



MINUTES
TOWN OF STOKESDALE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
8325 ANGEL-PARDUE ROAD
STOKESDALE, NC 27357
OCTOBER 13, 2022 AT 7:00PM

The following members were present: Mayor Mike Crawford; Mayor Pro Tem Derek Foy; Council Members: Jimmy Landreth and Tim Jones; Town Attorney Tom Medlin; Finance and Budget Officer Kim Thacker, Town Clerk Dale Martin, and Deputy Town Clerk Robbie Lee Wagoner II. The following members were absent: Councilman Jim Rigsbee.

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation.

Mayor Mike Crawford Called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Jerry Walker, Pastor of Oak Level Baptist Church, delivered the invocation.

2. Presentation by Josh Meyers

This agenda item was moved to the Citizen’s Comments portion of the meeting.

3. Proclamation to declare the month of November to be Family Court Awareness Month.

Mayor Crawford presented a Proclamation declaring November to be Family Court Awareness Month.

Councilman Jones made a Motion to approve the Proclamation after the validity of the Family Court Awareness Month Organization was confirmed by Town Attorney Tom Medlin. Mayor Crawford seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Rigsbee	Absent		

The motion carried.

4. Review and Adopt the Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Foy discussed amending the agenda to move agenda item #2 “Presentation by Josh Meyers” to agenda item #9 “Citizen’s Comments from the Floor.”

Councilman Jones made a Motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Rigsbee	Absent		

The motion carried.

5. Review and Approve Minutes: October 14, 2021 Town Council minutes, September 8, 2022 Town Council minutes.

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to approve the minutes for the October 14, 2021, Town Council meeting as written. Mayor Pro Tem Foy seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	No
Councilman Rigsbee	Absent		

The motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to approve the minutes for the September 08, 2022, Town Council meeting as written. Mayor Crawford seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Rigsbee	Absent		

The motion carried.

6. Public Safety Reports: Fire Department

Randy Southard, Deputy Fire Chief for the Stokesdale Fire Department, presented the monthly report for September.

7. Administrative Reports:

a) Administrative Report from Town Clerk:

Dale Martin, Town Clerk, presented the monthly Administrative Report for September.

b) Planning Board:

None presented.

c) Events Committee:

None presented.

d) Property Committee:

None presented.

8. Financials: Finance/Budget Officer: Kim Thacker

Kim Thacker, Finance/Budget Officer, presented the Financial Report for the General Fund and the Water Fund for September.

9. Citizen's Comments from the Floor (3-minute Limit per Speaker)

Josh Meyers, Guilford County Soil and Conservation Supervisor, presented programs and efforts by Guilford County to preserve farms and farmland in the area.

Michael Stys, Assistant Principal of Stokesdale Elementary School, addressed safety concerns with traffic at the school.

OLD BUSINESS:

10. Review and Adopt the 2022-2023 Schedule of Fees and Charges (Currently making edits)

Councilman Jones made a **Motion** to continue this agenda item until the next regular Town Council meeting on November 10, 2022. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford	No	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	No
Councilman Landreth	No	Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Rigsbee	Absent		

The motion failed.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to table this agenda item until the end of the October 13, 2022, regular Town Council meeting. Councilman Jones seconded this motion.

Mayor Crawford	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Rigsbee	Absent		

The motion carried.

This agenda item was later discussed under agenda item #16A.

NEW BUSINESS:

11. Presentation by Allison Bennet, Principal of Stokesdale Elementary School.

Allison Bennett, Principal of Stokesdale Elementary School, made Council aware of her safety concerns due to traffic around the school and requested that Council provide funding for a deputy to direct traffic every morning during the first week of school.

Councilman Jones made a **Motion** to authorize Town Staff to draft a Resolution to both the Guilford County School System and the Guilford County Sheriff's Office requesting that they fund a Deputy to direct traffic at Stokesdale Elementary School on the first week of school. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Rigsbee	Absent		

The motion carried.

12. Consideration of Proposal by Mueller Septic Service for \$2,646.00 to install a new Rhombus Control Panel on the town's septic system.

Councilman Jones made a **Motion** to pre-approve an expenditure of \$3,200.00 for the cost of a new Rhombus Control Panel and the installation of the control panel onto the septic system at the Town Hall building. Mayor Pro Tem Foy seconded this motion.

Mayor Crawford	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Rigsbee	Absent		

The motion carried.

Councilman Landreth made a **Motion** to approve a payment of \$700.00 to Wilson Pumping Services for the pumping of the septic tank at the Town Park provided that Wilson Pumping Services provide Town Staff with a written quote for \$700.00 prior to the completion of this service. Councilman Jones seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Rigsbee	Absent		

The motion carried.

13. Christmas Parade Updates.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy announced that the 2022 Stokesdale Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to approve a budget of \$5,000.00 which will include all related expenses for the 2022 Stokesdale Christmas Parade, including but not limited to obtaining Guilford County Deputies for traffic control. Mayor Crawford seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Rigsbee	Absent		

The motion carried.

14. Consideration of Proposal by David Price, \$1000.00 for the installation and removal of Christmas banners.

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to approve the proposal provided by David Price on October 05, 2022, in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the installation and removal of the Christmas Banners. Councilman Jones seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Rigsbee	Absent		

The motion carried.

15. Adoption of the 2022 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Records Schedule and Frequently Asked Questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to adopt the 2022 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Records Schedule and Frequently Asked Questions guide. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Rigsbee	Absent		

The motion carried.

16. Consideration of Budget for Deputy Clerk’s Attendance at the Clerk’s Certification Institute for 2023-2024.

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to adopt the Budget for the Deputy Clerk’s Attendance at the Clerk’s Certification Institute for 2023-2024. Councilman Jones seconded the motion.

Councilman Jones proposed an **Amendment** to calculate mileage from the Town Hall building rather than the Deputy Town Clerk’s current residence in Rural Hall, North Carolina. Mayor Crawford accepted the amendment.

After further discussion, Mayor Crawford withdrew his motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to approve the Deputy Town Clerk’s attendance at the Clerk’s Certification Institute, thus allocating up to \$3,300.00 for the 2023 Fiscal Year with the exception that mileage be calculated from the Town Hall building rather than the Deputy Town Clerk’s current residence in Rural Hall, North Carolina. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Rigsbee	Absent		

The motion carried.

16A. Discussion of tabled agenda item #10 “Review and Adopt the 2022-2023 Schedule of Fees and Charges (Currently making edits)”

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to adopt the 2022-2023 Schedule of Fees and Charges as written. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

Councilman Jones proposed an **Amendment** to change the Non-Resident Water Usage Fee to state “\$8.71 per 1,000 gallons of water” rather than the current statement of “130% of Resident rate.” Mayor Pro Tem Foy and Councilman Landreth accepted the amendment.

Mayor Crawford	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Rigsbee	Absent		

The motion carried.

17. Citizen’s Comments from the Floor. (3-minute Limit per Speaker)

Latoya Jackson, Teacher at Stokesdale Elementary School, discussed the safety of our students and requested that Council consider the needs of the school as they were discussed earlier in the meeting.

18. Closed Session for discussion of Attorney/Client matters and possible acquisition of land in accordance with NC General Statutes 143-318.11 (3) and (5).

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to enter into closed session for the discussion of Attorney/Client matters and possible acquisition of land in accordance with NC General Statutes 143-318.11 (3) and (5) at 8:45pm. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy proposed an **Amendment** to include the discussion of personnel matters during this closed session in accordance with NC General Statute 143-318.11 (6). Mayor Crawford and Councilman Landreth accepted the amendment.

Mayor Crawford	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Rigsbee	Absent		

The motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to reconvene into open session at 9:44pm. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Rigsbee	Absent		

The motion carried.

19. Council Comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy thanked staff and those in attendance for being at the meeting.

Councilman Jones thanked staff and citizens for being at the meeting and expressed his frustration with Guilford County Schools and the Guilford County Commissioners for their lack of funding and lack of safety concerns at the schools within the county.

Mayor Crawford thanked those in attendance for being at the meeting.

20. Adjournment.

Councilman Landreth made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 9:47pm. Mayor Pro Tem Foy seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Rigsbee	Absent		

The motion carried.

Being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47pm.

Announcements:

The Annual Veterans Day Service is currently scheduled for 2:00pm on Friday, November 11, 2022, at the Stokesdale Veterans Monument Cite, located at Vulcan Quarry on Highway 158.

The Planning Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 27th at 7:00pm at Town Hall has been cancelled.

The next regular Town Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10th at 7:00pm at Town Hall.

Approved: March 9, 2022.

Michael E. Crawford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dale F. Martin, Town Clerk