

**MINUTES
TOWN OF STOKESDALE
SPECIAL CALLED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
8325 ANGEL PARDUE ROAD
STOKESDALE, NC 27357
FEBRUARY 24, 2022 AT 6:30 PM**

Member's present were: Mayor Mike Crawford, Mayor Pro-Tem Derek Foy, Council Members: Jim Landreth, Tim Jones, and Jim Rigsbee, Interim Town Clerk Dale Martin and Deputy Clerk Robin Yount. Town Attorney Tom Medlin attended by Zoom.

1. Call To Order.

Mayor Mike Crawford called the meeting to order.

Mayor Pro Tem Derek Foy stated that he would like to add a period for citizens comments. Mayor Crawford polled the Council and with no objections the floor was opened up for citizen comments.

Citizens comments:

Mayor Crawford recognized speaker from Zoom.

Nancy Pearson, Field Street Drive, Stokesdale – stated that she is Administrator for a local hospital and wanted to speak in regard to the solid waste contract being considered tonight. She asked if there were protections in this contract that addressed changes in service, price increases and service decreases.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy stated that there is verbiage in this contract to address those concerns. He pointed out that the contract allows for GFL, once a year, to look at inflation and to make an adjustment in cost; however, there is a clause in there that this increase should not exceed 5%. He stated that normally we see a 3-4% inflation rate but this year we are looking at a 7% inflation rate. If we see deflation, we should expect an adjustment down. He explained that the cost of fuel is a very real issue, and that the contract's baseline cost is at \$4.00 per gallon. If the price increases more than that, he expected GFL to ask for a price increase. He stated that they would have to come to Council to make such a request. He noted that a natural disaster could affect the cost or service level, state or federal taxes could increase the cost as well. He stated that currently GFL takes all recycling to a processing facility and if that facility were to close and require them to go farther away, it could impact the price. He stated that he expected the 5% cap in the contract to keep GFL in check. He stated that also included in the contract, is a requirement that GFL supply a measure to see how well they are handling the service to our citizens.

Ms. Pearson stated that he answered her questions and that she very much appreciates this forum that allows people to be informed on what is happening in Stokesdale. She noted a significant decline in service from Republic and appreciates the Council handling these needs.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy thanked Ms. Pearson for her service in health care.

Councilman Tim Jones stated that this contract is a public document and available in the Clerk's Office.

Councilman Jim Rigsbee stated that he wanted to emphasize the increase with this new contract. The new service amount is approximately \$67 per quarter, which is an increase over what we are currently paying. He noted that this cost is significantly less than the other bidder for the Town's service. He noted that only two companies submitted a bid.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy pointed out that quarterly cost with GFL is \$68.40. The current cost is \$61 per quarter with Republic. The new rate proposed by Republic was \$82 per quarter.

2. Consideration and Vote on Franchise Agreement Contract between the Town of Stokesdale and GFL Environmental for new Solid Waste/Recycling contract beginning July 1, 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to approve a Franchise Agreement with GFL Environmental to provide Town residents with solid waste and recycling pickup on a weekly basis. The three-year contract will begin on July 1, 2022, the contract will include verbiage to cap out any CPI annual price increases at 5%. GFL will charge residents \$22.80 per month billed quarterly at \$68.40.

Councilman Jimmy Landreth seconded the motion.

Councilman Jones pointed out that GFL has signed the contract but not the Attorney. Mr. Medlin stated that yes, he has reviewed the contract and the only change was the 5% cap, everything else is the same.

Vote in favor: Councilman Rigsbee-yes, Mayor Pro Tem Foy-yes, Councilman Landreth-yes, Councilman Jones-yes.

Vote opposed: None

3. Adjournment.

Councilman Rigsbee stated that this will result in an improve in service for our citizens.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy agreed and stated that he looks forward to better service going forward. He then thanked Republic for service over the years.

Councilman Jones thanked the Mayor Pro Tem for his work on this contract.

Mayor Crawford echoed his thanked to Mayor Pro Tem Foy.

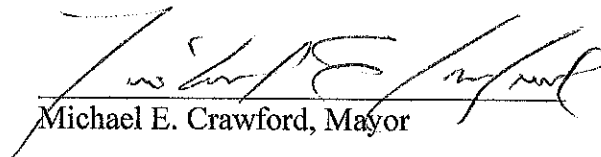
Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Foy seconded the motion.

Vote in favor: Councilman Rigsbee-yes, Mayor Pro Tem Foy-yes, Councilman Landreth-yes, Councilman Jones-yes.

Vote opposed: None

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Approved: March 10, 2022


Michael E. Crawford, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dale F. Martin, Town Clerk