

**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 March 27, 2023, 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, Heather Grooms, Graham Hall and Brad Richardson.

Those absent were: Council Member Taylor-Rae Drake.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Mary McCall, Deputy Town Clerk; Chief Dennis Franks; Max Hsiang, Planning Director; Kevin Parker, Town Engineer; Jamie Privuznuk, Finance Officer; Brian Price, Public Works Director; Eunice McSwain, Parks and Recreation Director; and Karen Reid, Human Resources Director.

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.

Special Presentation

Boy Scout Dan Mitchell, Troop Number 144

Eagle Scout Candidate

Privette Park Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Mitchell explained to the Council that he would be completing his Eagle Scout Project by constructing an informational kiosk at Privette Park. He would be working with utilities to make sure the location would not interfere.

Public Comments

There was no one present who wanted to give public comment.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

A. Amended Budget Ordinance 14 – Repeal

B. Amended Budget Ordinance 15 – Parks and Recreation Sponsorship Funds

Council Member Hall made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grooms which passed unanimously by Council. Amended

Budget Ordinance 14 - Repeal and Amended Budget Ordinance 15 are attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

2. Agenda Approval

Council Member requested adding Senate Bill 317 as Agenda Item 4.A. Council Member Richardson then made the motion to approve the Agenda with that addition. Council Member Ayers seconded the motion to which the Council approved unanimously.

3. Police Department Items

A. Crime Report (Scholl)

Chief Dennis Franks reviewed the Police Department crime statistics with the Council. The monthly crime report can be found on the Town of Stallings website.

B. Market Adjustment Consideration

Chief Dennis Franks explained the need for a salary increase for police officers to ensure the SPD remains competitive with surrounding police departments. He requested implementation a new pay plan using lapsed salaries which included increasing every officer's salary by \$5000. Chief Franks' memo to Council on this topic is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Council Member Scholl made the motion to implement the new pay plan immediately as outlined by Chief Franks using lapsed salaries by increasing officers pay by \$5000 and increasing the officers pay grade by \$5000. The motion was passed unanimously by Council after a second from Council Member Ayers.

4. Citizen Survey

Town Manager Sewell reminded the Council that the Citizen Survey was one of the Council's 2021-2022 Priorities. Staff requested direction from the Council based on the lack of need for the survey at the present time. Assistant Town Manager Nichols' memo regarding the history and specifics of the Citizen Survey is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Council Member Scholl made the motion to eliminate the Citizen Survey until there was a subject on which citizen feedback was warranted. The motion passed unanimously after a second from Council Member Hall.

4.A. Senate Bill 317

Council Member Scholl explained that Senate Bill 317 addressed the workforce housing crisis and took away local municipalities' ability to zone.

Council Member Scholl made the motion to direct staff to draft a resolution opposing Senate Bill 317 and bring back for adoption at its next meeting and communicate the Council's opposition to Senate Bill 317 to the Union County Staff. The motion received Council's unanimous support after a second from Council Member Richardson.

5. Adjournment

Council Member Ayers moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Grooms, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Approved on April 11, 2023.

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