

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE
TOWN OF STALLINGS, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Town Council of the Town of Stallings met for a meeting on May 26, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. 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://zoom.us/j/99240794764?pwd=OUJocmEwcXhoaG1tS2Rzb1o3YmVldz09>), or the Zoom app (Meeting ID: 992 4079 4764; Password: 447629).

Those present and visible on camera were: Mayor Wyatt Dunn; Mayor Pro Tempore Lynda Paxton; Council Members Steven Ayers, Heather Grooms, John Martin, Brad Richardson, and David Scholl.

Staff present were: Alex Sewell, Town Manager; Erinn Nichols, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk; Marsha Gross, Finance Officer; Lynne Hair, Town Planner; Chris Easterly, Town Engineer; and Mac McCarley, Planning Attorney.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and meeting called to order

Mayor Wyatt Dunn welcomed everyone to the meeting and Council Member Grooms delivered the invocation. Mayor Wyatt Dunn then led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

No one joined the electronic meeting who wanted to give public comment.

1. Agenda Approval

Town Manager Sewell requested *LVT Flooring* be added as Agenda Item 5.A.; and *Phase Two Transitions* as Agenda Item. 5.B.

Council Member Martin made the motion to approve the Agenda as amended above. The motion was passed unanimously after a second from Council Member Ayers.

2. Stevens Mill/Lawyers Road Intersection Design

Town Engineer Chris Easterly reminded the Council that Union County had entered into an agreement with RS&H to determine design alternatives for six intersections in Union County Phase 1 of intersection improvements. One of those intersections was the Stevens Mill/Lawyers Road Intersection.

Mr. Easterly introduced Scott Cole and Allison Drake with RS&H who would present two design alternatives for the Stevens Mill/Lawyers Road Intersection.

Ms. Drake walked the Council through the two design alternatives for the intersection in question. The public had already seen the alternatives and allowed to comment on the designs. Forty-two responses were received for the Stevens Mill/Lawyers Road Intersection alternatives. That presentation is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

Peggy Booth, 8125 Stevens Mill Road, did not feel the current design was acceptable due to the turn lanes and felt the Town was in a constant battle with Stallings and she had only lived here less than two years.

Council Member Paxton made the motion to have the Council go on record as approving the Alternative 1 Design for the Stevens Mill/Lawyers Road Intersection Design. The motion was passed unanimously by Council after a second from Council Member Scholl.

2. 2019-2020 Amended Budget Ordinances

Finance Officer Marsha Gross briefly walked the Council through Amended Budget Ordinances 8-10 explaining these were needed to adjust funds for previously approved items for the book's year end records.

(A) ABO#8 – Part time Maintenance Staff

Council Member Ayers made the motion to approve Amended Budget Ordinance 8 with Council Member Grooms seconding the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. The *Amended Budget Ordinance 8 - Part time Maintenance Staff* is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

(B) ABO#9 – Capital Project Fund/General Fund for New Facilities

Council Member Richardson moved to approve the Amended Budget Ordinance 9. The motion was passed unanimously after a second by Council Member Scholl. The *Amended Budget Ordinance 9 - Capital Project Fund/General Fund for New Facilities* is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

(C) ABO#10 – Capital Fund Interest Expense

The motion was made by Council Member Paxton to approved Amended Budget Ordinance 10. Council Member Ayers seconded the motion. Council passed the motion unanimously. The *Amended*

Budget Ordinance 10 - Capital Fund Interest Expense is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

4. Regional Cabarrus Stanly Union Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution

Town Manager Sewell explained this was a regional plan that was developed to minimized harm as much as possible during natural and manmade disasters. Having an up to date plan ensured state and federal compliance and allowed for the regional to be eligible for certain grants. The plan was complete and met all state and federal guidelines.

Council Member Richardson made the motion to approve the Regional Cabarrus Stanly Union Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution to which Council Member Scholl seconded. The motion received Council's unanimous support. *The Regional Cabarrus Stanly Union Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution* is attached to these minutes and therefore incorporated herein.

5. Holding Required Community Meetings Remotely

Town Planner Hair explained staff was requesting that Council add community meetings to the virtual meetings policy. The community meetings were a part of the conditional zoning process necessary in order to bring the request for Council consideration.

The motion was made by Council Member Richardson to allow community meetings to be held remotely. The motion was passed unanimously after a second by Council Member Martin.

5.A. LVT Flooring Option

Assistant Town Manager Nichols explained that installing LVT floors in the lobbies of the existing Town Hall was a more cost effective option than redoing the hardwood floors and replacing the carpet - a \$5000 savings. Staff advised Council to use the LVT for these areas.

Council Member Martin made the motion to approve the LVT Flooring costs for refreshing both lobbies in the existing Town Hall. The motion received Council's unanimous support after a second from Council Member Ayers.

5.B. Phase 2 Transitions

Town Manager Sewell explained the Town Staff's working scenarios due to North Carolina's move to Phase Two of the COVID-19 Crisis.

- Workforce: perform essential town services while ensuring the safety of public and employees; range of approaches based on different departments.
- Citizen Inquiries: available by phone; call ahead for an in-person visit due to construction
- Park Amenities: Everything will be open except for playgrounds, splash pad, shelter rentals, water fountains, and no mass gatherings.

Council Member Scholl made the motion to approve the Staff's Phase Two working scenarios as presented. Council Member Richardson seconded the motion. The motion was passed 5 to 1 with Council Member Grooms opposing.

It was noted that Council Member Richardson would like the Parks and Recreation Department to begin thinking about the Town's 50-year incorporation anniversary celebration.

6. Adjournment

Council Member Scholl moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Martin, and the motion received unanimous support. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Approved on July 13, 2020.

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