



**MINUTES  
TOWN OF STOKESDALE  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
8325 ANGEL PARDUE ROAD  
STOKESDALE, NC 27357  
AUGUST 11, 2022 AT 7:00PM**

Member's present were: Mayor Mike Crawford; Mayor Pro-Tem Derek Foy; Council Members: Jimmy Landreth, Tim Jones, and Jim Rigsbee; Town Attorney Tom Medlin; Finance and Budget Officer Kim Thacker, Town Clerk Dale Martin and Deputy Town Clerk Robbie Wagoner.

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

Mayor Mike Crawford called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Tim Jones gave the invocation.

Mayor Crawford announced the receipt of a State Grant for \$50,000 that the Town will be receiving due to the efforts of Mayor Pro Tem Foy. The grant can be used for capital improvement projects or equipment.

**2. Review and Adopt the Agenda**

Councilman Jones added item #13a – Septic System Maintenance.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy added a discussion on Water Workshop needs after item #12. Town Park Improvements.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to adopt the agenda as amended. Councilman Jones seconded the motion

<b>Mayor Crawford</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Mayor Pro Tem Foy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Landreth</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilman Jones</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Rigsbee</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

**Motion carried.**

**3. Review and Approve Minutes: June 21, 2022 Special Called Town Council meeting**

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to approve the Minutes of June 21, 2022 Special Called Town Council meeting as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy seconded the motion.

<b>Mayor Crawford</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Mayor Pro Tem Foy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Landreth</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilman Jones</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Rigsbee</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

**Motion carried.**

**4. Public Safety Reports: Fire Department**

Fire Chief Todd Gauldin gave the fire report for the month. The Fire Department's tip for the month is "stop, drop and roll" reminder and encouraged everyone to have a home escape plan in place and to practice it.

Councilman Rigsbee reminded citizens to always secure their property to deter thieves.

**5. Administrative Reports:**

**a) Administrative Report from Interim Town Clerk:**

Town Clerk Dale Martin presented the Administrative Report for the month of July.

**b) Planning Board:**

None presented.

**c) Events Committee:**

Mayor Pro Tem Foy announced the parade is planned for the second Saturday in December.

**d) Property Committee:**

Councilman Jones reported that the coke cola machine is still at the park, however there is no money, nor inventory in the machine. Council discussed options to have the machine removed and then asked that it be placed on next month's agenda for discussion.

**6. Financials: Finance/Budget Officer: Kim Thacker**

Mrs. Kim Thacker presented the financial reports for the month of July for both the general fund and water fund.

Mrs. Thacker then noted the following changes to the Budget message:

**Page 1:** Highway 220 was changed Interstate 73

**Page 2:** REVENUES: first 2 sentences were changed to read - General Fund Revenues for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 are estimated at \$794,737.50. The town receives \$158,690.11 from the Water Enterprise Fund as a reimbursement for shared expenses paid from the Town's General Fund.

**Page 2:** end of same paragraph, sentence added: The town has been awarded funds from a federal grant from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund also, known as the American Rescue Plan (ARP) in the amount of \$362,737.50.

**Page 2: EXPENDITURES:** changed to read: General Fund Expenditures for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/2023 are budgeted to be \$953,427.61. General Fund revenue of \$794,737.50 coupled with the reimbursement of \$158,690.11 from the Water Enterprise Fund for shared expenses paid in full for the General Fund represent a balanced General Fund budget for FY 22/23.

**Page 3:** corrected House Bill # to read 1136

**Page 3:** removed the last sentence: Legislation is currently being discussed which would delay the Town’s requirement to encumber or spend these funds until June 2023.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to adopt the revised Budget Message and place on the Town’s website.

Councilman Jones seconded the motion and **Amended** the motion to include the date 8-11-2022 added to the end of the Message.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy accepted the amendment.

<b>Mayor Crawford</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Mayor Pro Tem Foy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Landreth</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilman Jones</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Rigsbee</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

**Motion carried.**

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

**Derek Mobley, 6012 Crystal Spring Court, Greensboro, NC 27410**, County Commissioner, Democratic Candidate, introduced himself and expressed his concerns with spending in our school system, sufficient law enforcement and total budget expenditures. He noted that Stokesdale does not receive sales tax revenues and will investigate ways to remedy that overall.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy mentioned Caldwell County’s arrangements for distributing sales tax and asked that, if elected, he might investigate that possibility.

Councilman Landreth asked if he was in favor of a tax increase. Mr. Mobley stated not generally but would depend on how the money is to be spent.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**8. Review and Adopt the 2022-2023 Schedule of Fees and Charges**

Return Check Fee – set at rated allowed by NCGS (\$35.00).

Ball Fields and Shelter rentals discussed – no change.

Town Hall rentals discussed – changed Kitchen to \$100/resident \$150/non-resident – Deposit \$250

Non-Profits: Resident – No Fee      Non-Resident - \$100  
 Statement added: No fee for Non-Profits with a legal Stokesdale address (Limit 1 free reservation per month)

Board of Adjustment Cases: \$250

Street and Easement Closings: no change, investigate further.

Any other Requested Public Hearing: \$250 per case, plus legally required advertising costs

Water Customer Service Fee: \$25.50

Water Usage Fee: \$6.70 per 1,000 gallons

Close/Abandoned Tap Fee: \$250 (\$1,000 reconnect Fee)

Water Meter Deposit: \$500.00 (refunded upon return undamaged)

Mrs. Thacker pulled records of payments to the Town’s Engineer.

Plan Review Fee increased to \$550.

Councilman Jones made a **Motion** to authorize Staff to made the above changes to the 2022-2023 Schedule of Fees and Charges and to submit to Council for review and approval at a later date. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

<b>Mayor Crawford</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Mayor Pro Tem Foy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Landreth</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilman Jones</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Rigsbee</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

**Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 9. Authorization of Mayor to execute letter from Offit Kurman to transfer representation, files and records currently maintained by the Town Attorney Tom Medlin.**

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to execute Letter from Offit Kurman dated July 7, 2022, to transfer representation, files and records currently maintained by the Town Attorney Tom Medlin to the new firm.

Councilman Rigsbee seconded the motion.

<b>Mayor Crawford</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Mayor Pro Tem Foy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Landreth</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilman Jones</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Councilman Rigsbee</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

Motion carried, 4-1.

**10. Discussion on Water Line Extension on Ellisboro Road.**

Councilman Jones made a **Motion** table the water line extension of Ellisboro Road for consideration at a later date as a capital improvement project. Councilman Landreth seconded.

<b>Mayor Crawford</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Mayor Pro Tem Foy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Landreth</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilman Jones</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Rigsbee</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

**Motion carried.**

**11. Request by NCDOT for Road Abandonment of SR 2102 Angel Pardue Road in Stokesdale in Guilford County**

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to approve a request by NCDOT to abandon a portion of SR 2102 Angel Pardue Road. Councilman Landreth seconded.

Councilman Jones asked to **amend** the motion to identify the NCDOT file # G-41-22.

Mayor Crawford and Councilman Landreth accepted the amendment.

<b>Mayor Crawford</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Mayor Pro Tem Foy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Landreth</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilman Jones</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Rigsbee</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

**RESOLUTION No. R-2022-02**

A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF ANGEL PARDUE ROAD (SR 2102), LOCATED WHOLLY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF STOKESDALE, NORTH CAROLINA, FROM THE SECONDARY ROAD SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, Angel Family Limited Partnership, the property owners of this portion of Angel Pardue Road (SR 2102) have petitioned the North Carolina Department of Transportation to abandon 0.07 miles of said road from the State Maintained System as shown on the aerial map attached to and made a part of this Resolution as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has declared through a letter dated August 3, 2022, that the 0.07 mile portion of said road located on the property of Angel Family Limited Partnership should be abandoned from the Secondary Road System of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the cognizant District Engineer of the North Carolina Department of Transportation does recommend the aforesaid Exhibit A description abandonment from the Secondary Road System of the State of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Town Council on behalf of the Town of Stokesdale, North Carolina does herewith, after due consideration and deliberation and without any objection being heard, concur and consent to the abandonment of 0.07 miles of Angel Pardue Road, (SR 2102) from the Secondary Road System of the State of North Carolina to the same degree and measure to which Angel Family Limited Partnership has petitioned said Department of Transportation of the State of North Carolina; and to the same degree and measure to which the said Department of Transportation does now recommend abandonment from the said Secondary Road System of the State of North Carolina.

This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

**Motion carried.**

## **12. Town Park Improvement**

Mayor Pro Tem Foy and Councilman Landreth provided an update on the on-going discussions for improvements to the Town's park taking into consideration the results of the town's survey that was conducted a few years ago. Items of interest identified were: basketball courts, playgrounds and picnic areas, nature trails and amphitheater.

### **12a. Water work shops.**

Mayor Pro Tem Foy recommended Council commit to holding a water workshop every other Tuesday at 5:15 pm at Town Hall, starting with August 16<sup>th</sup>. He referenced the Town's policy that special called meetings are held at 7:00 PM, however, he felt that if Council consents to meet at an alternate time for a workshop meetings that it is proper to do so. This schedule is conducive to staff time as well as contractors or engineers that may be asked to attend.

Council discussed the format for the meetings and noted that no spending of town money is expected to be voted upon at these workshop meetings, however, votes may occur assigning specific tasks to staff or council members as follow up items.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to hold a series of water workshop meeting at 5:15 pm, every other Tuesday, beginning with August 16, 2022, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, September 13, 2022, September 27, 2022, October 11, 2022, October 25, 2022, November 8, 2022, November 22, 2022, December 6, 2022 and December 20, 2022, at Town Hall. Councilman Rigsbee seconded the motion.

<b>Mayor Crawford</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Mayor Pro Tem Foy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Landreth</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilman Jones</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Councilman Rigsbee</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

**Motion carried, 4-1.**

**13. Discussion of Town Utility Contractors**

Councilman Rigsbee recommended that Staff put together a vendor package that includes any proposal, insurance information, etc. for Council’s review prior to taking a vote on a potential vendor.

Councilman Jones stated that he added this item after he discovered that the Town has no backup utility contractor. He added that he has been in contact with A & D Enterprises, Inc. as a potential backup utility contractor.

Councilman Jones made a **Motion** to add A & D Enterprises, Inc. to the Town’s Emergency Contact List as back up vendor and that we follow up with A & D Enterprises to request they provide the Town with a price list and relevant insurance information. Mayor Pro Tem Foy seconded motion.

<b>Mayor Crawford</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Mayor Pro Tem Foy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Landreth</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Councilman Jones</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Rigsbee</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

Motion carried.

**13a. Septic System Maintenance**

Councilman Jones then addressed the need to have septic system serviced here at Town Hall. Following a brief discussion, estimates will be obtained and brought back to Council for action.

Mayor Crawford asked for Citizen’s Comments prior to Council’s Closed Session.

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

**Bobbie Dalton, 8639 Oak Level Church Road, Stokesdale, NC** – expressed a concern about cyber bullying.

**14. Closed Session in Accordance with NCGS 143-318-11 (a) (6)**

(a) Permitted Purposes. – It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:

(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to enter into Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318-11 (a)(6) at 9:09 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Foy **amended** the motion to state that the purpose of the Closed Session is to discuss personnel matters. Councilman Rigsbee seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried.**

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to enter into Open Session at 9:44 pm. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried.**

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to appoint Priscilla Hunsucker as Water System Customer Service Manager and set a wage of \$21.40/ hour. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

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

**Motion carried.**

#### 16. Council Comments.

Councilman Rigsbee reminded everyone that school will be starting and to be safe and pay attention as kids getting on and off the school buses.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy thanked those in the audience tonight and congratulated Mr. Hunsucker on her promotion.

Councilman Jones thanked the citizens in attendance and Staff. He noted the passing of Shorty Wilson in Summerfield, a local icon.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy echoed Councilman Jones comments in regard to Mr. Wilson.

Mayor Crawford also echoed those comments in regard to Mr. Wilson.

Councilman Landreth thanked everyone for attending.

#### 17. Adjournment.

Councilman Landreth made a **Motion** to adjourn at 9:50 pm. Councilman Jones seconded the motion.



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

**Motion carried.**

Being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 \_\_ pm.

**Announcements:**

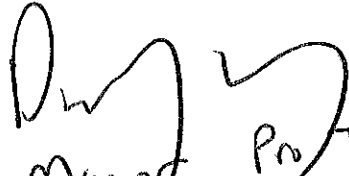
**Cancelled: Planning Board Meeting Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Town Hall  
Town Council Meeting Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Town Hall**

Approved: June 8, 2023

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Michael E. Crawford, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Dale F. Martin, Town Clerk

  
Mayor Pro Tem

