

**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 8, 2025, 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, Brad Richardson, and Laurie Wojtowicz.

Those absent were: Council Members Graham Hall and Taylor-Rae Drake.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Chief Dennis Franks; Max Hsiang, Planning Director; Kevin Parker, Engineering Director; Jessie Williams, Finance Officer; and Melanie Cox, Town Attorney.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and meeting called to order

Mayor Wyatt Dunn welcomed everyone to the meeting. Stuart Ramirez, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 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. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes from the following meetings:
 - (1) 10-27-2025 – closed
 - (2) 11-24-2025 – special
 - (3) 11-24-2025 – closed
 - (4) 11-24-2025
- B. Audit Contract Extension

Council Member Richardson made the motion to pass the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was passed unanimously by Council after a second from Council Member Ayers.

2. Reports

A. Report from Mayor

Mayor Dunn introduced his family and friends who were present that evening for this last meeting as Mayor. He highlighted the accomplishments of the Town while he was acting Mayor and thanked Staff for their work while he was in office. He also announced that he was running for Union County Commissioner.

B. Report from Council Members/Town Committees

Council Member Wojtowicz reported that she enjoyed the Christmas tree lighting in the park and the Veterans Day breakfast.

Council Member Ayers thanked Mayor Dunn for his years of service.

Council Member Scholl reported that he attended the Union County Chamber Gala with the Town Manager. He also thanked Mayor Dunn for his service.

C. Report from Town Manager/Town Departments

2026 Parks Event Schedule

Parks and Recreation Director Donnelly presented the Council with the 2026 Parks and Recreation Event Schedule.

3. Agenda Approval

Council Member Richardson made the motion to approve the Agenda with the changes above. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wojtowicz and passed unanimously.

4. Oaths of Office

**New Members to take their seats at the Council Dias*

A. Mayor

David Scholl – Union County, NC, Clerk of Courts Wendy Maynard swore in Mayor David Scholl. Mr. Scholl's Oath of Office is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

B. Re-elected Council Members

Graham Hall – Mr. Hall was slated to take the Oath of Office in January due to his absence at the December meeting.

Brad Richardson – Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk Erinn Nichols swore in Council Member Brad Richardson. Mr. Richardson's Oath of Office is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

C. New Council Members

Mike Couzens - Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk Erinn Nichols swore in Council Member Brad Richardson. Mr. Couzens' Oath of Office is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Jon Van de Riet - Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk Erinn Nichols swore in Council Member Brad Richardson. Mr. Van de Riet's Oath of Office is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

5. Recognition of Outgoing Mayor Wyatt Dunn and Council Member Taylor-Ray Drake
Mayor Scholl and Asst. Town Manager Nichols presented outgoing Mayor Dunn with a proclamation and Town tokens of appreciation. The Proclamation Honoring the Service of Mayor Wyatt Dunn is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

6. Organizational Meeting Items

A. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore

Council Member Ayers nominated Council Member Richardson as the Mayor Pro Tempore. Council Member Wojtowicz seconded the nomination. The Council unanimously approved the nomination.

B. Appointment of Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) alternate delegate. (The Mayor is the automatic delegate.)

Council Member Ayers nominated Council Member Richardson as the CRTPO delegate as he was the CRTPO Vice-Chair with Mayor Scholl as the alternate. The Council unanimously approved the nomination after a second from Council Member Wojtowicz.

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

Council Member Richardson made nomination to have Mayor Scholl, who was the Vice Chairman for the CRC, as the CRC delegate with Council Member Ayers as the alternate delegate. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Couzens and passed unanimously by Council.

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 Richardson nominated Council Member Van de Riet as the representative to the Stallings Planning Board. The Council unanimously approved the nomination after a second from Council Member Wojtowicz.

(2) Community Committee

Council Member Richardson nominated Council Member Ayers and Council Member Wojtowicz as members of the Community Committee. After a second from Council Member Van de Riet, the Council unanimously approved the nomination.

(3) Transportation Advisory Committee

The committee was erroneously listed on the Agenda and no action was taken for this committee.

(4) Stormwater and Infrastructure Committee

A nomination was made by Council Member Richardson for Council Member Ayers and Council Member Couzens to serve on the Stormwater and Infrastructure Committee. The motion was passed unanimously by Council after a second from Council Member Van de Riet.

(5) Historical Committee

Council Member Richardson nominated Council Member Wojtowicz and Council Member Hall to the Historical Committee. The nomination received Council's unanimous support after a second from Council Member Couzens.

(6) Union County Public Schools*

The nomination was made by Council Member Wojtowicz for Council Member Van de Riet to be Stallings Representative to the Union County Public Schools. Council Member Couzens seconded the nomination which passed unanimously by Council.

(7) QUAD Alliance*

Council Member Richardson nominated Mayor Scholl as the QUAD and WUMA representative. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Van de Riet. The nomination received Council's unanimous vote.

(8) WUMA*

See Agenda Item 6.D.(7).

E. Rules of Procedure re-adooption

Council Member Ayers made the motion to readopt the Stallings Rules of Procedure. The motion was passed unanimously by Council after a second from Council Member Couzens.

F. Approval of 2026 Meeting Schedule

The 2026 Meeting Schedule was unanimously approved by Council after a motion from Council Member Wojtowicz and a second from Council Member Ayers.

G. Approval of 2026 Holiday Schedule

Council Member Wojtowicz moved to approve the 2026 Holiday Schedule. The motion was seconded by Council Member Van de Riet and passed unanimously by Council.

H. Annual Retreat – January 24, 2026

Council Member Wojtowicz moved to approve the Annual Retreat date as January 24, 2026. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers and passed unanimously by Council.

Town Manager Sewell submitted to the Council the *November Budget Line Item Transfer List* for the record. This list is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

7. Splash Pad Potential Contract Award

Parks and Recreation Director Donnelly reminded the Council that in the FY26 budget, Town Council approved \$110,000 for the Stallings Municipal Park Splash Pad Redesign Project. The funding was designated to update the existing splash pad to address safety concerns and update the chlorination system to remain in compliance with county requirements. Those improvements were essential to ensuring the continued safe use of this highly visited amenity.

After an extended bid period, only one company, Fountain People, bid on the project due to the complex nature of the splash pad's existing design. The company that submitted the bid was the original designer and therefore had internal knowledge of the system's layout, infrastructure, and operational needs. Because of this familiarity, Staff felt Fountain People was well-suited to complete the redesign efficiently and accurately.

Council Member Wojtowicz made the motion to award the Splash Pad Renovation Project to Fountain People and authorize staff to proceed with the Flush Jets Option and Chemical Cabinet & System Renovations, not to exceed the \$110,000 allocated in the FY26 budget. The motion was passed unanimously by Council after a second from Council Member Ayers.

8. Adjournment

Council Member Ayers moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Wojtowicz, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Approved on January 12, 2026.

s/David Scholl

David Scholl, Mayor

s/Erinn Nichols

Erinn E. Nichols, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

s/Cox Law Firm, PLLC

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