

**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 14, 2022, 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://us06web.zoom.us/j/81330091922?pwd=bVh5S0owM1luS1VpQ2U4UUN1YVU4dz09>) or the Zoom app (Meeting ID: 813 3009 1922; Password: 834884).

Those present were: Mayor Wyatt Dunn; Mayor Pro Tempore David Scholl; Council Members Steven Ayers, Taylor-Rae Drake; Heather Grooms, Graham Hall and Brad Richardson.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Chief Dennis Franks; Max Hsiang, Planning Director; Marsha Gross, Finance Officer; Ashley Platts, Parks and Recreation 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

Robert Ragon, Planning Board Member, would like a no left turn sign at Potters and Pleasant Plains Road during certain hours such as rush hours and requested that Council look into that.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

A. Minutes of the following meetings:

- (1) 01-10-22
- (2) 01-10-22 – closed
- (3) 01-24-22
- (4) 01-31-22 – special

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.

2. Reports

A. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Dunn reported that he contacted NCDOT representative for this area requesting the funds for the NCDOT funds for Potter and Pleasant Plains Intersection. Mayor Dunn said he would continue to request those funds.

B. Reports from Council Members/Town Committees

Council Members Hall, Ayers had no reports.

Council Member Scholl reported the first CCOG meeting of the year was held.

Council Member Grooms thanked Parks and Recreation for putting up the signs at Blair Mill Park.

Council Member Drake also appreciated the Blair Mill Park signs.

Council Member Richardson reported that he attended his first CRTPO in January and would have another one next week. He would have an update for the Council at its March meeting. Council Member Richardson also informed the Council that the Town had been approached regarding a parcel on Chestnut Lane and possible annexation of that parcel into the Town. He would give more feedback as he had it.

C. Report from Town Manager/Town Departments

Town Manager Sewell provided the Council with the following information:

- Thanked everyone for their participation in the Annual Retreat
- Members were needed for the Planning Board
- The owner of the old 7-11 at the Stallings Road/Bypass intersection was not interested in sharing in demolition cost. In order to demo the building, it would cost \$9000 without the removal of the pad and asphalt.
- Assistant Town Manager Nichols reminded the Council of the information sent regarding the additional trash collection day. Waste Connections would be adding Fridays as a pick-up day beginning April 4. It would be communicated to the residents via several channels.
- Parks and Recreation Director Ashely Platts reported that the Town had zero reportable OSHA incidents (anything above first aid) in 2021.

3. Agenda Approval

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

4. State Grants Funds Use Purpose Confirmation

(A) \$1.6M Grant

Town Manager Sewell reminded the Council that these funds could not be used for Potter and Pleasant Plains Intersection nor could it be used to reimburse itself for recent property purchases. The State required this grant must be used on Capital Improvements over \$100,000 in value and on property exclusively owned by the Town. Therefore, this caused a shortfall for Potter and Pleasant Plains Intersection funding. The Town could: 1) seek state legislation to allow this money to be used for the Potters and Pleasant Plains Intersection; or 2) identify another use for the grant and find other sources for the Potter and Pleasant Plains Intersection funding. Staff would be meeting with NCDOT later in the week

to discuss the gap in the Potter and Pleasant Plains Intersection funding. Deadline to spend the \$1.6M grant was unknown.

(B) \$50K Grant

Town Manager Sewell explained this grant was from the state for wayfinding signs and economic development. The deadline to submit the proposal was February 17, 2022 and staff suggested using the funds for either:

- 2725 Old Monroe Road Purchase Reimbursement
- DFI Contract
- Gateway Signage

Council held consensus to use the grant for the DFI Contract.

5. Council Room Electronic Meeting Capabilities

Assistant Town Manager Nichols reminded the Council that it had directed staff to proceed with updating the Council areas with electronic meeting capabilities. The cost would be approximately \$10,000 to outfit the Council Chambers and the conference room in the Government Center.

Council Member Richardson made the motion to outfit the Council Room with electronic meeting capabilities. The motion passed unanimously by Council after a second from Council Member Drake.

6. Adjournment

Council Member Scholl moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Hall, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Approved on March 14, 2022.

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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