

**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 budget session meeting on May 6, 2024, at 6:00 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 Member Taylor-Rae Drake and Laurie Wojtowicz.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Chief Dennis Franks; Kevin Parker, Town Engineer; Jessie Williams, Finance Officer; Marsha Gross, Finance Consultant, and Eunice McSwain, Parks and Recreation Director.

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Mayor Dunn called the meeting to order.

2. 2024-2025 Budget Discussions

Mayor Dunn opened the meeting. Town Manager Sewell reviewed the proposed budget. The 2024-2025 Proposed Budget Presentation is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein. He reminded the Council that it directed staff to create the budget with a \$0.03 tax increase and fill the gap with fund balance. The total cuts made by staff from the prior year budget equaled 4.8%.

- Council held consensus to:
 - Fund the pay study into the budget.
 - Adjust/fund the finance position/intern/planning technician position.
 - Fund all Police Department items in the budget.
 - Fund all Transportation and Public Work items in the budget.
 - Fund all Public Works HVAC upgraded in the budget.

Council took a break at 7:56 p.m. and reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

- Council held consensus to:
 - Fund all Parks and Recreation items including resurfacing tennis court/pickleball court, Stallings Municipal Park sign, and fix the Stallings Municipal Park fence in the current year budget.
 - Fund all stormwater items in budget.
 - Approve adding \$50,000 for Police liability insurance.

Council then discussed the deficit options. It held consensus to cancel the Special Budget Meeting scheduled on May 13 at 5:30 p.m. and continue with budget and deficit discussions at the May 20 Special Budget Meeting.

3. Adjournment

Council Member Ayers moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Hall, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Approved on June 10, 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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