

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

The Town Council of the Town of Stallings met for its first special meeting of May 19, 2025, 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 Steven Ayers, Graham Hall, Brad Richardson and Laurie Wojtowicz.

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; Max Hsiang, Planning Director; Kevin Parker, Engineering Director; Jessie Williams, Finance Officer; Eunice Donnelly, Parks and Recreation Director; Tori Dorman, Special Events Coordinator; Nick Coffey, Parks and Recreation Senior Maintenance Technician; Karen Reid, Human Resources Director; and Melanie Cox, Town Attorney.

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Mayor Dunn called the meeting to order and explained that the meeting was to present the budget to all the members of the Stallings Committees. There were members of the Planning Board and Community Committee present.

2. 2025-2026 Budget Discussions

Town Manager Sewell explained the purpose of the meeting was to engage the committee members in the budget process and the Town's planning. He reviewed the Town Manager's Budget Message highlighting that the main discussion point for the 2025-2026 Budget was whether to raise taxes or cut core services.

Council Member Wojtowicz arrived at 5:05 p.m. Council Member Hall arrived at 5:06 p.m.

Jessie Williams, Finance Officer, presented information with actual numbers from the proposed budget, revenues and expenditures, explaining the state's rule for adopting a balanced budget. She reminded that a small portion of the Town was located in Mecklenburg County with the majority in Union County. It was highlighted that fund balance had historically been used each year to assist in

balancing the budget. This presentation is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Committee members discussed various budget items with the Council:

- Vehicle Tax
- Police Department
- Recycling: recycling centers verses recycling collection
- Union County septic capacity freezing housing and development and option septic options.
- Occupancy Tax
- Concerns about the proposed budget not looking into future projects especially a community center

Mayor Dunn thanked all for coming to the meeting.

3. Adjournment

Council Member Scholl moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Ayers, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Approved on June 9, 2025.

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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