member Steele made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and (4). The motion was seconded by Council Member Romanow and passed unanimously by Council.

Council went into closed session at 8:01 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 8:18 p.m.

Town Manager Sewell gave the Council a draft budget for the first budget discussions on April 15. The Pay and Classification Study would be presented to the Council by April 23. He also reported that the basketball hoop issue would be researched and brought back to Council for a decision.

Council Member Scholl also requested the Whetstone Road abandonment be brought back for discussion at the April 23 meeting.

6. Adjournment

Council Member Scholl moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Paxton, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Approved on June 10, 2019.

s/Wyatt Dunn

Wyatt Dunn, Mayor

Approved as to form:

s/Cox Law Firm, PLLC

Cox Law Firm, PLLC

s/Erinn Nichols

Erinn E. Nichols, Town Clerk