

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE
TOWN OF STALLINGS, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Town Council of the Town of Stallings met for a meeting on January 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, a virtual electronic platform, due to the North Carolina declared state of emergency because of COVID-19. Public could access the meeting via phone (1-646-558-8656), web link (<https://zoom.us/j/98268472915?pwd=M0E1dW5YcThBNTdpTWU0YWFKvzNydz09>) or the Zoom app (Meeting ID: 982 6847 2915; Password: 435095).

Those present and visible on camera were: Mayor Wyatt Dunn; Mayor Pro Tempore Lynda Paxton; Council Members Steven Ayers, Heather Grooms, John Martin, and Brad Richardson.

Those absent were: Council Member David Scholl.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Lynne Hair, Town Planner; and Police Chief Dennis Franks.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and meeting called to order

Mayor Wyatt Dunn welcomed everyone to the meeting and Council Member Richardson gave the invocation. Mayor Dunn then led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

No one joined the meeting who wished to give public comment.

1. Agenda Approval

Mayor Dunn requested the Council add Agenda Item 5.A., *Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and (5)*.

Council Member Richardson made the motion to approve the Agenda with the above addition. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers and passed unanimously by Council.

2. Stinson Farms Development Agreement

Mayor Dunn opened the public hearing on this item and recessed the discussion on this item until February 8, 2021 and the public hearing until February 22, 2021 at the request of the applicant.

3. NCDOT Greenway Crossing Signal Inspection Agreement

Town Manager Sewell updated the Council on this item noting that NCDOT Representative Travis Pressler was also present to answer any questions. Mr. Sewell reminded that Council that NCDOT 13855

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was requiring the Town install a HAWK beacon at the pedestrian crossing signal on Stevens Mill Road (SR 1524) as a part of the greenway section located near the Vickery subdivision adjoining Stevens Mill Road at a cost of \$2500-3500 to the Town. On January 11, the Council requested more information from NCDOT on this item. Staff found that NCDOT had executed several of those agreements with other municipalities. Staff requested the Town enter into NCDOT Greenway Crossing Signal Inspection Agreement for this crossing.

Council Member Paxton made the motion to enter into the NCDOT Greenway Crossing Signal Inspection Agreement for this crossing. The motion was approved unanimously by Council after a second of Council Member Martin.

4. Economic Development Strategic Plan Update

Chris Plate, Executive Director, Monroe-Union County was present to present the Council with the Economic Development Strategic Plan Update. Mr. Plate's presentation is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporate herein.

5. Union County Interlocal Agreement Draft

Town Manager Sewell presented the Council his professional analysis of the proposed Union County Interlocal Agreement Draft. His analysis included the following along with the recommendation to communicate this analysis formally to Union County. The complete analysis is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

- The agreement was not equitable on all sides.
- Since the Town was not a utility provider, the Town should not be involved in managing package plants.
- The Town was happy to work with the County to project our needs as part of the County's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
- The Town was committed to keeping dialogue open and working cooperatively with Union County, the Town of Indian Trail, and other area municipalities.

Council Member Paxton made a motion for the Town Manager to formally communicate the above listed items to Union County as a response to the Union County Interlocal Agreement Draft. Council Member Martin seconded the motion to which the Council agreed unanimously.

5.A. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and (5)

Council Member Paxton made the motion to go into the closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and (5) and invite Town Planner Lynne Hair into the session. The motion was passed unanimously by the Council after a second from Council Member Richardson.

Council went into the closed session at 7:49 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 8:46 p.m.

6. Adjournment

Council Member Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Ayers, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Approved on February 8, 2021.

s/Wyatt Dunn
Wyatt Dunn, Mayor

s/Erinn Nichols
Erinn E. Nichols, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

s/Cox Law Firm, PLLC
Cox Law Firm, PLLC