



MINUTES
TOWN OF STOKESDALE
SPECIAL CALLED
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
8325 ANGEL-PARDUE ROAD
STOKESDALE, NC 27357
NOVEMBER 29, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

Special Called Town Council Meeting Attendance:

Member's present were: Mayor Mike Crawford; Mayor Pro-Tem Derek Foy; Council Members: Jimmy Landreth, Tim Jones, and Jim Rigsbee; Deputy Town Clerk Robbie Wagoner. Town Attorney Tom Medlin attended via Zoom.

1. Call To Order and Invocation.

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

2. Review and Adopt the Agenda.

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to adopt the agenda as written. Mayor Pro Tem Derek Foy seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

3. Citizens Comments.

No comments presented.

4. Discussion of Water System Capital Improvements.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy explained the discussion and work done during the water workshop meetings. He noted discussions revolving around running water in the Coldwater, Happy Hill, Hwy 65 area and the use of ARPA funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy explained his option of a water line extension via Happy Hill Road to Warner Road which is less milage that the Hwy. 65/Coldwater loop.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy explained the difficulties for the town should a water line break occur at different locations around town and noted options for ways to avoid those scenarios. He noted some complexities in dealing with other jurisdictions for some of our options.

Council discussed the numbers of customers to be gained for each of the options and the possibility of gaining Aqua as a customer.

Todd Gauldin -8470 Honey Court, Fire Chief of Stokesdale Fire Department, explained that the Arbor Run development does not currently have fire hydrants. This development is currently serviced by Aqua.

Council discussed the Lakeside subdivision and the extension of water lines for that subdivision that occurred at the regular Council meeting in June 2021.

Council, Fire Chief Gauldin and Aaron Babson, Engineer with Hazen and Sawyer continued to discuss these various routes, rock in the area, jurisdiction issues and legal matters that would need to be addressed such as easements, etc. Discussion was favorable for a Haw River Road connection and a secondary option would be the Happy Hill Road/Warner Road connection. It was noted that the Oak Level Church Road/Hwy 65 doesn't have as many customers but may be an option.

Mr. Babson spoke about the capacity from Winston Salem/Forsyth County Utilities and their ability to provide additional water to Stokesdale, now and in the future.

Town Attorney Tom Medlin discussed the Town of Stokesdale's current contract with the City of Winston-Salem, current capacity, term of contract, four (4) years notice of termination. Mr. Medlin stated the need to revisit a proposed amendment that was not executed by the Utilities Commission or the Town.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy asked Aaron Babson to provide estimated costs for hydraulic studies that can be addressed at the next regular meeting.

5. Discussion of Town Park Improvements.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy updated Council on the design and cost for the Amphitheater.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to allow Lori Hawkins Landscape Design to make revisions to simplify the design of the Amphitheater, up to \$800. Mayor Crawford seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried, 4-1

Mayor Pro Tem Foy then updated Council on the playground and the need to amend the RFP for this project.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to change the Request For Proposal to increase dimensions of the playground from 27 ft X 100 feet to 60 ft x60 ft and move proposed sight as shown upon a sight plan given to town staff. Mayor Crawford **amended** the motion to describe the playground as being adjacent to the existing playground. Mayor Pro Tem Foy accepted the amendment. 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).

Citizens Comments.

Mayor Crawford asked for any Citizens Comments prior to the Closed Session.

None presented.

- 6. Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11 (3) and (5) for the purpose of consulting with the Town Attorney to preserve Attorney Client Privilege and to discuss potential acquisition of real property.**

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to enter into Closed Session at 7:57 PM for the purpose of consulting with the Town Attorney to preserve Attorney Client Privilege. Mayor Pro Tem Foy added an **amendment** to discuss the potential acquisition of real property and to consider qualifications and competence and character of public officer or employee. Mayor Crawford accepted the amendment 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.

Reconvened in Open Session at 8:08 PM

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to reconvene in Open Session. Councilman Jones 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 Jones made a **Motion** to terminate the contract for Legal Services with Mr. Tom Medlin effective at the earliest possible date. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

Councilman Rigsbee asked for discussion on this matter. Councilman Jones explained longstanding issues he has with legal representation by Mr. Medlin.

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

Motion carried, 3-2.

Councilman Jones made a **Motion** to enter into a contract with Mr. Charles H. Winfree, Law Offices of Adams & Winfree as Town Attorney in accordance with proposal dated December 6, 2022 and emailed to Council. Mayor Crawford seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried, 4-1.

Councilman Rigsbee stated for the record that this was unprofessional and would like for this to have been discussed prior to this happening.

Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Foy thanked Mr. Medlin for his work with the Town of Stokesdale.

Mr. Medlin stated that following up with the decision made tonight, please let him know when a contract is signed with Mr. Winfree and he will terminate representation at that time. If it goes into effect December 1st that is acceptable with him.

Mayor Crawford thanked Mr. Medlin for his help.

Councilman Jones also thanked Mr. Medlin for his service and noted his issues with voters not having a voice in town business. He does not like to make hard decisions but would be a disservice to the citizens to do otherwise.

7. Adjournment.


Councilman Landreth made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. Mayor Crawford 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 the Town of Stokesdale Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Approved: August 10, 2023



 Michael E. Crawford, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Robbie Lee Wagoner II, Town Clerk