

**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 May 8, 2023, at 5:00 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 Taylor-Rae Drake, Heather Grooms, and Brad Richardson.

Those absent were: Council Members Steven Ayers and Graham Hall.

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

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Mayor Dunn called the meeting to order.

2. FY23-24 Budget Discussions

Town Manager Sewell reviewed with the Council the Staff's homework items that were carried over from 04-24-2023 Budget meeting.

- Consensus by Council to continue insurance with NCLM for employees.
- Information provided by Assistant Town Manager Nichols regarding the possibility of a solid waste fee. This information is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Department Heads then presented Council with each department's budget and the factors that influenced the budgets. The presentation information is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

- **Police Department Budget** – Police Chief Dennis Franks
Proposed Budget: \$3,581,964 (2.3%/\$81K increase)

Council Member Taylor-Rae Drake at 5:33 p.m.

- **Parks and Recreation Budget** – Parks and Recreation Director Eunice Donnelly
Proposed Budget: 1,579,580 (1.1% increase/\$17,880)
 - Consensus to combine with Stallings Fest.

- Consensus to moving Stallings Fest to another time in order to celebrate the history of the Town.
- **Reserves Summary** - Finance Director Jamie Privuznak
ARPA Transfer of approximately \$1.5M
 - No appropriation was proposed from unrestricted Fund Balance.
 - Using ARPA funds to free up the General Fund was not a long-term sustainable strategy.
 - Reviewed one-time, non-reoccurring items that were proposed due to the funds freed up due to the ARPA transfer.
 - The complete list of items proposed to be funded by this method are attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.
- **Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan** - Finance Director Jamie Privuznak
- **Notable Items** - Finance Director Jamie Privuznak
 - The only item not funded in the proposed budget was the additional \$800,000 to repair roads.
 - Council requested more information on Stormwater Fees and Sidewalk/Road Repairs

3. Adjournment

Council Member Grooms moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Drake, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Approved on June 12, 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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