



**TOWN OF STOKESDALE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
8325 ANGEL PARDUE ROAD
STOKESDALE, NC 27357
January 9, 2020 AT 7PM**

Attendees: Mayor John Flynt, Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks, Councilmen: Jimmy Landreth, Jim Rigsbee, Derek Foy, Town Attorney Tom Medlin, NWO Patti Stokes, Town Clerk Alisa Houk, Budget Officer: Kimberly Thacker.

- I. Call to Order:** Mayor John Flynt
- II. Invocation:** Ed McKinney, Pastor from Stokesdale United Methodist Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Mayor Flynt
- IV. Review and Adopt the Agenda:** Jimmy Landreth motion to approve the agenda, Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion.

VOTE:

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

V. Approval of Minutes:

October 10, 2019 minutes: Jimmy Landreth stated that the three new councilmen were not councilmen at the time of the meetings, he has read them and sees nothing to be changed. Mayor Flynt then motioned to approve the October 10, 2019 meeting without reading them. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion.

VOTE:

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

November 14, 2019 minutes: Jimmy Landreth stated the reason as the October 10, 2019 minutes. Mayor Flynt then motioned to approve the October 10, 2019 meeting without reading them. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion.

VOTE:

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

December 12, 2019 minutes: Jimmy Landreth said the motion to vote Thearon Hooks back in as Mayor Pro Tem is missing. Also, Jimmy Landreth said there is a statement and question that Tim Jones made to the Auditor Rex Rouse that he thinks is real important and should be added to the minutes. That state is as follows: Councilmen Tim Jones ask for confirmation that the Town spent \$56,399.00 more in actual expenses than budgeted. Tim Jones then asked Rex Rouse, "What percentage are we allowed to go over.?" Rex Rouse responded, "not anything." Mayor Flynt agreed they would make the changes to correct the amount of the overage in the

General Fund Budget and add Tim Jones question to Rouse. Council then discussed the motion being left out of the vote to re-elect Thearon Hooks to Mayor Pro Tem. Town Clerk Alisa Houk told council that both Jimmy Landreth and Derek Foy nominated Thearon Hooks to be re-elected to the Mayor Pro Tem position and then they voted without a motion. Council agreed to leave this vote as is. Mayor Flynt asked for a motion to make the changes to Jimmy's first request regarding the Budget numbers. **Jimmy Landreth motioned to correct the overage amount Rex Rouse stated in the General Fund Budget from \$56,306.00 to \$56,399.00 and to add Tim Jones question as mentioned above to the December 12, 2019 minutes. Mayor Flynt 2nd the motion.**

VOTE:

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

December 19, 2019 minutes, Special Called Meeting: Mayor Flynt motioned to approve, Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion.

VOTE:

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

VI. Public Safety Reports:

Guilford County Sheriff's Dept. Lt, Jeremy Fuller, didn't have the numbers tonight but sent them to me on Friday Dec 13. Lt. Fuller stated in his email that During the month of December the Sheriff's Dept. had a total of 81 calls. Currently, they have no crime trends to mention. His tip for the night is to please be aware of your surroundings and if something doesn't look right please call the Sheriff's Dept.

Stokesdale Fire Department: Chief Gauldin, Said the Stokesdale Fire Dept had 37 Fire Calls and 42 medical calls. His tip for the month is to use caution when cooking. Most stoves have timers and he encourage everyone to use the timer. He said it is an old wife's tale to throw flour on a grease fire. Please don't do that, put a lid on it and cut the burner off. Also please make sure when using kerosene heaters that you double check the fuel in your can before you pour it in the heater. People make the mistake of pouring gasoline instead of kerosene in the heaters and that will cause an explosion.

VII. Board & Administrative Report;

Town Clerk's Admin Report attached to minutes.

Frank Bruno, Chairman of the Events Committee, gave an update on the Events: He said he Alisa and Kim run the numbers for him, and it looks like we probably had the largest parade we have ever had. It looks like we will have \$1400. To \$1500.00 in revenue from the parade this year. He would like to see council make a motion to give \$100.00 donation to NWHS Band, Oasis Shriner's Hospital, Oak Ridge Military Band, and to Bethany Community School who went over and above in their participation. They not only marched in the parade but came out the night of our Tree Lighting and played during the program. Frank then invited anyone interested in volunteering to help with events to please come out and join them when they meet. Meeting dates are currently the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6pm. Dates will be posted on our website calendar and on the Stokesdale Now and regular Stokesdale Facebook pages. Events currently in planning are as follows:

***May 2nd 10am to 3pm Spring Festival and kickoff of our Farmers mkt and kick of celebration of Green Pond/Stokesdale's 160 years of as a Town.**

***May 6th is the official start of our Farmer's Market and will run every Wednesday from 4pm to 7pm through Oct 28th.**

***911 Ceremony is scheduled for September the 11th at 11:00am (rain date Sept. 14th)**

***September 19th 160 Years Anniversary of Green Pond/Stokesdale Celebration.**

***December 12th – Annual Christmas Parade.**

Thearon Hooks motioned to give the \$100.00 donations to NWHS Band, Oasis Shriner's Hospital, Oak Ridge Military Band, and to Bethany Community School. Derek spoke up and asked that we include a \$100.00 donation to The Friends of Stokesdale for their help in preparations for the parade. Derek 2nd the motion.

VOTE:

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

VIII. Financials: Kimberly Thacker gave the Financial Report as follows:

Summary of Accounts: As of 12/31/2019 Town of Stokesdale - General Fund

Bank of Oak Ridge \$2,739,905.77

CDAR's \$2,548,473.29

Money Market (6968) \$191,432.48

Fidelity Bank \$110,073.13

Checking Account(002762)\$110,073.13

Suntrust \$88,499.33

Money Market (34794) \$88,499.33

Petty Cash \$150

Total Assets General Fund - \$2,938,628.23

Summary of Accounts: As of 12/31/2019 Water Enterprise Account

Bank of Oak Ridge \$247,360.45

CDAR'S \$247,360.45

Fidelity Bank \$438,902.97

Checking Account (0504) \$393,872.97

Savings Account (0403) \$45,030.00

Water/Sewer Fund -

Bank of Oak Ridge -\$244,612.34

CDAR'S -\$244,612.34

North Carolina Capital Management Trust \$520,436.25

Fund Account (5784) \$520,436.25

TOTAL FOR TOWN OF STOKESDALE ALL ACCOUNTS -

GENERAL FUND - WATER ENTERPRISE - WATER/SEWER): \$4,389,940.24

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

James Greene came to the podium: He said several months ago the ORC turned in some Ordinance items to be reviewed by council He doesn't know what happened to them, but he feels that council should pass these the items. He also stated that there were some items that had been passed prior council but have not been sent to Municode to be added to the Ordinance Book.

Mayor Flynt addressed Mr. Greene: He told Mr. Greene to send him what past Council has already approved but hasn't been added by Municode, and that he would look into the items Mr. Greene states he has given to the Mayor and will see which ones can be added to the Planning Board's February Agenda.

Jimmy Landreth spoke up and said: we are getting ready to put a new member on the Ordinance Review Committee (Deanna Ragan), so its not really shut down. We are going to get it started back up, he will put it on the agenda. Jimmy said he is going to be here, he don't see any reason to put somebody else on it if they aren't going to start it back up. Mayor Flynt agreed. Jimmy said maybe we can start looking at some things like eases things for small businesses. Jim Greene said one of his biggest challenges as Chairman has been finding things to discuss, no one wants to give him anything. He's had to chase down developers, contractors, and surveyors. The only one that has talked to him is Anthony Vaughn, Mr. Vaughn talked to him about the dead- end streets. If the ORC meets again it would be good to have some input. Mr. Greene said he had once councilman tell him the ORC didn't do anything. Jimmy Landreth then said well the ORC did do things and the ORC appreciates Jim Greene being their Chairperson and he did a good job. Jimmy said Council will vote the ORC back into action. Mayor Flynt thanked Jim Greene for his information.

Catherine Buntoff came to the podium: She congratulated the new council members getting elected on behalf of the Friends of Stokesdale. Then she stated that the Friends of Stokesdale are seeking support from the town to look at making a part of Downtown a Historic District. She also asked for support in looking into to adding sewer for the Downtown, and to assist in bringing the old train Depot back to Downtown. Friends of Stokesdale is hoping through the Town's support, citizens, grants, and donations to make this all happen.

Joe Thacker came to the podium he gave the location of their office and ask that people look for upcoming events and projects and if citizens are interested, they are welcome to come and visit and join their group. The office is located at 8410 US Hwy 158, Stokesdale. Thearon mentioned to Joe Thacker that the Friends of Stokesdale, might want to visit some of the older homes in Stokesdale and talk to the owners about purchasing placards to put at the front of the historical homes in town to give the dates the homes were built and who the original owners were maybe even with a little history on them to help raise money. Jim Rigsbee said he noticed that they have their own web page, but we don't have their information on our page. Would it be possible to send information to the Town Clerk so it can be posted on our page as well? Catherine Buntoff said she would do that. Jimmy Landreth asked if this Historic District would be mandatory or voluntary. Joe Thacker said it would be voluntary. They are looking at the immediate downtown area, from the Funeral Home to Vaughn Street, those buildings are over 100 years old. They have been contacting people, they have talked to all the building owners and they are all for it.

Eileen Thiery then came to the podium: She said in reference to the Depot, she thinks the owner is wanting \$189,000.00 for it. Eileen used to be a commercial and residential tax accessor; she thinks the land is more valuable than the building. She thinks if we could talk to the owner about purchasing only the Depot and moving it that price might be better.

Steve Kingsberry came to the podium: He announced that today was National Law Enforcement Day. He thinks all law enforcement deserve a lot of appreciation. He says he hasn't seen any numbers since October about how many officers District One is down. He thinks the town should be given the numbers he doesn't feel like the Northwest area is getting what we pay for. He is also concerned with Republic Waste he doesn't know what is going on. They are back to picking up recycles every week. It took him two or three months to get a bigger can. Mayor Flynt said he new Guilford County Sheriff's department numbers are down. There are several reasons, retirement, reassignment, officers leaving the force. The Mayor said there isn't a lot of reporting done on the news and in the papers. Mayor Flynt asked Jim Rigsbee his opinion. He suggested putting some of these questions together and presenting them to our deputy and giving him time to prepare some answers for us. Mayor Flynt said he would personally contact the Sheriff and put these questions to him and asked him to come to a meeting and give us answers.

Elizabeth Privette: Read an article in the Northwest Observer regarding the Friends of Stokesdale, all of these ideas are wonderful, we are trying to add enhancements to the Town park, he is also remarked that the Town is looking at improving of the water lines in Town. These are all great ideas but not without substantial cost. Her question to Mayor

Flynt is what is the vision for the The Town of Stokesdale? Who is leading this mission to achieve these goals? And how is it being managed? Do we have an actual vision and how is it being communicated? She doesn't know what the vision is or how to find the information. Mayor Flynt answered Elizabeth's questions by telling her that he hopes that Council can start having some work shops where council can meet and talk about visions for the future of Stokesdale. Discuss items like the improvement of the water lines to accommodate the new subdivisions being built and improvements to the park and other items. He said council would talk about these work shops later in the meeting. There was a long-range plan put in place about 20 years ago, we need to do that again. He told Elizabeth her comments were well taken.

X. Old Business:

1. **Vote on Auditor's suggestion of giving the Finance Officer and Budget Officer authority to move money in the Town's Budget line items within a department during the same Budget year. Tabled until Budget meetings.**
2. **Vote on reassignments of Planning Board Members:** The Mayor said first thing Planning Board appoints and Rules have been running July to July, but it has been decided to change that, so everything runs year to date to run January 1 to January 1. Thearon Hooks read off the Planning Boards members that have completed the training will be set as sitting members. Jimmy Landreth asked what their terms were supposed to be, 3 years or 2 years. Town Clerk Alisa Houk answered his question that the Ordinance in place states that sitting members sit for two-year terms but can be reassigned as sitting if Council votes to do so. Alternate members do not have an expiration because they are alternates and as sitting members terms run out, they become alternates for a year and then can be voted back on as a sitting member. Thearon reiterated that a rule was voted into place last year that sitting members must complete the training. Jimmy Landreth said that the training modules are great, he was on the planning board and never got through the training. He said he would like for council to look at this in a workshop to reconsider, in years past they have had Oliver Bass come in during a planning board meeting and do the training. He feels like the one on one training with him was better. Mayor Flynt said he has sat in on some of the trainings that Oliver Bass did, and he doesn't feel like two hours of training in a meeting is enough. The Planning Board is making important decisions for citizens of the town and he feels like two hours is enough. Mark Nadel asked to speak at a Planning Board member. Mark stated that the training was presented to the members almost a year ago. He took and completed the training. The members were given 60 days to take the training, its now been 9 months and still there are only two members that have completed it. His opinion is if you don't have time to take the training you should step down from the board. Thearon Hooks added that there had been some changes made in the last year that no one has been made aware of. Council set this training to make sure every Planning Board member had the same training and was on the same playing field. This is the fair way to make sure everyone has the same legal knowledge, to be fair also to the Citizens. Derek said he has heard legal concerns from Mark Nadel so he would like to hear the Attorney's position. Town Attorney Tom Medlin, then said in he was in total agreement with the Town on requiring the training program for the planning board members. The members do need to understand what their obligations are. Those who have completed the training can give guidance to the one who have not. He as the Town Attorney does attend the meetings and can give guidance. Part of the reason he is there is to make sure they don't jump the tracks. Most of the decisions the Planning Board makes are recommendations to Council. So, its going to come back to Council anyway. Council is also going to have to know what their obligations are. With all that in place if either Board makes a mistake that is what the appeal process is for. The people can take this to a Superior Court Judge to be heard. As far as liability goes, since both Council and Planning Board members are sworn officers there is no individual exposure.

Eileen Thiery said the ORC was supposed to take the training too and she thinks that if we had a book in lieu of the training video that it might make it easier for some to complete it, as well as make it easier for some to retain the information. Mayor Flynt reminded everyone that they are not limited to watching the videos one time they can come in anytime and review any or all the that they need to as many times as needed. Buying the

books could be expensive. Jim Rigsbee suggested checking the price of the books and maybe buying to keep at Town Hall for members to review. The Mayor asked the Town Clerk to look into what books are available and the cost.

Thearon Hooks motioned that council adopt the Planning Board list of members as it is written effective January 1, 2020 except for Frank Bethea who resigned earlier today and was too late to be removed before the meeting.

VOTE:

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

Addition to Planning Board Rules effective January 9, 2020, Jim Rigsbee added to the motion that to be an active and serve on the Planning Board and able to vote on decisions, the Planning Board member is mandated to complete the training modules by April 1, 2020. If you do not complete the training by April 1, 2020 you will not be eligible to sit. Mayor Flynt 2nd the motion.

VOTE:

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	AYE	Derek Foy	NAY
Jimmy Landreth	NAY		

XI. New Business:

1. Vote to appoint Frank Bruno to the Planning Board: Thearon Hooks motioned to appoint Frank Bruno as an alternate to the Planning Board effective January 1, 2020, Mayor Flynt added that Frank Bruno has completed the training modules and will be eligible to sit immediately. Jimmy Landreth 2nd the motion.

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

2. Vote to appoint Tim Jones to the Planning Board. Jimmy Landreth motioned to appoint. Derek Foy 2nd motion. Mayor Flynt added that Tim Jones has not taken the training and will have to do so before he can sit.

VOTE:

Mayor Flynt:	NAY	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	NAY	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

3. Appoint Deanna Ragan to the Ordinance Review Committee. Jimmy Landreth motioned to appoint. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion.

VOTE:

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

Mayor Flynt then called for a vote to reinstate the Ordinance Review committee. Jimmy Landreth motioned, Derek Foy 2nd the motion.

VOTE:

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

4. **Discuss and vote on adding and advertising for a new part time staff position:** Director of Events and Parks with a monthly Net salary of \$350.00. Town Clerk will advertise for two weeks and interviews will follow. Thearon Hooks explained the plan was to put together a job description, advertise it in the new papers for about two weeks, interview the candidates share with Council and vote on the best candidate. Mayor Flynt added that he would like to see this person working with us to add improvements to the park. He had recently read in the paper where Kernersville had made some improvements to their parks through a grant. He would like for our Parks person to be able to do that for us. It takes a lot of time to prepare and submit a grant proposal, we need a person to help us do this. It also takes a lot of time to prepare for our parade and other events so it would be nice to have one person that could kind of handle this. Jim Rigsbee motioned to advertise for this position with a 1-year term to be re-evaluate in a year to see if there is still a need. Mayor Flynt 2nd the motion. Jimmy Landreth said he is against adding staff to the town. The parade committee has always been volunteer, everything has always been volunteering it's been that way for years. Jim Rigsbee said he would agree, but this but we've had a lot more items to handle this year than in the past. Mayor Flynt said this would only be about \$4200 a year. 10 years ago the town received a grant to put the park in. This is an opportunity to something like that again. I hate to think we would give up an opportunity for \$50,000. To \$75,000. In grant money because we don't won't to spend \$350 a month to hire someone. Jimmy Landreth then said if we hire a staff member isn't there a minimum wage law. Jim Rigsbee said if we hire on contract that's different. Tom Medlin agreed if we hire an employee yes minimum wage would apply. But, if we hire an independent contractor we can hire based on an agreed contract price. Jimmy Landreth asked where we are going to advertise? Do we have someone in mind? Mayor Flynt said we can advertise in the newspapers.

Diana Dean was recognized to speak. She asked if the Census was going to just be data entry, we told her we really didn't know at this time. She suggested contacting the high schools or colleges for volunteers. Council needed to amend Jim Rigbees original motion. The vote to do so is as follows:

VOTE:

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

Jim Rigsbee's motion is amended to negotiate for a contract person to assist in grant writing at no more than \$3000.00. Mayor Flynt 2nd the motion.

VOTE:

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

The Mayor asked for a 10-minute break at this time before continuing with the meeting.

4. Discuss and possibly vote on new IT services. Proposal is in the packets. Tabled until February meeting.
5. Vote on Auditor's suggestion of merging the Water/Sewer account into the Water Enterprise account. Mayor Flynt explained that the auditors never understood nor did he why we had this separate account especially since we don't have sewer. **Mayor Flynt motioned to merge the accounts. Thearon Hooks 2nd motion.**

VOTE:

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

5. **Vote on Auditor's suggestion in the General Fund Budget account to remove Conservation Open/Space/Conservation Rights \$39,000. and place that money into unassigned funds category.** Mayor Flynt explained many years ago this money was set aside in case the Town ever had to take some property for conservation. It has never been used so the auditor suggested we eliminate this category and put the money in a useful place. **Jim Rigsbee motioned upon Auditors suggestion to move this money and eliminate this category. Jimmy Landreth 2nd the motion.**

VOTE:

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

6. **Vote on Auditor's suggestion to write off old bad debt water accounts that can't be collected.** Jim Rigsbee motioned to follow the Auditors suggestion to write off these accounts approxiatemately \$137,472. With the precludement that we waive any rights to ever try to collect these funds. **Derek Foy 2nd motion.**

7. **VOTE:**

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

8. **Discussion based on feedback Council members are receiving regarding the new every other week recycling agreement.** Derek doesn't have a motion he just wants to voice his and some citizens he polled, 15 citizens have negative feedback regarding every other week pick up, 17 have no problem with it. He believes we should all recycle as much as we can. He believes our contract with Republic Waste is up for renewal in June and he would like to see us review and renegotiate the recycle pick up. He added that the best feedback he had gotten was from someone happy with every other week pick up but said we needed to better educate our citizens on what can be recycled. We put too much contaminated products in the bins and that comes at a cost when they must sort. Mayor Flynt added that Republic Waste has some videos he doesn't know if we could add those to our website or not. Town Clerk added that we had several meetings and a Public Hearing with Republic Waste and they had hand outs that night, the video, and papers regarding what can and can't be recycled. Jimmy Landreth said they also mailed out nice flyers about the recycling.

9. Discussion and possible vote on holding midmonth business meeting. Jim Rigsbee motioned to hold work shops the first Thursday of each month at 7pm. Jimmy Landreth 2nd the motion.

VOTE:

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	NO	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

10. Discussion and possible vote to remove or replace attorney access policy. (Alisa please put copies of the attorney access policy in council folders.) Jimmy Landreth doesn't want to talk about this tonight he said lets just move this to a business workshop.
11. Discuss and vote to make a Budget Amendment to increase funds for Attorney fees. Thearon Hooks asked that this be tabled.
- XII. Citizen's Comments from the Floor (3-minute Limit per Speaker)

Kingsberry said he looked up Grant Writing programs and says there is a program at A & T, maybe there is one at UNCG as well so maybe that is something the town can look into.

XIII. Closing Comments from Council

Jim Rigsbee didn't have any parting words tonight.

Derek Foy: He thanked everyone for being here tonight. He really enjoyed the Christmas Parade this year. It was his first time working behind the scenes. He enjoyed see all the smiling faces. He also wants to recognize a local resident Bill Grano, he is a teacher at Walkertown Middle School. Mr. Grano earned Teacher of the Year, Hats off to him. He said teachers are Saints, next time you see one give them a pat on the back and a job well done. He wished everyone a Happy new Year.

Jimmy Landreth: Thanked everyone for staying he knows it can be boring at times, but he said they try not to make it boring.

Thearon Hooks: Thearon said he mirrors Jimmy's comments about everyone staying. He said we like to get input from the citizens, it helps guide council on what the town needs and wants. Council can't sit there and make a decision just based on what they think is best without that input, thank you for it. He also wants to honor Billy Newman who was the Fire Chief of Oak Ridge Fire Dept. for many years. He passed away this week. Thearon had the privilege of working with him many years ago. He was a fine man.

Mayor Flynt said he didn't have any comments other than to thank everyone for coming. He wants to invite everyone to come to the workshops. To hear about concepts and ideas council members have.

XIV. Announcements: Next Planning Board Meeting will be January 23, 2020 there is one case to hear.

Spectrum will be in Town Hall from Jan. 20th through Jan. 27th installing our new phone system.

XV. Adjournment: Mayor Flynt motioned to adjourn at 10:10pm, Jimmy Landreth 2nd motion.

VOTE:

Mayor Flynt:	AYE	Jim Rigsbee	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Jimmy Landreth	AYE		

Approved by:  Mayor

Confirmed by  Town Clerk