



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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor John Flynt, Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks, Councilmen: Derek Foy, Jim Rigsbee, Jimmy Landreth. Town Attorney: Tom Medlin, Town Clerk: Alisa Houk, Oliver Bass, Town Planner.

I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Flynt called the meeting to order.

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

VOTE: to Approve

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

III. **Approval of Minutes: May 14, 2020:** Jimmy Landreth found a typo on page six under the Beaver Outdoors discussion. Page six of minutes where it says *Tom said he thinks you are not bound to do the mulch, you are bound to them to do the irrigation, snow removal these were extra billable items.* This should say **NOT bound** to them to do the irrigation, snow removal. **Mayor Flynt motioned to approve the May 14, 2020 minutes with the correction, Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.**

VOTE: to Approve

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

Correction to March 14, 2019: Town Clerk stated that the motion regarding the proposal given by William Jones on behalf of MBD Consulting Engineers and Mr. McMougan's bid of \$13,600 has been corrected in these minutes. **Mayor Flynt motioned to approve the changes to March 14, 2019 minutes, Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.**

VOTE: to Approve

Mayor John 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 Report

Planning Board: Frank Bruno: Frank was absent tonight. Planning Board minutes are in each folder for the Peony Drive and Pearman Quarry LCID Special Permit. Both were recommended to Town Council for a Public Hearing and Final vote.

Ordinance Review Board: James Greene: No one was present from the Ordinance Review Board

Events Committee: Frank Bruno: Copy of Last Events Committee meeting are attached to show items discussed.

Property Committee: Jim Rigsbee/Jimmy Landreth: Nothing to report at this time

V. Financials: attached to minutes

VI. Citizen's Comments from the Floor (3-minute Limit per Speaker): No comments were made at this time.

Public Hearing Item: Quasi-judicial hearing

1. Special Use Permit Case 20-05-STPL-03421 PRD LCID, Land Clearing and Inert Debris, Minor

Located on east side of Pearman Quarry Road approximately 1900 feet north of Warner Road, Guilford County Tax Parcel 166915. This and application for a special use permit for a minor land clearing and inert debris permit on approximately 19.8 acres. Owners: Johnny D. Reynolds and Jeanie M. Reynolds. Engineer: Ed Collins. Zoned, AG. Council did not receive signed letters of consent to hold this meeting as a virtual meeting for all of the "persons of standing" therefore no one on council was comfortable voting on this permit. Mayor Flynt motioned to postpone this Hearing until the August meeting and said we will send out certified letter to these "persons of standing" with a better explanation that we need the letter signed and returned whether they agree or don't agree with holding a virtual Hearing. We can include the Notice of Public Hearing with it. Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.

VOTE: to Postpone

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

Mayor Flynt closed the Special Use Permit Case 20-05-STPL-03421 PRD LCID Pearman Quarry, Thearon Hooks seconded to motion.

VOTE: to Close

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

Mayor Flynt motioned to Open the second Public Hearing:

VOTE: to Open new case:

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

2. Rezoning Case #20-06-STPL-03550: AG to RS-30, Peony Drive Property.

This is a request to rezone property from AG (Agricultural) to RS-30 (Residential, Single-family). Affected property is located at the terminus of Peony Drive and Treeline Drive, Guilford County Tax Parcels 164112 (part) and 164113 (part), approximately 93.5 acres. Applicant/Owner: William Greco, Ted T. Lawson, Connie H. Lawson, Jeffrey Mark Lawson, and DeAnne Greene Lawson.

Town Attorney Tom Medlin, addressed Town Planner Oliver Bass, and asked some several questions to make sure that he, Council, and members of the audience were clear in the understanding that although Planning Staff found some inconsistency in the fact that the Town recommends minimum lot size of 40,000 sq. ft. but this request does include some lots that may be 30,000. Mr. Bass explained that this property is compatible with recent development around it, and surrounding lot sizes are similar to even smaller that what the RS-30 district allows. That this rezoning would accommodate the extension of the rest of the RS-30 subdivision developed along Peony Road. William Greco, Land Solutions presented the request on behalf of the owners. Mayor Flynt then asked if anyone else wanted to speak in favor of the request, No one spoke. Mayor Flynt then asked if anyone wanted to speak against the rezoning, no one spoke. **Mayor Flynt asked for a vote to close the discussion portion of the Public Hearing. Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.**

VOTE: to Close the Hearing:

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

Then Mayor Flynt turned to Attorney Tom Medlin for guidance in how to move forward to set a time and date for the voting on this Rezoning Case #20-06-STPL-03550 at later date. Attorney Medlin explained the rules regarding voting in a Public Hearing-Rezoning Case: The new law includes a provision to allow public hearings to be held during an authorized remote meeting, but there is an added requirement for written public comment. A local board may conduct any public hearing required or authorized by law during a remote meeting, but the board must allow written comments on the subject of the public hearing to be submitted between publication of notice and 24 hours after the public hearing. In normal times it is common for a local government board to hold a public hearing on a zoning matter and then, at the same meeting, turn immediately to deliberate and vote on the zoning matter. It seems that such immediate action is not possible under the new provision for remote public hearings. The new legislation, it appears, effectively extends the public hearing for an additional 24 hours for written comments. It would be improper for the governing board to vote on the matter while the public is still invited to comment. Mayor Flynt motioned to continue this meeting to Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6:00pm as a Special Called Meeting to vote for or against the Rezoning Case #20-06-STPL-03550: AG to RS-30, Peony Drive Property.

Mayor Flynt asked for a five- minute recess.

VII. Old Business:

1. **Proposal from Sentry Watch for License plate reading camera \$ 3,172.96.** Thearon Hooks presented the proposal for the License plate reading camera. Attorney Tom Medlin said he Researched the camera per Jim Rigsbee’s, request and this is not the same type of camera that the State used for recording and storing license plates on the roads. This is only a high-resolution camera used to read license plates as vehicles leave the park area in the event it has to be used to identify someone vandalizing the property or committing a criminal act. These readings are only stored for a short amount of time. **Thearon Hooks motioned to approve the purchase not to exceed the \$ 3,172.96. Mayor Flynt seconded the vote.**

VOTE: to Approve License Plate Camera:

Mayor John Flynt	YES	Derek Foy	No
Thearon Hooks	YES	Jimmy Landreth	No
Jim Rigsbee	YES		

2. **Proposal from Blaney Electric to run a trench and pvc pipe for Sentry Watch to hook up the License Plate Camera. \$995.00 to \$1200.00.** Thearon Hooks presented Blaney’s proposal to dig the trench and lay the PVC pipe to run the cables from the back of Town Hall to a post where the license plate camera will be mounted. **Thearon Hooks motioned to approve Blaney’s proposal not to exceed the \$1200.00. Mayor Flynt seconded the motion.**

VOTE: to approve the Trench:

Mayor John Flynt	YES	Derek Foy	Yes
Thearon Hooks	YES	Jimmy Landreth	No
Jim Rigsbee	YES		

3. **Discussion and vote on purchasing Archive Social a software program for archiving social media post from Facebook and/or our Website. Jim Rigsbee motioned to table this indefinitely. Mayor Flynt seconded the motion.**

VOTE: to Table Indefinitely:

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

4. **Spending limits: Derek Foy presented his revisions to the Separation of Duties Policy pertaining to spending Authority. Derek motioned to approve this revision to the policy effective 7/9/2020. Jimmy Landreth seconded the motion.**

VOTE: to Approve Revision to the Separation of Duties policy:

Mayor John Flynt	No	Derek Foy	YES
Thearon Hooks	No	Jimmy Landreth	YES
Jim Rigsbee	YES		

In addition to voting to approve the revision to the Separation of Duties policy, Mayor Flynt said he was not going to be a part of this new spending authority policy and he would remove his name from the bank signature cards. Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks stated that he no longer wanted to have check signing authority if he was going to have to micro manage which expenses are considered recurring. Mayor John Flynt motioned to authorized Councilman Derek Foy to replace Mayor Flynt on the Bank Signature Cards, to review and initial all invoices and time sheets.

VOTE: to Approve Derek Foy:

Mayor John Flynt	Yes	Derek Foy	No
Thearon Hooks	Yes	Jimmy Landreth	No
Jim Rigsbee	No		

Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks asked to speak and explained that he has sat with the Finance Officer, Alisa Houk many times over the past weeks and he has told her that he felt it was time for him and the Mayor to give these duties up because in less than a year and half these new councilmen were going to have to do this anyway. The only reason Thearon offered to give these duties up before is so the new council could learn how to do it and take some responsibility. This is not a decision he just made today. This is to give the new councilmen the opportunity to learn it and do it. Thearon said doing this is where the real education comes in as to how things are done here. Jimmy Landreth told Thearon he understands what he is saying but to him it looks like to him that every time Council has a disagreement this comes up. Thearon agreed that there have been a couple of incidents and he is not going to re-hash those. Its just time someone else does these duties. Someone else needs to learn, Alisa was out for a week and he and John came in the office to fill in the hours with Priscilla but they didn't know what parts of Alisa's duties might need to be done or how to do them. This will be an education for the new people in case of, and it will give you a better understanding of the processes and expenditures. Jimmy Landreth said that is fine. He wishes it had been said like that to start with and not while they were having a big disagreement. Jimmy Landreth told Thearon what he is saying makes sense. Jimmy says the way it was said before didn't explain it that way. Mayor Flynt asked Jimmy Landreth if he wanted to be the one to come in and take these duties? Jimmy Landreth said no he does not want to. Mayor Flynt said somebody has to do it. Derek said he will do it but he's not going to be told by the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem that he's going to do it. Derek said he would be happy to sit down with Alisa or what-not, but he isn't going to be told what to do. Thearon said he hasn't told him what to do. Mayor Flynt said he is just saying somebody has got to step up and do it. Mayor Flynt said he is not going to try to interpret Derek's policy revisions and that he (Derek Foy) is the logical one to do that. Derek said he thought he wrote in pretty straight forward laymen's terms. Mayor Flynt said so are you going to come in? Derek said no I'm not that motion didn't pass. **Jimmy Landreth motioned to authorized Councilman Derek Foy to replace Mayor Flynt on the Bank Signature Cards, to review and initial all invoices and time sheets. Derek second the motion.**

VOTE: to Approve Derek Foy as a Bank Signature, invoice, time sheet reviewer and second signer on checks. :

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

In addition: **Derek Foy** motioned to authorized Councilman **Jimmy Landreth** to replace Mayor Pro Tem **Thearon Hooks** on the Bank Signature Cards, to review and initial all invoices and time sheets. Mayor **John Flynt** seconded the motion.

VOTE: to Approve Jimmy Landreth as a Bank Signature, invoice, time sheet reviewer and second signer on checks. :

Mayor John Flynt	Yes	Derek Foy	YES
Thearon Hooks	Yes	Jimmy Landreth	No
Jim Rigsbee	YES		

5. Planning board discussion and possible vote. Please include planning board roster and rules for documentation. Jimmy Landreth said he asked for this to be put on the Agenda because he believes that we have planning board members on the board that were not voted to be sitting members by the Town Council. Jimmy said he was going to make a motion. Attorney Tom Medlin spoke up and said Jimmy I think I can help you with this. Tom said Jimmy, you had asked me to research this and I have not found anything in the Statutes or anywhere that specifically addresses Planning Board members. It does address Board of Adjustment, which is similar and when the Board of Adjustment consist of separate members other than councilmembers. You have members on the Board and you have alternates. When you have a meeting if a member is not there an alternate can step in. An alternate in a Board of Adjustment situation always serves just for a limited purpose. They don't ever move up into a permanent position unless the that has been voted on by Council. The Planning Board in Tom's opinion in order to obtain a permanent seat is a required vote of Council. Jimmy Landreth said he doesn't believe that the Planning Board has been done right. Jimmy Landreth motioned to dis-band the Planning Board so that Council can vote on sitting members and alternates properly by a vote of Council. Thearon Hooks asked Tom Medlin is they could legally dis-band the Planning Board. Tom Medlin said the Planning Board serves at the pleasure of the Town Council so yes, they can vote to dis-band them. Derek Foy seconded the motion.

VOTE: to Dis-Band the current Planning Board entirely:

Mayor John Flynt	No	Derek Foy	YES
Thearon Hooks	No	Jimmy Landreth	YES
Jim Rigsbee	YES		

Planning Board continued:

Jimmy Landreth made a motion to start taking appointments for the full-time members of the Planning Board.

Jim Rigsbee made a motion to appoint Mark Nadel to the Planning Board. Mayor Flynt seconded the motion. VOTE:

Mayor John Flynt	Yes	Derek Foy	Yes
Thearon Hooks	Yes	Jimmy Landreth	Yes
Jim Rigsbee	Yes		

Jim Rigsbee made a motion to appoint Terry Hedenskog to the Planning Board. Mayor Flynt seconded the motion. VOTE:

Mayor John Flynt	Yes	Derek Foy	Yes
Thearon Hooks	Yes	Jimmy Landreth	Yes
Jim Rigsbee	Yes		

Mayor John Flynt made a motion to appoint Ronald Southard to the Planning Board. Thearon Hooks seconded the motion. VOTE:

Mayor John Flynt	Yes	Derek Foy	Yes
Thearon Hooks	Yes	Jimmy Landreth	Yes
Jim Rigsbee	Yes		

Derek Foy made a motion to appoint Tim Jones to the Planning Board. Jimmy Landreth seconded the motion. VOTE:

Mayor John Flynt	No	Derek Foy	Yes
Thearon Hooks	No	Jimmy Landreth	Yes
Jim Rigsbee	Yes		

John Flynt made a motion to appoint Frank Bruno to the Planning Board. Thearon Hooks seconded the motion. VOTE:

Mayor John Flynt	Yes	Derek Foy	No
Thearon Hooks	Yes	Jimmy Landreth	No
Jim Rigsbee	No		

Derek Foy made a motion to appoint Bruce Angel to the Planning Board. Jimmy Landreth seconded the motion. VOTE:

Mayor John Flynt	No	Derek Foy	Yes
Thearon Hooks	No	Jimmy Landreth	Yes
Jim Rigsbee	Yes		

Jimmy Landreth made a motion to appoint Stewart Hommel to the Planning Board as an alternate.

Thearon Hooks asked if anyone has discussed the step down with Stewart Hommel? Mayor Flynt said council dis-banded the whole board. Thearon said that's right so he's out. Mayor Flynt called for a second. **Derek Foy seconded the motion.** Jim Rigsbee asked if they could discuss this for a second? Jim Rigsbee asked Council if just out of courtesy has anyone spoken to Stewart Hommel about this. Mayor Flynt said that Thearon and he had not spoken to anyone, they weren't aware of what was going to take place here. Jim Rigsbee asked Derek Foy or Jimmy Landreth if they could address this> Jimmy Landreth said he could talk to Stewart Hommel, Stewart used to sit beside him in the meetings. He said Stewart thought he was coming down off the seat but then someone put him back up. Mayor Flynt said he asked him and he agreed to stay in a seat. Jimmy Landreth said he would talk him that Stewart will

understand. Jim Rigsbee said he was good with that he will vote yes. Mayor Flynt said we have a motion and a second and he called for a vote.

VOTE:

Mayor John Flynt	Yes	Derek Foy	Yes
Thearon Hooks	Yes	Jimmy Landreth	Yes
Jim Rigsbee	Yes		

Jimmy Landreth made a motion to appoint James Greene to the Planning Board an alternate. Mayor Flynt asked Jimmy if he had talked to James Green and he was willing to be an alternate. Jimmy Landreth said, Jim is. Jimmy said again Jim is willing. He'll be willing to be an alternate. Jimmy added that another thing we needed to put a plan in place to call these members in the event someone can't be there. Town Clerk Alisa Houk answered there is a plan in place. Priscilla always calls. Pricilla spoke up and said we have always asked the members to call in but they hardly ever do. Jimmy Landreth said he was sorry he brought up he just wanted to make sure there was a plan in place. Alisa Houk said there has always been a plan in place and the members were aware of it and reminded of it but they don't follow it. Derek Foy seconded the motion. **VOTE:**

Mayor John Flynt	Yes	Derek Foy	Yes
Thearon Hooks	Yes	Jimmy Landreth	Yes
Jim Rigsbee	Yes		

Jimmy Landreth made a motion to appoint Stephen Louie to the Planning Board as an alternate. Thearon Hooks seconded the motion. **VOTE:**

Mayor John Flynt	Yes	Derek Foy	Yes
Thearon Hooks	Yes	Jimmy Landreth	Yes
Jim Rigsbee	Yes		

Jimmy Landreth made a motion to appoint Michael Threatt to the Planning Board as an alternate. Thearon Hooks seconded the motion. **VOTE:**

Mayor John Flynt	Yes	Derek Foy	Yes
Thearon Hooks	Yes	Jimmy Landreth	Yes
Jim Rigsbee	Yes		

VIII. New Business

1. Discuss and vote to order one new AD841-A20HI Chlorine Pump and the ¼" Tubing Ferrule Connection Kit for a total of \$ 1210.25 **Mayor Flynt Motioned to purchase two chlorine pumps at a cost of \$1210.25 each. Jimmy Landreth seconded the motion**
VOTE:

Mayor John Flynt	Yes	Derek Foy	Yes
Thearon Hooks	Yes	Jimmy Landreth	Yes
Jim Rigsbee	Yes		

2. **Park Capital Improvement Discussion/Vote** (specifically pertaining to exploring opportunities to secure donations from the private sector). Derek Foy said this is his item. It's not lost on him

obviously this Fiscal Year we are tight on the budget and that includes Capital Improvements on the park. Derek said we got a lot of good feedback from Citizens back in January and February when we were doing the surveys for the Park Grant. Derek said one of the items that came in high on the surveys completed by the citizens was the Amphitheater. Derek said personally he would like to see that; folks he interacts with he believes would appreciate that. He doesn't want to bound our idea of an Amphitheater just to the park grant that we may or may not get. He just wanted to have this general discussion with council to get their thoughts on an Amphitheater in the Town Park. And number 2 see what kind of options we have for raising money from the private sector to potentially help us fund the amphitheater. Derek said if we could raise money from the private sector, he would certainly gladly vote yes to match that money. Especially if we don't get the grant. He thinks we have a potential opportunity to maybe buy the naming rights to the amphitheater, maybe a loved one that has passed. The Triad Park in Kernersville has a fund-raising wall where you can buy a brick, he personally would buy something in memory of his father. He thinks other citizens would do the same. The Botanical Gardens in Greensboro has something similar. He wants the Town to have some fun stuff, he thinks an Amphitheater would be great. He has some other things in mind he thinks it would be great to get citizen input on the design of the amphitheater, design is important it should fit in with the natural surroundings. He wanted to bring this out in a town meeting to see what the others thought and maybe peak citizen interest. Thearon asked Derek if he has seen the information on the amphitheater that he researched and got from some other Towns and an amphitheater manufacturer almost two years ago? Its photos of different styles, the surroundings, etc. They had picked a style and used its description and dimensions for the Park Grant application. It's based on some similar built along the coastline and inland over the last two years. Derek said I do remember possibly seeing one design. He thinks the coastal landscape is a little different from rural country landscape. He thinks Summerfield's amphitheater would be a gold standard of what one would look like in a park. I say Gold Standard as a compliment but being Summerfield I'm sure it came with a Gold Standard price too. Several councilmen began to talk at once. Derek came back and said he believes the initial estimate for Summerfields was \$63,000. But after Summerfield made changes to the design the final cost was somewhere around \$100,000. He's thinking \$63,000. Is more desirable. It just gives us something in our area, and Thearon I would like to look at what you have too. Derek and Thearon went back and forth for a time over the advantages an amphitheater could bring to our park, which were along the lines of what Thearon said his thinking was last year or so when he looked at the idea. Jim Rigsbee spoke up and said he thinks what Derek's thoughts on naming rights or contributions has anyone else here been involved in anything like this. Thearon said it's been talked about before like dedicating benches in the park, etc. But nothing has ever been pursued. Derek said he is willing to call around and get an idea of who might be willing to contribute and help us with a fund raiser.

3. **Discussion and possible vote on having a written policy concerning public and council comment time.** Jimmy Landreth would like to make sure that we have a citizen's comments at the beginning and end of every meeting, and council comments. Jimmy would like to make this policy. Jimmy Landreth would like to make a motion to include Citizen's Comments at the beginning and end of every meeting limited to 3 minutes per speaker. This policy can be modified by a vote of council at any meeting.

VOTE:

Mayor John Flynt	Yes	Derek Foy	Yes
Thearon Hooks	Yes	Jimmy Landreth	Yes
Jim Rigsbee	Yes		

IX. Citizen's Comments from the Floor. Please be brief so everyone has a chance to make their comments.

Mary Jordahl: 8407 Stokesdale St. Last meeting for the Budget meeting I sent an email to everybody right after the meeting, because there was a hot mike on after the meeting where the Mayor stood up and stated they have no idea what they just did. I sent out an email to all of the council members and I got a reply from two of them. Mary asked, Mr. Mayor, what did that mean? She wouldn't let the Mayor answer now because these are her 3 minutes. Tonight, if you were a citizen of this town watching this meeting. And you all should go back and watch your video. It is so embarrassing the way you all conduct yourselves. The way you speak to each other, your attitudes, you are like kids. If you don't get your way you are throwing something in the air. I expect at any time for someone to pick up their papers, throw their keys on the desk and say I'm out here. Tonight, is the first time in 5 meetings that nobody has sworn, that I am keeping track of because typically the cussing and swearing does happen. The attitudes and the way you'll talk to each other, that's not the old ways. You keep saying this is the way its always been done. You have a new council. The Citizens of this Town voted for a new council. You can't keep doing it the way it was going or its not ever going to get any better and we are not going to grow. People of this town don't want any part of these meetings. Look at the attendance, its not just because it is in Zoom. We are a laughing stock if you pay attention to watching Summerfield and Oak Ridge meetings. We have to be the laughing stock to the other communities around us. Mr. Mayor the attitude tonight, Thearon Hooks, your attitude, Alisa the way you come across, I don't get it. The only good thing that took place tonight, was talking about the Amphitheater, it was a decent conversation. There are no good conversations, there is no healthy debate. Its angry, its hostile, and its un-call for. She saw someone made a comment during the meeting that this was like watching a Jerry Springer show. That wasn't meant as a joke. Its embarrassing and I think everyone that did this tonight should be absolutely ashamed that you are representing the Town of Stokesdale.

Mayor John Flynt responded to Mary: Regarding the hot mike conversation you overheard. We had a discussion about the budget, Derek had made some changes and taken out \$6,000. Line item and a \$6,000. Appropriation from the income. So, at the end of the day we technically have a balanced budget but our bank statements are not going to be reconciled. So, I think the Auditors are going to have a heyday with us., and that is the point I was trying to make. It is what it is and we will find out when the Auditors come in the fall. That's his big concern he doesn't want to be in the trouble with the auditors. Last year when the auditors came in Alisa, Kim, and I sat in with them almost everyday they were here. Mayor Flynt said he had a lot of discussions with the Auditor, we were going through a big transition from bringing in a new accountant to switching from manual to online accounting. He told us things we need to do and Mayor Flynt said he tries to make sure we are doing them. Yes, we do have continuous meetings. The old rule we leave our friendships at the door and pick them back up on the way out. We obviously don't agree on a lot of things and you know I'm certainly not going to back down and I'm going to advocate as hard as I can for what I think it right. We don't have a lot of people that come to council meetings and that is unfortunate. He wishes they did. You can look at in two ways. In Mayor

Flynt's opinion it could be because people are fairly satisfied. We've had a town for 30 years, we've never had a tax, until this past year we've never had to dip into savings. We have a water system that is the envy of a lot of people. We've done some nice things down in the park. We had to fight to get those things. We go to Winston Salem and re-negotiate water rates; we do a lot of things behind the scenes that people have no idea what we do. Thearon and I are here every day. The Mayor said he is here 20-25 hours a week. Thearon may be here not quite that much but still he's here a significant amount of time. So, you know when you come in and you spend the time, we may not always be doing work but as the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem we are here. We had people calling to complain about the garbage service, he and Thearon both have sat and talked to the folks. We have people that come in and want to talk about planning and zoning. He and Thearon sat and talked to someone about a light industrial zone. We do a lot of things that no one knows about. Mayor Flynt feels like a member of council should always be present at Town Hall for these kinds' things. Summerfield and Oak Ridge have Town Managers that handles these things. Mayor Flynt said he, Thearon, and Alisa do that work here. Mayor Flynt said he has a feeling in the near future Stokesdale may have to go to a Town Manager type government because anymore no one wants to spend the time at Town Hall to take care of these things. Another example is he met with Gene Robertson of Yates Const., our Engineers and the Engineers involved in the construction of the new BiRite because of questions regarding Fire Protection. They thought they were going to have to build a water town at a cost of several \$100,000. This meeting of all of them with our Engineers found out there was a lot more water pressure there than even the fire department knew and saved the owner a bunch of money. We do things like this everyday trying to be good stewards of the Town's money and our Citizens, and don't get any credit for it because nobody knows about it. He said he doesn't want recognition for it if they throw us out of town after four years so be it. But he does hear some people sing our praises. Everybody has their opinion. He doesn't know of any other town that holds a tighter a budget and spend less money than we do as a Town. If you look at Summerfield and Oak Ridge their budget for just for personnel is twice what our total budget is. So, you have to fight for those things you believe in. Its like making sausage, you don't really want to see how its done but you have to appreciate the end result. Yeah Derek and I don't agree on a lot, we all have a difference of opinion but at the end of day we still have some semblance of friendship.

Mark Nadel: Mark said the first thing he wants to say is that I've always been a big supporter of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. Over the last six or eight months some of the activities he has seen going on have been very critical. The threats in the meetings of you are going to resign, threats you are going to do this, you are going to do that. I go up to Town Hall quite often and I don't see anyone standing there with an AR-15, holding anyone in that office. If there is such a frustration level that you have Mayor, if you are that unhappy then maybe it is time for you to find another place to go. Mark says he appreciates the hard work the Mayor does. He appreciates that it is not an easy job, because 1/3 of the people are going to love you, 1/3 of the people are going to hate you, and 1/3 aren't going to give damn what's going on, and that is just the way it is. So, he thinks we all need to kind of sit down and put that anger aside because it doesn't come across right. That is a real issue. He thinks Mary is pointing that. Mark said he is the one that made the Jerry Springer comment online, because of what is going on and it's a shame and kind of embarrassing. Marks everyone to understand he appreciates everything council has done. Nobody is going to agree on everything and he gets that. But we need to be working together because we all want this time to continue in a positive direction. We can't do that if everyone isn't willing to work together. Then Mark brought up social media and Social Archives, he suggests when looking into this that is to set up the Social Media account as an out going event only. Where we can set messages to go out but you don't have to worry about taking input from the public. Because input from the public is always going to include people throwing darts at others and coming up with crazy suggestions. Use it as a media just to send out information. He thinks that is the way we should go. His last question is regarding the Planning Board. Do the new positions take effect today's date or do they retro back to

January? The last thing he wants to throw out is the Farmer's Market, they last few he has been to there were two vendors there last week. He knows the United Methodist Church is working on one and they are doing a pretty good job of it. He would like to see the Town support the Church and incorporate the Town's market into theirs.

Mayor Flynt asked Tom to confirm that the new Planning Board roster is effective immediately. **Tom Medlin** confirmed yes, the New Planning Board is effect immediately, the question is what is term? **Jimmy Landreth** said you have a policy for that. Jimmy Landreth, said we have a written policy that should still be followed unless Council wants to change it. Tom Medlin suggested a motion to confirm using the same policy. **Mayor Flynt made a motion that the new Planning Board members will adhere to current policy and their terms will expire January 1, 2022. Jimmy Landreth seconded the motion.**

VOTE:

Mayor John Flynt	Yes	Derek Foy	Yes
Thearon Hooks	Yes	Jimmy Landreth	Yes
Jim Rigsbee	Yes		

Bill Jones: its usually been the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign the checks. Bill doesn't know why if there is a Board that votes in a policy you don't like you just automatically assume you are not going to participate in it. I think the answer might be if you are concerned about them making decisions on what is recurring the best time to address that would be to have work orders or purchase orders done. It makes sense to me that those guys could do the purchase order and then the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem would still write the checks, all your doing is writing the check on an invoice you had, you are making a decision on how the invoice got there. This is just my personal opinion; I think if you take a job you should be willing to do it. And if you're not then you should find somebody else that will. I'm not trying to pick a fight I'm just making a comment. I was very disappointed also in the Town employee talking to the council members in such a manner. I can't believe Alisa is still employed there and is able to talk down to elected officials that are her bosses. It just defies my logic. Everyone has room for improve and I am one to talk. And also, if you are going to have a 3 minutes comments period it should be for everyone. You cut me off in a minute one time because I was talking about something you didn't like.

Kim Thacker: just wanted to clarify a statement that Mayor Flynt made. The bank statements do balance. Just because the recommendation of the \$6,000. Was taken out of Lawn and Outdoor Maintenance and the \$6,000. Was taken out of Undesignated Funds that has nothing to do with the bank statements. The bank statements still reconcile. It's the actual line item that we are out of budget on. Kim just wanted to make that clear because having unbalanced bank statements would be a major issue. But they are reconciled.

Mayor Flynt said he apologizes for that because it was a week or so ago, he thinks, we had an unauthorized expenditure. Is that correct Tom? Tom answered yes. Mayor Flynt said that was his concern. He thinks the Auditor will have some concerns about that.

X. Closing Comments from Council:

Thearon Hooks no comments

Derek Foy no comments

Jimmy Landreth thanks the citizens that stay on meeting.

Jim Rigsbee: Other than Thearon he has probably been in public service longer than anyone else present tonight. He just wanted to take this opportunity to remind everybody that regardless of how we interact and get our points across (and maybe we can improve on that) we are pretty much volunteering to serve the Town. He knows John is up at Town Hall a lot does a lot of things like he said as is Thearon. He just wanted to take the opportunity to thank them for the time they do volunteer. Whether we agree or disagree they are still volunteering to help the Town and we shouldn't overlook that fact. Thearon thanked Jim Rigsbee for his comments and thanked Jim Rigsbee for his service.

Mayor Flynt's comments were hopefully we get the 1.1 million from the Water Feasibility Study sometime in the near future. He would like to thank John Hardister, Sebastian King, and John Faircloth they did a lot of work on our behalf to help us get this money. He's not sure the request would have past if they had not put so much work and energy into getting it through. So, he just wants to send a special word of thanks to those three. With that...

XII. Adjournment: Mayor Flynt made a motion to adjourn at 10:35 pm. Jimmy Landreth seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 to adjourn.

Approved 8/13/2020 signed by:



Mayor

Attest:



Town Clerk