



**TOWN OF STOKESDALE  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
8325 ANGEL PARDUE ROAD  
STOKESDALE, NC 27357  
August 13, 2020 AT 7PM**

Attendance: Mayor Flynt, Thearon Hooks, Jim Rigsbee, Derek Foy, Jimmy Landreth, Tom Medlin, Kim Thacker, Town Clerk: Alisa Houk

- I. **Call to Order** Mayor Flynt called the meeting to order.  
*Mayor Flynt wanted to make a statement before the meeting starts. He said a lot of people from the Bethel Church area has been calling in asking about the Public Hearing for the Pearman Quarry LCID. Due to the complex nature of the Special Permit Hearing, it is best to hear that meeting in person so it has been postponed until we can do that possibly in October.*

- II. **Review and Adopt the Agenda:** Mayor Flynt motioned to approve the Agenda. Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

Mayor Flynt	YES	Derek Foy	YES
Thearon Hooks	YES	Jimmy Landreth	YES
Jim Rigsbee	YES		

- III. **Approval of Minutes: July 9, 2020:** Derek Foy asked Alisa to make sure to correct his vote from Blaney Electric to a Yes vote. Mayor Flynt motioned to adopt the July 9, 2020 with that one correction. Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

Mayor Flynt	YES	Derek Foy	YES
Thearon Hooks	YES	Jimmy Landreth	YES
Jim Rigsbee	YES		

**July 16, 2020:** Mayor Flynt motioned to adopt. Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

Mayor Flynt	YES	Derek Foy	YES
Thearon Hooks	YES	Jimmy Landreth	YES
Jim Rigsbee	YES		

**IV. Board & Administrative Report:**

**Administrative Report from Town Clerk:** See attached.

**Planning Board:** Mark Nadel: Mark was connected, then became disconnected from the meeting.

**Ordinance Review Board: James Greene: James Green was not present and there was no one to report.**

**Events Committee: Has anyone been elected Chair?** Derek said Mark was going to give the Events Comm. report, but he will be happy to do so since Mark lost connection. Derek said they will elect a new Chairman in their Sept meeting. On Dec 5 they will have the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Town Hall. December 12<sup>th</sup> is the Christmas Parade. Mayor Flynt asked Derek if they were still planning to do anything for the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Green Pond. Derek said no he did not think so, with the Governor's Order, Kids out of school, logistics involved in planning it, it seems more prudent to postpone it.

**Property Committee: Jim Rigsbee/Jimmy Landreth: Nothing to report.**

**V. Financials: Kim Thacker gave the financials They Are Attached**

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

**VII. Old Business:**

1. Council discussion/potential vote on Ordinance Review Committee's recommendation followed by the Planning Board's February 27<sup>th</sup> unanimous vote to have the Town Council set a public hearing concerning the "Elimination of RS-30 if new dwellings are not hooked up to the Stokesdale Town Water System". Mayor Flynt opened this item with saying Council had asked the Ordinance Review Committee to look at our RS-30 Ordinance some time ago. It has been a lengthy discussion and process. Mayor Flynt said Derek I think you put this on the agenda to set up a Public Hearing or something. Mayor Flynt said I think we need to come up with some language. He said if you look in the Stokesdale Development Ordinances under Article 4. Section 4-2.1 (B)(2) He thinks if we strike through and eliminate the verbiage "in areas without access to public water and wastewater services". And the last sentence strike through sewer and replace it with water services. We should be good. He said if we asked Tom Medlin to look at this and get his approval it might save a lot of other work. Tom agreed to help with the verbiage to enable Council to present it in a Public Hearing. Mayor Flynt ask if it was the will of Council to set up a Public Hearing at the September 10, Regular Town Council Meeting. Derek Foy suggested holding a Live meeting. They discussed the Governor's Order, restrictions, General Statutes that forbid limiting who can attend a Public Hearing, it was finally decided to investigate how Summerfield is holding their live meetings. Jim Rigsbee suggested waiting until the Governor's next update on restrictions. It was decided to let Tom put the verbiage together, Council will set a Public Hearing date.

**IX. New Business:**

1. Discuss and vote on Revision to Separation of Duties policy, page 6 of 7 under number 13. Revise this statement to: Cash disbursement of recurring expenses can be reviewed and signed by the finance officer but will also need to be reviewed and signed **by one other councilperson on the bank signature cards.** Town Clerk Alisa Houk put this on the agenda because the current verbiage in the Separation of Duties policy in this sentence says the "Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem" now that you have changed the names and signers you need to change the verbiage.

**VOTE:**

<b>Mayor Flynt</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Derek Foy</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Thearon Hooks</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Jimmy Landreth</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Jim Rigsbee</b>	<b>YES</b>		

2. Enact a standard time for all called meetings to 7:00PM, with exception given for Emergency Meetings. Jim Rigsbee asked for this item. He said just for consistency and convenience of Council persons and the public to be able to attend the meetings. Jim Rigsbee made a motion that all meetings that require a quorum with exception of emergency meetings be held at 7:00PM. Mayor Flynt seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

<b>Mayor Flynt</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Derek Foy</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Thearon Hooks</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Jimmy Landreth</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Jim Rigsbee</b>	<b>YES</b>		

3. Discussion and vote for repair or replacement of front office HVAC system. Town Clerk Alisa Houk explained to everyone that the HVAC system that controls the front lobby, library, hallway, and bathrooms has stopped working she has two bids from Stokesdale Heating and Air. One bid is for replacing the coil and recharging the unit. \$3,520. Ray did say that the unit is over 10 years old so, this might only be a temporary fix. He also gave a bid of \$ 9,175 to replace the unit with another comparable York system. Alisa was asked if these proposals included tax. She was pretty sure it did but could not say positively. **Council tabled** until the next meeting for Alisa to confirm if tax was included.
4. Review the continuance of the Stokesdale Farmer's Market. There was a long discussion on low attendance of our Farmer's Market reason why attendance might be low. **Council tabled** a decision on whether to continue to hold the market in to see how it goes through October. And if there is interest next Spring.
5. Vote to appoint a replacement from the Planning Board Alternate list to the sitting Planning Board for Ronald Southard who asked to move onto the Alternate list. Jimmy Landreth motioned to appoint James Greene as an active sitting member of the Planning Board. Derek Foy seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

<b>Mayor Flynt</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Derek Foy</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Thearon Hooks</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Jimmy Landreth</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Jim Rigsbee</b>	<b>YES</b>		

6. Discussion and possible vote for Cleaning Service Vendor, current vendor's contract has expired. Town Clerk Alisa Houk said she discovered that our current Cleaning Service ABS contract has expired. The same day I found out the contract has expired I received a call from B & B Cleaning Services, owned by Clint Blackburn. He came out met with me walked the buildings and grounds and sent me very competitive bid of \$ 495.00 per month compared to ABS contract at \$ 775.00 per month. There was discussion regarding how to go about ending the services with ABS and have Tom Medlin put a legal contract together for B & B Services. Derek Foy motioned to accept B & B Services proposal that they presented, subject to a modification that the contract will not renew annually but be a 1- year contract and then go to a month- to- month contract with an agreement that either party has right to cancel during the term upon 30 days written notice. Mayor Flynt seconded the motion.

7. VOTE:

Mayor Flynt	YES	Derek Foy	YES
Thearon Hooks	YES	Jimmy Landreth	YES
Jim Rigsbee	YES		

XII. Citizen's Comments from the Floor (3-minute Limit per Speaker)

**Mark Nadel:** Mark Nadel thinks that the Town should get 3 competitive bids for replacement repair of the HVAC system.

XIII. Closing Comments from Council:

**Thearon Hooks:** Short and Sweet business meeting we have made some good plans. We are in strange times right now. He looks forward to us being able to get back to normal.

**Jim Rigsbee:** Said a striking thing to him tonight is a lot of our input that each council member brought forward tonight came from individuals within the community. Their ideas, their comments, their feedback. Jim Rigsbee thinks this is how local government is supposed to work. Individuals come to councilmen with their ideas and its council job to discuss it and get it in the open forum. For government to work the way it supposed to it has to start with the Citizens.

**Jimmy Landreth:** said he just wants to say Jim Greene is the most honest person he knows. He does speak his mind, but he will be an asset to the Planning Board. You could not have a better person on there.

**Derek Foy** Thanked everyone for being on the meeting. He said this next week is back to school week. He said this is probably going to be the most unique school year anyone can ever remember. With he wants to recognize all the parents who are having to make special accommodations to stay at home and play the role of parent, teacher, potentially work from home. They are going to have a very difficult 9 weeks. Personally, he is fortunate that he has his wife to support that role because he must be at work. But his hat is off to those who are not that fortunate. On top of that our teachers and administrative staff are struggling with logistical nightmares as well. His hats off to those individuals too.

**Mayor John Flynt:** said he just wants to add to what Derek just said. He spoke with a Henry County Virginia School Administrator. The Administrators and Teachers are catching a lot of grief from parents saying why are you doing this to us. Mayor Flynt they are not the ones doing this. The upper echelon, the governor, people like that are the ones making these decisions. For God's Sake people, please do not blame the teachers and administrative staff, they are just like everybody else having to follow orders. Mayor Flynt said he feels sorry for them. His son and daughter-in-law are teachers, the Mayor said he cannot imagine even trying to teach remotely. Especially in the Elementary Schools, he wishes them the best of luck. Mayor Flynt then said a couple things going on in the community. David Wrenn had a

Groundbreaking Ceremony for the BiRite. They have a track hoe down in front of the old service station they will be tearing down shortly. Hopefully within the next 9 months we are going to have a nice new BiRite. We had a meeting at the Stokesdale Fire Department, the Mayor said he parked in front of what used to be the old Hardware Store. The plywood has been removed so he walked up and just looked through the windows. Mr. Moorefield has done a fantastic job. He spent a lot of money on that and once he opens that up, I think we as a Council should recognize him for a significant contribution to the Downtown Stokesdale, so once he opens that up the Mayor would like to do proclamation or something and invite him in and let him know. Mayor Flynt said he hopes he holds an open house; he has done a fantastic job. We have had a call from the Developer up on Coldwater Road. He has 56 lots, approved by Forsyth County. Winston Salem is going to send in a thing for water, we are going to serve it from the Town of Stokesdale. They will extend our water line up Coldwater about 2500 feet. That is going to help us a lot. We are growing we approve 93 more acres for Mark Lawson. This place is about to bust at the seams. He thought we had some major development in the last three years. But with the new industrial park up on Hwy 73, this place is going to grow and its going to be a special place. He is excited to see what is coming.

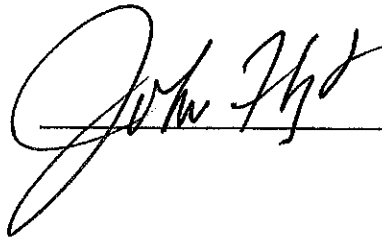
**XIV. Announcements:** Next Planning Board Meeting will be August 27, 2020 there are 3 Public Hearings for rezoning to hear.

**XV. Adjournment:** Mayor Flynt made a motion to adjourn at 8:40PM Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.

**1. VOTE:**

Mayor Flynt	YES	Derek Foy	YES
Thearon Hooks	YES	Jimmy Landreth	YES
Jim Rigsbee	YES		

Approved February 11, 2021



Mayor

Attest:  Town Clerk