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MINUTES TOWN OF STOKESDALE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 8325 ANGEL-PARDUE ROAD STOKESDALE, NC 27357 NOVEMBER 10, 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; Budget Officer Kim Thacker, Deputy Town Clerk Robbie Wagoner, and Town Attorney Tom Medlin.

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

Mayor Mike Crawford called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Ed McKinney of Stokesdale United Methodist Church delivered the invocation.

Mayor Crawford then asked for Moment of Silence in memory of Aliyah Thornhill that was hit and killed by a vehicle on Haw River Road on Halloween.

2. Review and Adopt the Agenda

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to adopt the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Derek Foy added a closed session at the end of the meeting for the purpose of discussing acquisition of real property.

Councilman Tim Jones added consideration of quotes from Hall Plumbing, #7B. Councilman Tim Jones added a discussion on website updates at the end of the meeting, 14B.

Mayor Crawford withdrew his initial motion to adopt the agenda.

Mayor Crawford made a **MOTION** to adopt the agenda as amended. Councilman Jones seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

3. Public Safety Reports: Fire Department

Fire Chief Todd Gauldin presented the Fire Department Report for November.

4. Administrative Reports:

a) Administrative Report:

Presented by Deputy Town Clerk Robbie Lee Wagoner II for the month of October.

b) Planning Board:

None presented.

c) Events Committee:

Mayor Pro Tem Foy reminded everyone of the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 10th and spoke of Stokesdale's parade being one of several that is featured in Our State Magazine.

d) Property Committee:

Councilman Rigsbee informed Council of recruitment efforts for a cleaning crew for Town Hall.

e) Town Park Improvement Committee:

Mayor Pro Tem Foy stated that Mr. Tee Stephenson, Chairman of the Town Park Improvement Committee will update Council during the agenda item later in the meeting.

Councilman Landreth asked for a discussion on a trash can for the park.

5. Financials: Finance/Budget Officer: Kim Thacker

Mrs. Kim Thacker presented the financial report for the General Fund accounts and Water Fund Accounts. She also spoke about an email sent to the Town's Auditor Rex Rouse in regard to the status of this year's town audit. Mrs. Thacker read the email from Deputy Clerk Robbie Wagoner.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy commented on the recent increase in interest rates the Town is receiving on investments.

Mrs. Thacker provided an update on the status of the Town's audit from Rex Rouse in which he stated that he did not expect any issues.

Councilman Jones asked that this email and response be attached to the minutes of this meeting. **See below**:

From: Jay < <u>jaystone@alumni.unc.edu</u>>

Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 5:16 PM
To: Deputy Clerk < deputyclerk@stokesdale.org
Cc: Kimberly Thacker < kthacker@stokesdale.org
Subject: RE: Town of Stokesdale - 2022 Audit Report

The Local Government Commission grants an automatic extension until December 1, 2022 before which time we shall have the audit completed.

Thanks,

Jay

From: Deputy Clerk [mailto:deputyclerk@stokesdale.org]

Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 4:38 PM

To: Jay; <u>jaystone@rrrg.info</u> **Cc:** Kimberly Thacker

Subject: Town of Stokesdale - 2022 Audit Report

Greetings,

Good afternoon, I hope this email finds you safe and well. Per the request of Councilman Tim Jones, I am emailing you today to inquire about the 2022 Audit Report for the Town of Stokesdale, North Carolina.

It is my understanding that R. Rex Rouse Jr. of Rouse, Rouse, Rouse & Gardner, LLP. signed a Contract to Audit Accounts for the Town of Stokesdale on May 10, 2022. This same contract was then signed by Michael E. Crawford, Mayor of the Town of Stokesdale, on June 16, 2022, and by Kimberly Thacker, Finance/Budget Officer of the Town of Stokesdale, on June 17, 2022. This contract also includes an Audit Fee in the amount of \$9,000.00 and a Writing Financial Statements Fee in the amount of \$5,555.00 that are both to be paid by the Town of Stokesdale to Rouse, Rouse, Rouse & Gardner, LLP. for their services.

Could you please provide me with an update on the current status of the abovementioned Audit Report for the Town of Stokesdale?

Also, the above-mentioned contract states that the Audit Report due date is October 31, 2022. At the time of this email, the due date occurred approximately one week ago. Therefore, I would also like to ask if you could please confirm if the 2022 Audit Report for the Town of Stokesdale will need to be extended. If so, does this extension need to be requested by the Town of Stokesdale or by Rouse, Rouse, Rouse & Gardner, LLP.?

If possible, please provide me with a written answer to this inquiry by 4:30 PM on Thursday, November 10, 2022. If provided, I will deliver your written response to the Town of Stokesdale Town Council during the next regular Town Council meeting. This meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

If you need any further information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact information within my email signature below.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you and have a great day!

Robbie Lee Wagoner II

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6. Citizen's Comments from the Floor (3-Minute Limit per Speaker).

None presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

7. Consideration of an Estimate submitted by Gauldin Plumbing for the materials and labor to install 2 Woodford model 17 faucets with stem lock, work expected to cost between \$1,000 and \$1,250 plus NC Sales Tax.

Mayor Crawford introduced the quote from Gauldin Plumbing, total cost estimate between \$1,000 and \$1,2050 plus sales taxes for the installation of 2 woodford model 17 faucets.

The Mayor also presented an quote from Hall Well & Plumbing in the amount of \$1,047.20 for the installation of 1 woodford 67 wall faucet, \$1,325.26 for 1 woodford model R34 2" bury locking yard hydrant and \$455 to install a new backflow enclosure over the existing backflow plus sales tax.

Councilman Jones reported on discussions with these vendors to add a faucet and/or yard hydrant at the restroom/concession building in the park and repairing the water fountain. He explained that this came about when the soccer field was being repaired and required watering.

Council discussed the differences in quotes.

Councilman Jones made <u>Motion</u> to approve the expenditure item #3 at \$455 by Hall Well & Plumbing quoted by email dated November 9, 2022 at 3:59 PM to install a new backflow enclosure over the existing backflow at the Town Park irrigation system. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

Councilman Rigsbee asked about the water fountain. Councilman Jones stated that we have looked at it and explained several issues with what's there and what's necessary to repair it. After a brief discussion, not enough information was available to render a decision.

Councilman Jones made a <u>Motion</u> to continue this item to the next regular meeting. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

Mayor Crawford introduced an item to replace a trashcan at the park. Council discussed an estimate from Next Level Recreation of the Carolina's Inc. in the amount of \$1,002.38 for a TR32, 32-gallon receptacle-green, portable.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a <u>Motion</u> to buy the trashcan for \$1,002.38 from Next Level Recreation of the Carolina's Inc. Motion seconded by Councilman Rigsbee.

Mayor Crawford	No	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	No	Councilman Jones	No
Councilman Rigsbee	Aye		

Motion failed, 2-3.

Council continued to discuss the condition of the trashcan and the possibility of using barrels. It was noted by several Councilmembers that they wanted to see the barrels before they are put in the park. Councilman Landreth recommended getting pictures of the barrels and bring the item back to Council.

8. Consideration of a Certification of Municipal Declaration to Enact Speed Limits and Request for Concurrence for a speed limit reduction from 35 mph to 25 mph on Angel-Pardue Road.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy noted the addition of the homes and the park on Angel Pardue Road and the need to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph. Councilman Jones asked if this request is from citizen's complaints, the school or his observation of the situation. Mayor Pro Tem Foy stated that the request is based on comments from neighbors and others in the area. Councilman Rigsbee explained the safety concerns with children walking to school and people walking to and from the park. He also spoke about the enforcement by law enforcement agencies if the speed is posted. Council then discussed reducing the speed on the adjoining roads such as Athens Road and Adano Road.

Councilman Jones asked if it was appropriate for the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to vote on this matter since they both live in this neighborhood. Mr. Medlin advised that there is no money or anything else to be gained by enacting a reduced speed limit.

Mayor Crawford made a <u>Motion</u> to reduce the speed limit on Angel-Pardue Road and Adano Road to 25 miles per hour. Mayor Pro Tem Foy seconded the motion and asked for an <u>Amendment</u> to include final authorization to be done by NCDOT.

Mayor Crawford accepted the amendment.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

9. Consideration of a Resolution to call for a Public Hearing on the closing of a portion of Angel-Pardue Road.

Deputy Clerk Wagoner explained that Justin Synder, Guilford County Planner determined that the process followed before by NCDOT was not correct in closing a portion of Angel Pardue Road. He explained that according to the NC General Statutes, this request requires a public hearing be called by Council and then advertised for four (4) consecutive weeks prior to the public hearing.

Mayor Crawford made a <u>Motion</u> to approve the following Resolution calling for a public hearing on the closing of a portion of Angel-Pardue Road. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and identified Resolution No. R-2022-05.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-05 RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CLOSE A PORTION OF ANGEL PARDUE ROAD

WHEREAS, a petition has been filed, pursuant to G.S. 160A-299, requesting the Town Council to close and remove from dedication the following portion of described roadway:

Being that portion of said road, presently known as Angel Pardue Road (Secondary Road #2102) in Oak Ridge Township, as described further by metes and bounds in Exhibit A attached herein, Town of Stokesdale, NC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the intent of this Council to close a portion of said road to the public use, and that a public hearing on this question will be held on the 8th day of December, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the Stokesdale Town Hall Meeting Room, 8325 Angel Pardue Road, Stokesdale, North Carolina, at which time the Council will hear all interested citizens and make a final determination as to whether this portion of road shall be closed and removed from dedication.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE STOKESDALE TOWN COUNCIL AT A MEETING

Exhibit A - Legal Description

COMMENCING FROM A FOUND IRON PIN ON THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ANGEL PARDUE ROAD (DESCRIBED BOOK 5422, PAGE 775), SAID POINT BEING THE 'POINT OF BEGINNING'; THENCE, LEAVING SAID EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ANGEL PARDUE ROAD (DESCRIBED IN BOOK

5422, PAGE 775) ON A BEARING OF S01°28'00" E, A DISTANCE OF 171.22 FEET; THENCE, ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 325.00 FEET, A CHORD BEARING S04°56'26" E, AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 40.23 FEET;

THENCE, ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 215.00 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF S41°41'21" W, AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 33.09 FEET; THENCE, BEARING S73°50'48"W, FOR A DISTANCE OF 119.99 FEET, TO A POINT ON SAID EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ANGEL PARDUE ROAD (DESCRIBED IN BOOK 5422, PAGE 775); THENCE, ALONG SAID EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY, BEARING N32°47'59"W, A DISTANCE OF 13.88 FEET, TO A CORNER OF SAID EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY, N57°12'01"E, FOR A DISTANCE OF 83.70 FEET, TO A CORNER ON SAID EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, N47°11'46"W, FOR A DISTANCE OF 39.24 FEET; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, N37°13'48"E, FOR A DISTANCE OF 44.05 FEET, TO A CORNER ON SAID EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY, N16°14'16"E, FOR A DISTANCE OF 32.81 FEET, TO A CORNER ON SAID EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY, NO0°56'54"E, FOR A DISTANCE OF 119.11 FEET, TO AN EXISTING FOUND IRON PIN ON THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ANGEL PARDUE ROAD, SAID POINT BEING THE 'POINT OF BEGINNING'.

AND

COMMENCING AT A FOUND IRON PIN ON EXISTING ANGEL PARDUE RIGHT- OF-WAY (BOOK 5422, PAGE 775); THENCE, LEAVING THE EXISTING

RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ANGEL PARDUE ROAD FROM SAID FOUND IRON PIN FOR A DISTANCE OF 304.56 FEET; ON A BEARING OF \$10°17'31"W, TO A POINT ON SAID EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, SAID POINT BEING THE 'POINT OF BEGINNING'; THENCE, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, \$57°12'01"W, FOR A DISTANCE OF 21.62 FEET, TO A POINT ON SAID RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, N32°47'59"W, FOR A DISTANCE OF 6.47 FEET, TO A POINT ON SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, N73°51'52"E, FOR A DISTANCE OF

22.57 FEET, TO A POINT ON SAID EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY, SAID POINT BEING THE 'POINT OF BEGINNING'.

Exhibit B - Right of Way Removal Sketch

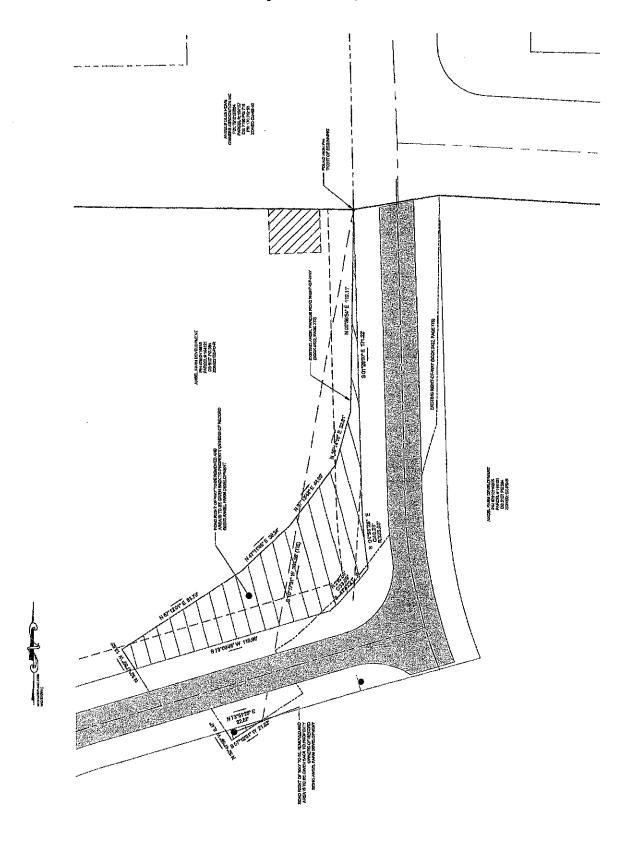
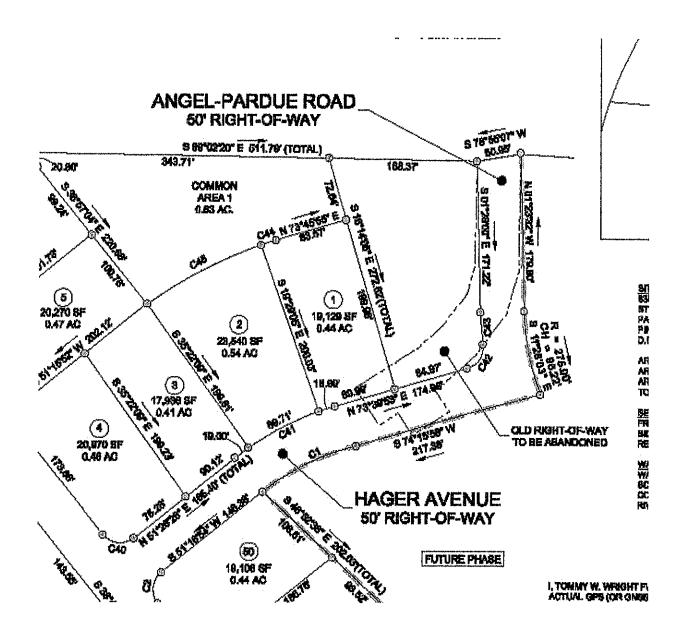


Exhibit C - Plat of Right of Way Abandonment



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

Motion carried, 5-0.

10. Discussion of American Rescue Plan (ARP) Policy and Procedures.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy explained some of the changes in the program since it began which included a provision for revenue replacement using ARPA funds. Mrs. Thacker recently attended a class regarding ARPA funds and has learned that the Town can use these funds to replace funds that may have been lost back as far as March 2021. She noted that we do not have to show a loss of funds.

Council discussed setting these funds aside in a separate fund account labeled American Rescue Plan Funds which is also recommended by Mr. Rouse, the Town's current Auditor.

11. Review of North Carolina Procurement Manual for 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy wanted to bring this manual to the Council's attention as it is very important that we spend the ARPA funds properly.

12. Review of North Carolina General Statute 143-129.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy also wanted to bring this to the Council's attention due to the requirements and for spending ARPA funds in the future.

13. Discussion of Improvements to Town Water System.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy explained the various grant funds the Town has received and for which we have applied. He noted the Water Workshop meetings being held to discuss how to spend these funds and the hiring of an Engineer to help oversee this process.

Councilman Jones then explained the current processes for monitoring and maintaining the Town's water system. He explained the advantages of installing a stirring mechanism to improve the quality of the water in our elevated tank.

Council discussed the Town's capacity flow from Forsyth County and current consumption amounts and projections of what's needed for the future. A secondary connection is being discussed to avoid any failure or disruption of service. Various options are being studied to determine the feasibility of which route to pursue. It was suggested that the Town revisit discussions with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County on increasing the Town's capacity.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy stated that the grant money can be used for design purposes but not construction of water lines. He added that we are doing our best to pursue all grant money available to improve our water system.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a <u>Motion</u> that the Town of Stokesdale put out a Request for Qualifications to Engineering firms to perform engineering work, survey and design, study of right-of-ways, utility locations and to manage the bid process and construction of approximately 3.3 miles of water lines connecting Cold Water Road to the water main at Oak Level Church Road. Mayor Crawford seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy suggested the Town use Rural Water Association assistance.

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

14. Presentation by Town Park Improvement Committee.

Mr. Tee Stephenson, Chairman of the Town Park Improvement Committee referenced a power point presentation which identified four projects that was rated highest on a survey conducted in 2020, basketball/pickle ball courts, nature trail, playground and amphitheater. He noted basic plans for each element of the project. He presented an overview of the Town's park and noted the location of each project. He then explained the construction and materials used for each project.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy explained the grant money received and that roughly \$4.2-\$4.8 million be allocated to the water system with approximately \$700,000 being spent on the park.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy stated with a little more work, he would feel comfortable putting out RFP's for basketball courts in December. He then explained he would like Council to consider a motion for the playground equipment and described the proposal for the construction and materials used for the playground with a projected budget of \$95,000. Council questioned the deadline date of March 31, 2023.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a <u>Motion</u> to request bids for new playground equipment and installation at Stokesdale Town Park, that vendors submit proposals with the assumption that the budget is \$95,000. Mayor Crawford seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

14B. Update to Town's Website.

Councilman Jones stated that he would like Council to consider creating a page which explains our sales tax distribution, Stokesdale Parks and Recreation page, Fire Department page, a frequently asked questions page, Town Administrator vs Town Manager page to explain the differences. These items to be considered in the future as staff time allows. Councilman Rigsbee recommended a Community Resources page as opposed to a Stokesdale Parks and Recreation page since their events constantly change.

15. Citizen's Comments from the Floor (3-Minute Limit per Speaker).

<u>Dewayne Dalton, Stokesdale, NC</u> – suggested the Town spend money on running water down Anthony Road and Happy Hill Road so that those living there can have access to town water. He

also stated that Anthony Road has about ¼ miles that is dirt and stated that he would like to look into that with NCDOT and maybe the Town could help us with that as well.

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16. Council Comments.

Councilman Rigsbee thanked everyone for coming tonight. He added that he is in favor of a water line coming down Haw River Road but understands that it is out of our budget, but we haven't lost sight of that project. He is more in favor of spending money on the agitator and control valve to improve our quality of water that is more in line for our budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy also thank citizens that joined us tonight. Commended Mr. Stephenson on the park committee presentation. He commended Mr. Powell Shelton Jr and others that are planning an event to honor our Veterans tomorrow at town hall tomorrow.

Councilman Landreth also thanked everyone for coming tonight. He thanked Council for good conversations and thanked our Veterans for putting their lives on the line for our freedom.

Councilman Jones also thanked everyone for staying until 10pm. He noted the children killed on Haw River Road recently and stated that the Town is happy to help in any way that we can to improve that situation. He added discussions on current plans for installing water mains does not offer free taps and explained the Town's process for citizen's to connect if they so desire. He noted this information is located on the Town's website.

Mayor Crawford also thanked citizens for attended, encouraged others to recognize our Veterans.

Mayor Crawford presented the following announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Town of Stokesdale Town Planning Board will hold a meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 7:00 PM inside the Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 8325 Angel Pardue Road, Stokesdale, NC 27357.
- The Town of Stokesdale Town Council will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, December 08, 2022, at 7:00 PM inside the Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 8325 Angel Pardue Road, Stokesdale, NC 2735

Mayor Crawford made a <u>Motion</u> 9:57 PM to go into Closed Session in accordance with NC General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (5) for the purpose of discussing land acquisition. Councilman Rigsbee seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a <u>Motion</u> to reconvene in Open Session at 10:50 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, 5-0.

17. Adjournment.

Mayor Crawford made a <u>Motion</u> to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 PM. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

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

Being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 PM.

Approved: August 10, 2023

Michael E. Crawford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Robbie Lee Wagoner IV, Deputy Town Clerk