

**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 June 13, 2022, 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, Graham Hall and Brad Richardson.

Those absent were: Council Member Taylor-Rae Drake.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Chief Dennis Franks; Max Hsiang, Planning Director; Patrick Blaszyk, Planning Technician; Marsha Gross, Finance Officer; Brian Price, Public Works Director; Eunice McSwain, 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 Council Member Ayers delivered the invocation. Mayor Dunn then led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

Joyce Rupert, 3026 Fresia Place, stated that she was not happy with the state of the Stallings Park bathrooms, that the gates were left open, no signs stating that the park was closed, the lights were not working, and there was no Stallings Road crossing into the park.

*Council Member Hall arrived at 7:03 p.m.*

1. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes of the following meetings:
  - (1) 05-09-2022 – special
  - (2) 05-09-2022
  - (3) 05-16-2022 – special
  - (4) 05-23-2022
  - (5) 05-23-2022 - closed
- B. Union County Tax Assessors Office - Stallings Tax Collection Interlocal Amendment (Collection Fee Reduction)
- C. Amended Budget Ordinance 5 for FY2021-2022

Council Member Scholl made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson which passed unanimously by Council. Amended Budget Ordinance 5 – FY2021-2022 is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

2. Reports

A. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Dunn reported that he enjoyed visiting the Farmers Market and it was nice to see the produce. He also stated that he was communicating with NCDOT about the barrels piling up in front of the new hospital in Stallings.

B. Reports from Council Members/Town Committees

Council Members Graham, Grooms, and Ayers had no reports.

Council Member Scholl stated that the music in the park was good. He also enjoyed a ride along with Stallings Police Department.

Council Member Richardson had no report.

C. Report from Town Manager/Town Departments

Town Manager Sewell reported the following:

- Eunice McSwain was introduced as the new Parks and Recreation Director.
- Planner Director Hsiang introduced the new Planning Technician Patrick Blaszyk.

3. Agenda Approval

Mayor Dunn requested that Agenda Item 8.A., *Stallings Elementary School Safety Discussion*, be added to the Agenda.

Council Member Scholl made the motion to adopt the Agenda with the above addition as requested by the Mayor. The motion received Council's unanimous support after a second from Council Member Richardson.

4. FY2022-23 Proposed Budget

Mayor Dunn opened the public hearing. Town Manager Sewell presented the budget (general and stormwater) to the Council. No one was present to speak to the budget. The Mayor then closed the public hearing.

Council Member Hall made the motion to approve the FY2022-23 Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grooms and approved unanimously by the Council. The FY2022-23 Budget is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

5. Streetscape Design Direction

Planning Director Hsiang reminded the Council of the Streetscape Design Proposal and the potential timeline for utilizing DFI for the plan. Mr. Hsiang presentation is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Council Member Richardson made the motion to approved finalizing the streetscape concept plan and have staff work with DFI for final implementation. Council Member Scholl seconded the motion to which Council approved unanimously.

6. Annexation 56 – Castlebridge; Resolution to Direct the Clerk to Investigate

Assistant Town Manager Nichols explained the Town had received a petition for annexation and this item would be the first step in the annexation process. Council Member Hall made a motion to approve the Resolution to Direct the Clerk to Investigate Annexation 56. The motion was passed unanimously by the Council after a second from Council Member Ayers. Resolution to Direct the Clerk to Investigate Annexation 56 is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

7. Resolution Approving Bid Advertisements By Solely Electronic Means

Assistant Town Manager Nichols reminded the Council it requested for staff to bring a resolution to advertise all bid advertisements electronically as allowed by NC General Statutes. Council Member Scholl made the motion approving the Resolution Approving Bid Advertisements By Solely Electronic Means. The motion was passed unanimously after a second from Council Member Ayers. The Resolution Approving Bid Advertisements By Solely Electronic Means is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

8. Citizen Survey Feedback

Assistant Town Manager reminded Council that the Town had teamed up with Western Carolina University's (WCU) Public Policy Institute, Department of Political Science and Public Affairs to complete a citizen survey for the Town of Stallings free of charge to the Town. A draft Citizen Survey was submitted to the Council for feedback.

Council held consensus to send feedback on the draft to Ms. Nichols.

8.A. Stallings Elementary School Safety Discussion

Chief Franks explained that he, Town Manager Sewell, the Stallings Elementary Principal and Union County Public School Safety representative had met to discuss school safety from Stallings Elementary and a potential fulltime Stallings Elementary School Resource Officer (SRO).

It was noted that at the present time, Union County Sheriff's Office managed the majority of schools SROs. Stallings Elementary would like to see a fulltime SRO and wanted it to be a Stallings Police Officer. Council held consensus to pass along its thoughts on the topic to Chief Franks.

9. Adjournment

Council Member Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Ayers, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Approved on July 11, 2022.

s/Wyatt Dunn  
Wyatt Dunn, Mayor

s/Erinn Nichols  
Erinn E. Nichols, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

s/Cox Law Firm, PLLC  
Cox Law Firm, PLLC