

**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 February 13, 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, and Graham Hall.

Those absent were: Council Members Taylor-Rae Drake and Brad Richardson.

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 McSwain, Parks and Recreation Director; Karen Reid, Human Resources Director; 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

No one was present to give public comments.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

A. Minutes from the following meetings:

- (1) 12-12-2022
- (2) 01-09-2023
- (3) 01-09-2023 – closed
- (4) 01-23-2023

B. Amended Budget Ordinance 9 – Vickery Fencing

C. SUMMIT Engineer and Geotechnical Services Contract Approval

D. Solid Waste Contract Amendment

E. NCLM Wellness Grant

F. Police Department Mandatory Radio Upgrade Purchase Order

Town Manager Sewell noted that the lowest responsible bidder under the state contract was chosen for Agenda Item 1.F., *Police Department Mandatory Radio Upgrade Purchase Order*. The Mayor thanked Assistant Town Manager Nichols for the Solid Waste Contract Extension.

Council Member Grooms made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hall which passed unanimously by Council. Amended Budget Ordinance 9 – Vickery Fencing is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

2. Reports

*(Moved to Agenda Item 6.A.)*

3. Agenda Approval

Mayor Dunn recommended adding Agenda Item 4.A., *EEOC Charge No. 430-2023-2707; NCDOL Charge No. 204269 Settlement Claim*, and moving Agenda Item 2, *Reports*, to Agenda Item 6.A.

Council Member Scholl made a motion to approve the Agenda with the above noted changes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grooms and passed unanimously by Council.

4. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)

Council Member Ayers made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) for EEOC Charge No. 430-2023-2707 and NCDOL Charge No. 204269. The motion received Council’s unanimous support after a second from Council Member Scholl.

Council Member Ayers made the motion to allow NCLM Attorneys into the closed session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grooms and passed unanimously by Council.

The motion was made by Council Member Scholl to also invited Human Resources Director Karen Reid into the closed session. Council Member Ayers seconded the motion, and the Council passed the motion unanimously.

*Council went into closed session at 7:05 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 7:15 p.m.*

4.A. EEOC Charge No. 430-2023-2707; NCDOL Charge No. 204269 Settlement Claim

Council Member Scholl made the motion to authorize the Town Manager to approve the release of the Settlement Claim between Ashley Platts and the Town of Stallings related to EEOC Charge No. 430-2023-2707 and NCDOL Charge No. 204269.

Town Manager Sewell further explained that the settlement was for \$5000 and the agreement that the Town would provide a neutral reference for Ms. Platts moving forward.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Hall and passed unanimously by Council.

5. Parks and Recreation – Alcohol Sales at Certain Park Events Request

Parks and Recreation Director McSwain was present to request the Council approve the exception to Town Ordinance 130.02 to allow alcohol sales at the Backyard BBQ and Third Thursday Trivia Nights in 2023 which the hopes of attracting an additional demographic of resident. The Trivia Nights would end at 7:30 p.m. and sufficient security measures.

Council Member Hall made the motion to approve the exception to Town Ordinance 130.02 to allow alcohol sales at the Backyard BBQ and Third Thursday Trivia Nights in 2023. The motion was passed unanimously by the Council after a second from Council Member Grooms.

6. Stormwater Update and Budget Information

Town Engineer Kevin Parker presented the Council an update on current and future stormwater projects and anticipated stormwater budget information. This presentation is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

6.A. Reports

*(Original Agenda Item 2)*

A. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Dunn thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for the Valentine’s Day Event. He also reported that he had attended the Union County Chambers Legislative Meeting.

B. Reports from Council Members/Town Committees

Council Members Hall and Grooms had no reports.

Council Member Ayers reported that WUMA had large meeting about water/sewer in Union County; solid waste service; and CRPTO coming to Union County.

Council Member Scholl reported that he attended the Ground Hog Day Economic Development Forum by MUCEDC. He also had spoken with elected officials about the boundary issues between Union and Mecklenburg County while he was at a Chapel Hill Leadership Forum.

C. Report from Town Manager/Town Departments

Town Manager Sewell reported on the following:

- Great Valentine’s Day event from Parks and Recreation
- Stallings Fire Department sent the Town a financial support request letter was given to Council.
- Stallings 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary survey for Council’s direction on the event. The item would also be discussed at the Annual Retreat.

7. 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 7:46 p.m.

Approved on March 13, 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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