

**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 April 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, a virtual electronic platform due to the nation state of emergency because of COVID-19. Public could access the meeting via phone (1-646-558-8656), web link (<https://zoom.us/j/815601263?pwd=Snk1dmFkN2NIRDlwRkw2eStTdEdidz09>), or the Zoom app (Meeting ID: 815 601 263; Password: 017559)

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

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

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.

Public Comments

There was no one joining the meeting who wanted to give public comment.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes of the following meetings:
 - (1) 02-10-2020
 - (2) 02-22-2020 – special
 - (3) 02-24-2020

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

2. Reports

A. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Dunn noted that the USS Gerald Ford had come into port with 25,000 people with zero COVID-19 positives which showed the process of proper screening worked.

B. Reports from Council Members/Town Committees

Council Member Ayers praised all staff and Council for their work and efforts in finding solutions to stay serving the Town during this time while keeping everyone as safe as possible.

Council Member Richardson had no report but echoed Council Member Ayers comments.

Council Member Scholl thanked all the staff and the Parks and Recreation staff for the Easter Parade.

Council Member Paxton had no report.

Council Member Martin reported that he was working on the Union County 2050 Vision and vision statements would be shared with the public soon for public input.

Council Member Grooms had no report.

C. Report from Town Manager/Town Departments

Town Manager Sewell reported the following:

- Thanked the Council and Staff for its patience during these times as issues were resolved.
- Commended the Parks and Recreation staff for rethinking the Easter celebration and creating an Easter Parade throughout the Town. Staff drove 70 miles and visited 19 neighborhoods for the parade.
- The Parks and Recreation Department would like to explore the possibility of a Farmer's Market at a downtown area – specific location and details would yet to be determined.
- Second Floor Renovations on the original Town Hall were underway and anticipated three months to complete unless the pandemic caused any delays.
- Gateway signage was also being developed for different areas of Town.
- Town Staff and Waste Connections Staff were working together for a yard waste collection solution which would maintain the safety of employees and while continuing to service the needs of citizens.

3. Agenda Approval

Council Member Scholl made the motion to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers and passed unanimously.

4. Town Gateway Signage – Conceptual Designs

Town Planner Hair presented the Council with conceptual designs and possible locations for Town Gateway Signage. This presentation is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Council discussed the different types of designs and held consensus to move forward with a stone/rock traditional horizontal sign for most locations and more contemporary, artistic round signage for the location at the Atrium Hospital in Stallings. Town Planner Hair would bring back more designs to the Council with those specifications.

5. Pat Stevens Officer Retirement – Service Weapon

Chief Franks explained that Officer Pat Stevens had retired in March 2020. Chief requested Ofc. Stevens be allowed to purchase his service weapon for \$1 as was customary for retiring officers.

Council Member Scholl made the motion to sell Ofc. Steven's service weapon to him for \$1. The motion was passed unanimously by Council after a second from Council Member Paxton. It was noted that a more formal recognition of Ofc. Steven's retirement would be held once the current health crisis had subsided.

6. Council Member Martin's Items

(1) Expanding Web Broadcasts

Council Member Martin requested all Council Meetings, including all special meetings, and all Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Meetings be broadcasted live on YouTube once the current health crisis subsided and meetings were once again held at the Town Hall. It was confirmed that no additional equipment or staff time would be needed as the new Council Chambers had been constructed with those capabilities.

The motion was made by Council Member Martin to broadcast all Council Meetings, including all special meetings, and all Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Meetings live on YouTube once the current health crisis subsided and meetings were once again held at the Town Hall. Council Member Grooms seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

(2) Legal Counsel Scope of Work

Council Member Martin requested that the Council adopt an addendum to the contract(s) of both legal firms currently representing the Town of Stallings so that the Council budget no more than six hours of billable hours per budget year, per Council Member for individual Council Member requests aside from those originating from formal voted Council actions, staff and/or Town Manager requests.

Any further individual Council Member requests would be at the discretion of the Council as a whole, subject to a formal vote.

Council briefly discussed the request. Council held consensus to place the item on the next Council Meeting's Agenda for consideration.

7. Adjournment

Council Member Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Scholl, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Approved on May 11, 2020.

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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