

**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 March 9, 2020, 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 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; Chief Dennis Franks; 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

Joyce Rupert, 3026 Frasier Place, Morningside, hated looking at the homes beside the McDonalds when she walked to the park and wanted something done to clean up the properties. She also stated that in May 2019, Town dug up her backyard without notification for a stormwater issue and it was still not working correctly.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes of the following meetings:
  - 1. 01-13-2020
  - 2. 01-13-2020 – closed
  - 3. 01-16-2020 – special
  - 4. 01-27-2020
  - 5. 01-27-2020 – closed – 1 of 2
  - 6. 01-27-2020 – closed – 2 of 2
  - 7. 02-10-2020 – special
  - 8. 02-10-2020 – closed
  - 9. 03-11-19 minutes revision

Council Member Richardson noted a few minor changes to the minutes of 01-13-2020. Council Member Ayers then made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items with the minor change as noted by Council Member Richardson. The motion was seconded by Council Member Scholl which passed unanimously by Council.

## 2. Reports

### A. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Dunn reported that he and Town Manager Sewell took Mac McCarley on a tour of the Town and looked at areas for redevelopment. Mr. McCarley was also looking at the Potters/Pleasant Plains area and was impressed by the standard of the Town's neighborhood.

### B. Reports from Council Members/Town Committees

Council Member Paxton had no report.

Council Member Martin noted that North Carolina legislature was looking at creating a bill which would limit towns' abilities to make certain requests of developers.

Council Member Richardson had no report.

Council Member Scholl reported that he had attended the CCOG meeting where Union County was represented well. The light rail may come into Stallings and further into Union County. He encouraged the rest of Union County to be represented at those meetings.

Council Members Grooms and Ayers had no reports.

### C. Report from Town Manager/Town Departments

Town Manager Sewell reported on the following items:

- He hoped to have the next meeting in the New Town Hall.
- The contractor for the second-floor renovations on the existing Town Hall had been given the notice to proceed on March 30.
- Area of performance evaluations: Supervisory training had begun.
- Council held consensus that receiving calendar invitation for meetings would be helpful.

## 3. Agenda Approval

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

## 4. Committee (Re)Appointments

Council Member Paxton made the motion to reappoint Bill Smith and Aidan Norris as fulltime Parks and Recreation Committee Members with terms ending March 31, 2022 and Thomas Ayers as the Youth

Member for the Parks and Recreation Committee with term ending March 31, 2021. Council Member Scholl seconded the motion which was passed unanimously by Council.

Council Member Scholl made the motion to reappoint Jack Hudson and Rocky Crenshaw to the Planning Board with terms ending March 31, 2023. The motion received Council's unanimous support after a second from Council Member Martin.

Two of the three new applicants for the second alternate position for the Planning board introduced themselves to the Council:

- John Delgado
- Bob Ragon
- Council Member Grooms spoke on behalf of the third applicant who was not present, Laura Wojtowicz

Council voted via written ballot for the second alternate position of the Planning Board. Laura Wojtowicz was appointed via of 4 ballot votes with her term ending March 31, 2022.

The motion was made by Council Member Martin to reappoint Rick Widmann to the Stormwater Advisory Committee with term ending March 31, 2022. Council Member Scholl seconded the motion to which Council passed unanimously.

Council Member Paxton made the motion to reappoint Larry Falcone to the Transportation Advisory Committee with term ending March 31, 2022. The motion received Council's unanimous support after a second from Council Member Richardson.

##### 5. Take Home Vehicle Policy

Chief Franks explained to the Council that he had spent two months getting to know the officers and one repeating issue was the Take Home Vehicle policy which was currently at a 15 mile radius. Chief Franks proposed the Council extend the radius of the Take Home Vehicle Policy to 25 miles with the Grandfather Clause of 35 miles remaining unaffected. Chief Franks felt this was an important change for retention and to stay in line with the industry standards. Surrounding jurisdictions held policies with 25 miles radius or more.

Council Member Martin made the motion to amend the Stallings Vehicle Use Policy to extend the radius for the Take Home Vehicle Policy to 25 miles as long as the cars stayed in North Carolina. The motion was unanimously approved after a second from Council Member Paxton.

6. Privette Road Park (Grooms)

Parks and Recreation Director Platts announced that the new Event Coordinator Eunice McSwain would begin working the following Monday. Ms. Platts and Community Officer Ben Davis then presented the Council with plans to improve Privette Road Park. The plan included a concrete pad, walking paths, grills and picnic tables and eventually a fence around the property, playground equipment and shelter over the picnic tables.

The property currently was just a grass field. There would be no additional maintenance needs should these improvements be made. Council held consensus to move forward with the improvements.

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) to which Council Member Ayers seconded. The motion was passed unanimously by Council.

*Council went into closed session at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 8:18 p.m.*

Council Member Scholl made the motion suspend the rules to add an additional Agenda Item. The motion was passed unanimously by Council after a second from Council Member Paxton.

Town Attorney Cox reminded the Council it had approve CZ19.08.01 with Condition #7 but there was some confusion on the exact expectations. As a part of the Condition 7, the applicant had agreed to donating a 60' ROW (30' feet from the center line) donated to NCDOT for future road expansion. Council Member Paxton made the motion to approve the Condition #7 clarification on CZ19.08.01. The motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson and passed unanimously.

Council Member Paxton made the motion to authorized Chief Franks to bring 31 days (249 hours) of sick leave from his former employer to the Town of Stallings. The motion passed unanimously after a second from Council Member Scholl.

Mayor Dunn appointed the following members to the Small Area Plan (SAP) Committees:

- Monroe Bypass SAP: Council Members Paxton, Richardson, Ayers
- Idlewild SAP: Council Members Paxton, Scholl, Grooms, Martin
- Downtown SAP: Council Member Richardson, Ayers, Scholl

8. Adjournment

Council Member Paxton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Scholl, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Approved on May 11, 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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