

**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 December 11, 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, Taylor-Rae Drake, Heather Grooms, Graham Hall, Brad Richardson and Laurie Wojtowicz.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Chief Dennis Franks; Max Hsiang, Planning 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.

Special Presentation

Chief Franks presented two officers with the Meritorius Service Award for saving an individual's life from a burning house who was bed ridden. The officers who received the award were: Officer Justin Hults and Detective Josh Smith.

Public Comments

Dave Goodson, 1003 Morningside Meadow Lane, resident for 20 years and pastor for 6.5 years, stated God had blessed him to see amazing things. He received a notice that his church had 90 days to vacate the building he was in because NCDOT was taking it for road right-of-way. He requested the Council allow the church to be on the table of the conversation for the property the Town owned at 2725 Old Monroe Road. He passed out a packet of information to the Council of his idea and wanted the Council to look at the long-term dream for the church and its developers. He felt the church could be an integral part of the Town.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes from the following meetings:
 - (1) 11-13-2023
 - (2) 11-13-2023 – closed
 - (3) 11-27-2023
- B. Parking Ordinance Amendment
 - Moved to regular Agenda Item 7.A.*
- C. Police Department Evidence Building Shelving
- D. Staff Christmas Bonus

Town Attorney Cox requested that Consent Agenda Item 1.B., *Parking Ordinance Amendment*, be removed from the Consent Agenda and added to the regular Agenda. Council Member Ayers made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items with the above change. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grooms which passed unanimously by Council.

2. Reports

A. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Dunn reported that Christmas Tree lighting and Christmas event in the park went great with the largest attendance on record.

B. Reports from Council Members/Town Committees

Council Members Hall, Drake, and Grooms had no reports.

Council Member Ayers stated it was a great Christmas Tree lighting. He also thanked Ofc. Dennis for helping a resident with a phone scam.

Council Member Scholl reported that he had attended an economic development seminar at MUCEDC; the Union County Chamber Gala; the Centralia Celebration and the Christmas tree lighting in the park.

Council Member Richardson had no report.

C. Report from Town Manager/Town Departments

Town Manager Sewell reported:

- The Christmas Tree lighting went very well.
- Parks and Recreation Director Eunice Donnelly won the staff elected Employee of the Year.
- Mr. Sewell held a Townwide meeting with staff.
- The Economic Development Committee held a meeting on Dec. 7.

3. Agenda Approval

The Mayor requested moving Consent Agenda Item 1.B., *Parking Ordinance Amendment*, to Agenda Item 7.A. Council Member Richardson made the motion to approve the Agenda with the above noted change. The motion was passed unanimously by Council after a second from Council Member Scholl.

4. Recognition of Outgoing Council Member Heather Grooms

Mayor Dunn presented Council Member Heather Grooms with a Proclamation recognizing her service to the Council. Mayor Dunn read the proclamation into the record. The *Proclamation Honoring*

the Service of Heather Grooms as Council Member for the Town of Stallings, North Carolina is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Council Member Grooms left her seat at the Council Dias.

5. Oaths of Office

- A. Re-appointed Council Member Steven Ayers
- B. New Council Member Laurie Wojtowicz

Town Clerk Nichols swore in reappointed Council Member Ayers and appointed Council Member Wojtowicz into office. The Oaths of Office for Council Member Ayers and Wojtowicz are attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Council Member Ayers and Wojtowicz took their seats at the Council Dias.

6. Organization Meeting Items

A. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore

Council Member Richardson nominates Council Member Scholl as Mayor Pro Tempore. Council supported the nomination unanimously.

B. Appointment of Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) alternate delegate

Council Member Scholl moved to appoint Council Member Richardson as the delegate to CRTPO and the alternate delegate as Mayor Dunn. Council supported the motion unanimously.

C. Appointment of Centralina Regional Council (CRC) delegate and alternate

Council Member Scholl was appointed as the delegate and Council Member Ayers as the alternate delegate.

D. Appointment of Council Members for the following committees: *Each committee needs two (2) Council Members except for those with an *. All terms are for two (2) years.*

(1) Planning Board/Board of Adjustment*

Council Member Wojtowicz was appointed to the Planning Board.

(2) Community Committee

Council Members Drake and Hall were appointed as liaisons to the Community Committee.

(3) Transportation Advisory Committee

Council Members Richardson and Scholl were appointed as liaisons to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

(4) Stormwater Advisory Committee

Council Members Ayers and Hall were appointed as liaison to the Stormwater Advisory Committee.

(5) Historical Committee

Council Member Wojtowicz and Mayor Dunn were appointed as liaisons to the Historical Committee.

(6) Union County Public Schools*

Council Member Drake was appointed as the liaison to the Union County Public Schools.

(7) QUAD Alliance*

Mayor Dunn was appointed as the QUAD Alliance liaison.

(8) WUMA*

Council Member Ayers was appointed as the WUMA liaison.

Council Member Ayers made the motion to approve all the above-listed appointments. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hall and passed unanimously by Council.

E. Rules of Procedure re-adoption

Council Member Richardson made the motion to re-adopt the Rules of Procedures as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Drake and passed unanimously.

F. Approval of 2024 Meeting Schedule

Council Member Ayers moved to approve the 2024 Meeting Schedule. The motion passed unanimously after a second from Council Member Drake.

G. Approval of 2024 Holiday Schedule

Council Member Ayers made the motion to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule. Council Member Drake seconded the motion to which Council approved unanimously.

H. Annual Retreat – Feb. 24, 2024

The motion was made by Council Member Ayers to hold the 2024 Annual Retreat on Feb. 24, 2024. Council unanimously approved the motion after a second from Council Member Drake.

7. TX23.11.01

Planning Director Hsiang explained Staff requested a text amendment to amended Article 21.3 Fee in Lieu to incorporate Streetscape requirements. This item was for discussion only and would be brought back to Council in January 2024.

Mr. Hsiang's memo to Council regarding TX23.11.01 is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

7.A. Parking Ordinance Amendment

Original Consent Agenda Item 1.B.

Chief Franks explained that due to the growth of the town and the region, staff was recommending the Town's parking ordinances be updated. Amending the ordinances pertaining to parking would allow the police the tool to regulate parking in dangerous or illegal areas.

Council Member Richardson made the motion to approve the *Ordinance Amending Code of Ordinances, Title VII: Traffic Code, Chapter 70 Traffic Regulations*. Council Member Ayers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by Council. The *Ordinance Amending Code of Ordinances, Title VII: Traffic Code, Chapter 70 Traffic Regulations* is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

8. Adjournment

Council Member Ayers moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Drake, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Approved on January 8, 2024.

s/Wyatt Dunn

Wyatt Dunn, Mayor

Approved as to form:

s/Cox Law Firm, PLLC

Cox Law Firm, PLLC

s/Erinn Nichols

Erinn E. Nichols, Town Clerk