

**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 February 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Stallings Government Center, 321 Stallings Road, Stallings, North Carolina.

Those present were: Mayor Wyatt Dunn; Mayor Pro Tempore David Scholl; Council Members Steven Ayers, , Heather Grooms, Graham Hall and Brad Richardson.

Those absent were: Council Member Taylor-Rae Drake.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Chief Dennis Franks; and Jamie Privuznuk, Finance Officer.

**1. Call the meeting to order**

Mayor Dunn called the meeting to order.

**2. 2023 Annual Planning Conference**

Facilitator Curt Walton assisted the Council in its 2023 Annual Planning Conference.

Facilitator Walton presented the Council with the 2024-24 draft strategic priorities based on one-on-one discussions he had with most Council Members. These draft strategies are attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Council then discussed those strategies. Below is a summary of Council discussions and consensus on various items.

- **Sewer:** Council held consensus to contract with an engineer to understand the exact feasibility of hooking up to another entity other than the county for sewer needs.
- **Stallings Fire Department \$1M Request:** Consensus that Stallings would not agree to request as presented. It needed more information for any consideration.
- **Police Department:** Chief Franks reported that the department needed to be more competitive in order to retain competent employees. Short and long term solutions would be brought to the Council including an officer/staff levels analysis and employee pay study.
- **Solid Waste:** Consider a solid waste fee to pay for increases in market.
- **Transportation:** Continue to push NCDOT on deadlines and projects specifically Potters and Pleasant Plains Intersection and Old Monroe Road widening.
- **Economic Development:**
  - Farmer's Market
  - John Deere Property
    - Breweries
    - Theater
    - Specialty Grocery Store

- Hospital development/light rail
- Union West Business Park – tax value/road repair costs
- **Communications:** Assistant Town Manager Nichols explained the Council’s current communications strategies and outlets.
- **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Date and budget. Next step: Parks and Recreation come the Council with some ideas for consideration.

Town Manager Sewell reminded the Council that to enhance services, resources were necessary and requested that Council not take away funds from existing services to apply to new services. Town Manager Sewell would bring back a summary of the Council’s new priorities and present it at a future meeting for Council’s adoption. That summary is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

3. Adjournment

Council Member Scholl moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Grooms, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Approved on March 13, 2023.

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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