

**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 June 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.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, , Graham Hall, and Brad Richardson.

Those absent were: Council Members Taylor-Rae Drake and Laurie Wojtowicz.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Chief Dennis Franks; Eunice Donnelly, Parks and Recreation Director; Max Hsiang, Planning Director; Matt Dillard, Code Enforcement Officer; Karen Reid, Human Resources Director; Kevin Parker, Town Engineer; Jessie Williams, Finance Officer; 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

No one was present to give public comment.

1. Consent Agenda

A. Amended Budget Ordinance 18 – Union County Public Schools Grant funding for School Recourse Officer position

Council Member Scholl made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as written. The motion was passed unanimously by Council after a second from Council Member Graham. The *Amended Budget Ordinance 18 – Union County Public Schools Grant funding for School Recourse Officer Position* is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

2. Agenda Approval

The Mayor requested removing Agenda Item 5.C., *Blair Mill Park Hedge Wall*, until a later meeting. Council Member Hall made the motion to approve the Agenda with the change above. The motion was seconded by Council Ayers and passed unanimously.

3. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance

Council Member Richardson made the motion to approve the *Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance*. The motion was seconded by Council Member Scholl and passed unanimously. The *Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance* is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

4. Policy for Assessed Civil Penalties

Planning Director Hsiang explained the Town did not have a policy that provided a process after issuing civil penalties. The policy outlined the steps required by the violator should they request to reduce or void the assessed penalties including a payment installment agreement form.

Council Member Richardson made the motion to approve the Policy for Assessed Civil Penalties as presented by staff. The motion was passed unanimously by Council after a second from Council Member Ayers.

5. Parks and Recreation

A. Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts

Parks and Recreation Director Donnelly reminded the Council voted on moving forward with using a portion of the \$160,959.58 surplus funds from the Blair Mill Greenway on various projects with the resurfacing of the tennis/pickle ball courts as one of those projects. Council requested staff explore different options for the current court's layout. Three options were offered:

- Option 1: Leaving the Court as is.
 - 2 Tennis Courts Lined for Pickleball + Resurfacing
 - Total Price: \$29,696
- Option 2: Leaving one side for Tennis & replacing other side with 2 Pickle Ball Courts
 - 1 Tennis Court | 2 Dedicated Pickleball Courts + Resurfacing
 - Total Price: \$33,902
- Option 3: Leaving one side for Tennis & Replacing other side with 4 Pickle Ball Courts
 - 1 Tennis Court | 4 Dedicated Pickleball Courts
 - Total Price: \$41,288

Council Member Richardson made the motion to approve Option 3 with a cost of \$41,288. Council Member Scholl seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 3 to 1 vote with Council Member Hall opposing.

B. Blair Mill Greenway Safety Fencing

Council requested staff research installing a fence at the Greenway at Blair Mill Park. Staff recommended installing:

- Two 8 ½' Swivel Gates approx. 4' High
- 3 ½' Posts with the Pipe being 1 ¼" Black Iron
- 180 Degree Rotation with Locking Pin
- The Swivel Barrier would allow vehicle access when necessary and slow down cyclists to prevent them from pedaling onto the road.
- Total Cost: \$5,000

Council Member Scholl made the motion to approve the two 8 ½' Swivel Gates at a total cost of \$5000. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers to which Council approved unanimously.

C. Blair Mill Park Hedge Wall

This item was removed from the Agenda.

6. Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)

Council Member Richardson made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) and invite Human Resources Director Karen Reid in the session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Scholl and passed unanimously by Council.

Council recessed into closed session at 7:41 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 7:46 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Council Member Scholl moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Hall, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Approved on July 8, 2024.

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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