



MINUTES
TOWN OF STOKESDALE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
8325 ANGEL-PARDUE ROAD
STOKESDALE, NC 27357
AUGUST 10, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

In attendance: Mayor Michael E. Crawford; Mayor Pro Tem Derek Foy; Councilman Jimmy Landreth; Councilman Tim Jones; Councilman Jim Rigsbee; Town Attorney Charles H. Winfree; and Town Clerk Robbie Lee Wagoner II.

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation.

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Former Member of Congress Mark Walker delivered the opening invocation.

2. Review and Adopt the Agenda.

Councilman Tim Jones requested the addition of agenda item #15B, quote from A&D Enterprises. He also requested that agenda item #9 be moved to agenda item #4B

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to adopt the agenda as amended. Councilman Jimmy Landreth seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

IMMEDIATE BUSINESS:

- 3. Discussion and possible vote for a Resolution in Opposition to Commercial Gaming and or Casinos.**
- 4. Discussion and possible vote for a Resolution Opposing the Development of a Casino in Rockingham County Adjacent to the Town of Stokesdale Without a Vote of Approval by the Voters of Rockingham County by Local Referendum.**

Councilman Tim Jones opened the discussion by addressing the proposal for a casino in Rockingham County and his opposition due to his concerns for the citizens of Stokesdale.

Councilman Jones then introduced **Former Congressman Mark Walker** to speak at the podium. Mr. Walker then expressed his opposition to legislation that would allow a casino in Rockingham County.

Councilman Jones then introduced **Ronda Raindenbo, 171 Carefree Lane, Stokesdale, NC (Rockingham County)** - to speak at the podium in regard to the casino. Ms. Raindenbo spoke on behalf of Camp Carefree and expressed her opposition to the casino.

Councilman Jones stated that he spoke with Sheriff Sam Page, staff showed a video of Sheriff Page speaking at the Summerfield Town Council meeting on August 08, 2023.

Councilman Jones made a **Motion** to approve the resolution (noted below) (A Resolution Opposing the Development of a Casino in Rockingham County Adjacent to the Town of Stokesdale Without a Vote of Approval by the Voters of Rockingham County by Local Referendum). Councilman Jimmy Landreth seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford read the following Resolution for the record:

R-2023-07

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GAMING CASINO IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY ADJACENT TO THE TOWN OF STOKESDALE WITHOUT A VOTE OF APPROVAL BY THE VOTERS OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BY LOCAL REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, the Town of Stokesdale's town limits lie within Guilford County less than 4 miles from a proposed gaming casino with a Stokesdale mailing address in southern Rockingham county;

WHEREAS, Rockingham County is served by an elected Board of County Commissioners comprised of five members: the honorable Chairman Mark Richardson, the honorable Commissioner Charlie Hall, the honorable Commissioner Kevin Berger, the honorable Commissioner Don Powell, and the honorable Commissioner Houston Barrow;

WHEREAS, a large casino gaming operation would not be consistent with previous and current highway commercial land use in the immediate area nor the surrounding area including the adjacent Town of Stokesdale located just to the south in Guilford County NC;

WHEREAS, the Rockingham County Sheriff Sam Page is strongly opposed to a large casino gaming operation in Rockingham County and public safety is a great concern;

WHEREAS, in Earl Ginols and David Mustard's "Casinos, Crime, and Community Costs", evidence is cited that FBI statistics show that an average county of a population of 100,000 people implies significant increases in major crimes where casino and gaming operations are present;

WHEREAS, that despite potential short term and unsustainable positive socio-economic benefits to host economies, the long term costs to the area have not been fully captured or even researched. Citing a study from the National Association of Realtors performed for Springfield, MA; home values in a proximity of 10 miles or less from a casino were expected to decrease between 4 and 10%. Additionally, the study references that pathological gambling could result in social costs of \$8.4 million per year and additional foreclosures in the area could produce costs of \$5 million per year. These items do not include increased direct governmental costs such as additional police, fire, and medical presence due to the gaming operation;

WHEREAS, due to the close proximity of gaming and casino operations in Danville, VA and other areas, over time the gaming casino will become less of a destination location due to market saturation and will become an increasing drain to the local economy by recycling local money rather than importing money from individuals living outside of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Town of Stokesdale desires to support the Citizens of the unincorporated communities of Ellisboro, Huntsville, and Stokesdale in Rockingham County, and Rockingham County Sheriff, Sam Page in their opposition to a large casino gaming operation less than 4 miles from the Town of Stokesdale.

Adopted this the 10th day of August, 2023.

Councilman Jones then expressed his support of the proposed resolution.

Councilman Jim Rigsbee expressed his concerns with the casino and support of the proposed resolution.

Councilman Landreth expressed his opposition to a casino and support of the proposed resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy then expressed his opposition to a casino and support of the proposed resolution.

Mayor Crawford expressed his opposition to a casino and support of the proposed resolution.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

Councilman Jones made a **Motion** that Town Clerk Robbie Lee Wagoner II mail the approved resolution (A Resolution Opposing the Development of a Casino in Rockingham County Adjacent to the Town of Stokesdale Without a Vote of Approval by the Voters of Rockingham County by Local Referendum) to the Clerk of the Rockingham County officials, to state legislature, and post immediately on the Town's website and Facebook page.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy asked for a friendly **Amendment** that a resolution be mailed to Senator Phil Berger. Councilman Jones accepted the amendment.

Councilman Rigsbee asked for a friendly **Amendment** that the Clerk email the resolutions in addition to mailing. Councilman Jones accepted the amendment.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

Councilman Jones made a **Motion** to approve the resolution (noted below) (A Resolution For The Granting Of Local Referendum Authority Regarding Casino And Gaming Legislation For Non-Tribal Lands In NC).

Mayor Crawford read the following resolution:

R-2023-08

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FOR THE GRANTING OF LOCAL REFERENDUM AUTHORITY
REGARDING CASINO AND GAMING LEGISLATION FOR
NON-TRIBAL LANDS IN NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, it is known the North Carolina General Assembly (“NCGA” or “Legislature”) is considering rural tourism legislation to expand casino and gaming beyond non-tribal lands in North Carolina, specifically within three counties, one of which borders northwest Guilford County; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Stokesdale recognizes the Legislature’s support of rural tourism and related incentives, but is concerned about media reports of substantial early NCGA support of broader legislation that would allow casinos, entertainment districts, and Class III gaming activities on non-tribal lands without local buy-in; and,

WHEREAS, it is presumed that, even if General Statutes do not specifically allow referendums for gaming-related issues, the Legislature has the power to grant County’s or City/Town jurisdictions the authority to decide such important issues by a direct vote of the people most affected; and,

WHEREAS, legalization of casino and Class III gaming is being considered outside of metro areas specifically for Rockingham, Nash, and Anson counties, and significant public sentiment in Rockingham County suggests that North Carolinians want a voice in their rural communities regarding casinos and gaming activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Town Council on behalf of the Town of Stokesdale, North Carolina, supports granting North Carolina citizens the option of local referendums in relation to specific locations for casinos, entertainment districts, and Class III gaming activities on non-tribal lands in North Carolina.

Adopted this the 10th day of August, 2023.

Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

Both Councilman Rigsbee and Councilman Jones spoke in support of this resolution.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

4B. Citizen’s Comments from the Floor (3-Minute Limit per Speaker).

Citizen Name: **Doug Isley**

- Address: 1790 Flat Rock Road, Reidsville, NC
- Comment: Thanked Council. Spoke on his opposition of Casino in Rockingham County.

Citizen Name: **Bill Gobel**

- Address: 1402 Westridge Road, Greensboro, NC 27416
- Comment: Will email council with answers to questions from the last meeting. Spoke on problems with politicians and casinos.

Citizen Name: **John Blust**

- Address: 5630 David Christian Place, Greensboro, NC
- Comment: Spoke on problem with politicians working for the citizens.

Citizen Name: **Michael Logan**

- Address: Guilford County Board of Education Member
- Comment: Spoke on issues in Guilford County schools.

Citizen Name: **Teresa Barryman**

- Address: Summerfield, NC
- Comment: Thanked Council for adopting resolution opposing casino.

Citizen Name: **Austin Tucker**

- Address: Rockingham County
- Comment: Spoke on opposition of Casino.

Mayor Crawford called for a 5-minute recess at 8:08 PM. Mayor Crawford called the meeting back to order at 8:18 PM.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

5. Review and Adopt the Minutes:

a) November 10, 2022, Regular Town Council Meeting

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to adopt the minutes for the November 10, 2022, Regular Town Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Foy seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

Councilman Jones made a **Motion** to defer approval of all the closed session minutes on the agenda to the next regular Town Council meeting. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

b) November 10, 2022, Closed Session (Deferred per motion above to next regular meeting.)

c) November 29, 2022, Special Called Town Council Meeting

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to adopt the minutes for the November 29, 2022, Special Called Town Council Meeting. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

d) November 29, 2022, Closed Session (Deferred per motion above to next regular meeting.)

e) December 08, 2022, Regular Town Council Meeting

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to adopt the minutes for the December 08, 2022, Regular Town Council Meeting. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

f) December 08, 2022, Closed Session (Deferred per motion above to next regular meeting.)

g) July 13, 2023, Regular Town Council Meeting

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to adopt the minutes for the July 13, 2023, Regular Town Council Meeting. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

h) July 13, 2023, Closed Session (Deferred per motion above to next regular meeting.)

6. Public Safety Reports:

a) Stokesdale Fire Department

Stokesdale Fire Chief Todd Gauldin presented the Stokesdale Fire Department report.

b) Guilford County Sheriff's Office

Mayor Crawford read the report provided by the Guilford County Sheriff's Office.

7. Administrative Reports:

a) Administrative Report: Robbie Lee Wagoner II (Town Clerk)

Town Clerk Robbie Lee Wagoner II presented the administrative report.

b) Planning Board: Justin Snyder (Guilford County Planning and Development)

Justin Snyder with Guilford County Planning and Development deferred his comments to the public hearings later in the meeting.

c) Events Committee: Derek Foy (Mayor Pro Tem)

Mayor Pro Tem Foy announced the Town's Christmas Parade on December 9, 2023.

d) Property Committee: Jim Rigsbee (Councilman)

No report presented.

e) Town Park Improvement Committee: Tee Stephenson (Committee Chairman)

Committee Chairman Tee Stephenson presented the Town Park Improvement Committee report.

8. Financial Reports:

a) Finance Report: Kimberly Thacker (Town Finance Officer/Budget Officer)

In the absence of Town Finance Officer/Budget Officer Kimberly Thacker, Town Clerk Robbie Lee Wagoner II presented the financial report for the Town's General Fund and the Town's Water Enterprise Fund.

9. Citizen's Comments from the Floor (3-Minute Limit per Speaker).

Agenda Item #9 was relocated to Agenda Item #4B.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

10. REZONING CASE 23-07-PLBD-00054, 8107 HAW RIVER RD FROM CZ-HB (CONDITIONAL HIGHWAY BUSINESS) TO CZ-HB AMENDED (AMENDED CONDITIONAL HIGHWAY BUSINESS)

Located on the south side of Haw River Road (SR 2028), 330 feet west of the intersection of Haw River Road with NC Highway 68 N, Guilford County Tax Parcel 163617, this is a request to rezone the subject properties, which contains a total of 0.99 acres from CZ-HB (Conditional Highway Business) to CZ-HB Amended (Amended Conditional Highway Business). The Stokesdale Town Council will have the final authority to approve or deny the request.

Mayor Crawford opened the public hearing at 8:45 PM.

Justin Snyder, Guilford County Planner, introduced rezoning case 23-07-PLBD-00054 by reading the staff report. Staff and Planning Board recommends approval of this request.

Speakers In Favor:

- Speaker Name: **Bill Grecco**
 - Address: PO Box 347, Oak Ridge, NC
 - Comment: Thanked Staff. Explained reasoning for uses to be amended. He noted that staff and Planning Board both recommends approval.

Speakers In Opposition:

- None opposed.

Mayor Crawford declared the public hearing closed at 8:52 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to approve rezoning case 23-07-PLBD-00054 for property located at 8107 Haw River Road, rezone from CZ-HB (Conditional Highway Business) to CZ-HB Amended (Amended Conditional Highway Business) to include automobile repairs and tires sales and with the following conditions agreed upon in the application submitted and based upon recommendation for approval by Staff and Planning Board.

1. All applicable Scenic Corridor guidelines as outlined and specified in the Town of Stokesdale Future Land Use Plan and/or the Town of Stokesdale Development Ordinance shall be followed when developing this site.
2. Any Site Plan submittals that include new building construction shall include front, back and side building elevations to ensure compliance with the Scenic Corridor Guidelines.
3. Landscaping planting rates along Haw River Road (SR #2028) shall be greater than or equal to existing landscaping planting rates along Haw River Road at Arbor Run Subdivision.

4. No uses or businesses shall be open or operate 24 hours a day.
5. A Master Sign Plan shall be submitted to the Town of Stokesdale for review and approval. All signs on the property shall follow the approved plan in order to provide uniform signage for the entire property and to ensure compatibility in scale, size, material and character.
6. All illuminated signs must be lighted internally or lighted by top mounted lights pointed down. No sign may be illuminated by fixtures not shielded from upward transmission of light. Lights that flash, pulse, rotate, move or simulate motion are not permitted.
7. All outdoor light fixtures shall be shielded to prevent light trespass on adjacent properties or upward transmission of light, with the exception of those lights necessary for safety and security.

Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

Councilman Jones asked for a friendly **Amendment** to include that this rezoning is consistent with the Stokesdale land use plan. Mayor Pro Tem Foy and Councilman Landreth accepted this amendment.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

11. REZONING CASE 23-07-PLBD-00055, 8200 STOKESDALE ST AND 8320 LOYOLA ST FROM LO (LIMITED OFFICE) AND RS-30 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO CZ-GB (CONDITIONAL GENERAL BUSINESS)

Located on the east side of Stokesdale Street (SR 2049), at the intersection of Stokesdale Street with US Highway 158, Guilford County Tax Parcels 162231 and 162232, this is a request to rezone the subject properties, which contains a total of 0.87 acres from LO (Limited Office) and RS-30 (Single Family Residential) to CZ-GB (Conditional General Business). The Stokesdale Town Council will have the final authority to approve or deny the request.

Mayor Crawford opened the public hearing at 8:54 PM.

Justin Snyder, Guilford County Planner introduced rezoning case 23-07-PLBD-00055 by reading the staff report. He added that this property is located in the Town core which is in compliance with the Stokesdale Land Use Plan.

Speakers In Favor:

- Speaker Name: **Bill Grecco**
 - Address: PO Box 347, Oak Ridge, NC
 - Comment: Thanked staff. Mr. Grecco explained his client's rationale in selecting uses being requested for this site. He added that his client met with Stokesdale

United Methodist Church and Friends Of Stokesdale to inform them of this request. He noted that it is a small site and meets land use plan criteria. He noted Staff and Planning Board is in favor.

Councilman Jones asked what kind of barrier would be required between this site and Stokesdale United Methodist Church. Mr. Snyder stated that without knowing the specific use a definite answer would be difficult. He noted that if the use is a Code 3 which is the same as the code for the church, it would be a type D buffer and a five (5) foot buffer would be required. Mr. Snyder pointed out that this request is conditional zoning and that Council can assign a buffer requirement that they feel appropriate.

Councilman Landreth questioned condition #3 that no use or business operate 24 hours a day. Mr. Grecco explained that in some areas it might be appropriate for a business to operate 24 hours, however, it is not appropriate in Stokesdale and so they included that as a condition. He offered an amendment that the hours be limited to 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

Council, Staff and Mr. Grecco continued to discuss an appropriate buffer such as additional trees or fencing. The Town Attorney reminded Council that the Developer must agree to any conditions placed on the rezoning. Mr. Grecco offered to add a condition #7 to plant double the required vegetation. Council accepted the hours of operation 6 am to 11 pm and double the required vegetation for the required buffer.

Speakers In Opposition:

- Speaker Name: Mrs. McGee
 - Address: Stokesdale
 - Comment: Mrs. McGee stated that the church is in the process of deciding how to best use the property between the church and this site. She then asked how to get Loyola Street cleaned up. She stated that Loyola was not closed and is still a NCDOT street. Councilman Jones stated that staff is trying to determine the status of that road with NCDOT. No determination was able to be made at this meeting. Staff will follow up with NCDOT.
- Speaker Name: Bernadien Privette
 - Address: 562 Mt Zion Church Road
 - Comment: Former owner of this parcel of land. Forced to sell the land. She expressed the importance of funeral home across the street from the parcel. She spoke of the importance of this corner and hopes that it will be viable. She stated that she was told that a part of this road is private and part still a public road.

Mayor Crawford declared the public hearing closed at 9:22PM.

Councilman Riggsbee made a **Motion** to approve the rezoning request in case 23-07-PLBD-00055 property located at 8200 Stokesdale Street and 8320 Loyola Drive from LO (Limited Office) and RS-30 (Single family Residential) to CZ-GB (Conditional General Business) with the following conditions as amended:

- Condition 3: Amendment: Hours of operation will be from 6:00am to 11:00pm.
- Additional - Offering of Condition 7: Planting rates shall be doubled to what is required on property bordering church property.

1. All applicable Scenic Corridor guidelines as outlined and specified in the Town of Stokesdale Future Land Use Plan and/or the Town of Stokesdale Development Ordinance shall be followed when developing this site.

2. Any Site Plan submittals that include new building construction shall include front, back and side building elevations to ensure compliance with the Scenic Corridor Guidelines.

3. **Hours of operation will be from 6:00am to 11:00pm.**

4. A Master Sign Plan shall be submitted to the Town of Stokesdale for review and approval. All signs on the property shall follow the approved plan in order to provide uniform signage for the entire property and to ensure compatibility in scale, size, material and character.

5. All illuminated signs must be lighted internally or lighted by top mounted lights pointed down. No sign may be illuminated by fixtures not shielded from upward transmission of light. Lights that flash, pulse, rotate, move or simulate motion are not permitted.

6. All outdoor light fixtures shall be shielded to prevent light trespass on adjacent property or upward transmission of light, with the exception of those lights necessary for safety and security.

7. **Planting rates shall be doubled to what is required on property bordering church property.**

Councilman Rigsbee added that he finds it to be consistent with Stokesdale Land Use Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS:

12. **Consideration of Ordinance Making Appropriations for the Funding of the Stokesdale Water Line Extension to Add System Redundancy Capital Project Ordinance Fund.**

Town Clerk Wagoner explained the need for this project ordinance.

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to approve the following Project Ordinance No. O-2023-06 (Ordinance Making Appropriations for the Funding of the Stokesdale Water Line Extension to Add System Redundancy Capital Project Ordinance Fund).

ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-06

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FUNDING OF THE
STOKESDALE WATER LINE EXTENTION TO ADD SYSTEM REDUNDANCY
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE FUND**

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Stokesdale, North Carolina, that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Capital Project Ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1: The project authorized is for the Town of Stokesdale's Municipal Water System for water line extensions to add system redundancy.

Section 2: The revenues for the above-mentioned improvements shall be **established** as follows:

Account Number	Account Name	Total Budget
R-002000	Guilford County Contract # 90004963 American Rescue Plan Act 2021 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	\$366,400.00

Section 3: That expenditures for the above-mentioned improvements **appropriated** as follows:

Account Number	Account Name	Total Budget
E-002000	1. Alternatives Analysis	\$4,100.00
	2. Preliminary Engineering	\$59,660.00
	(Hazen)	
	Survey (Stewart)	\$129,440.00
	Geotechnical (S&ME)	\$23,800.00
	3. Detailed Design	\$69,500.00
	4. Permitting	\$18,000.00
	5. Easement Acquisition	\$6,000.00
	Assistance (Hazen)	
	Easement Exhibits	
	(Stewart)	
	6. Bid Phase Services	\$18,100.00
	7. Project Management,	\$23,200.00
	Workshops and Meetings	\$14,600.00

	8. Funding Collaboration and Support	
	Total Contract Value	\$366,400.00

Section 4: The Town Finance Officer/Budget Officer is hereby authorized to maintain, within the capital project fund, sufficient and specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the disclosure requirements of all contractual agreements, if applicable.

Section 5: Funds may be advanced from the Water Enterprise Fund for the purpose of making payments as due. Reimbursement requests should be made to the granter agency in an orderly and timely manner.

Section 6: The Town Finance Officer/Budget Officer is directed to report, on a quarterly basis, on the financial status of each project element in **Section 2** and **Section 3** as mentioned above. Furthermore, the Town Finance Officer/Budget Officer is instructed to include a detailed analysis of past and future revenues and expenses during each annual budget submission made to the Town Council over the life of the project.

Section 7: This Capital Project Ordinance shall be entered into the minutes of the Town Council after adoption. Copies thereof shall be filed with the Town Finance Officer/Budget Officer and Town Clerk to the Town Council.

Adopted this 10th day of August, 2023.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

13. Consideration of Proposals to Prepare and Stain the Two Picnic Shelters located at the Stokesdale Town Park.

Councilman Rigsbee reported on the need to paint or stain the picnic shelters and noted two proposals that we have received:

Excelsior Professional Painting, \$7,600.00
CertaPro Painters \$4,147.00

Councilman Rigsbee stated that after a review of both proposals he had questions about the types of stains used and the need for a third quote due to the cost difference between the two quotes received. After a brief discussion, by consensus of Council, Staff was asked to clarify the type of stain quoted by CertaPro and to obtain a third quote and bring this item back to Council next month. No formal action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

14. Consideration of a Resolution Consenting to the Addition of Peony Drive in the Treeline Trails Subdivision to the Secondary Road Maintenance System of NC.

Town Clerk Wagoner pointed out that Peony Drive is already a part of the State System and this is for a small portion approximately .48 miles.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to adopt the following Resolution No. R-2023-09 (A Resolution Consenting to the Addition of Peony Drive in the Treeline Trails Subdivision to the Secondary Road Maintenance System of NC).

R-2023-09

A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE ADDITION OF PEONY DRIVE WITHIN THE TREELINE TRAILS SUBDIVISION TO THE SECONDARY ROAD MAINTENANCE SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has declared through its Secondary Road Addition Investigation Reports (File G-33-23) dated June 02, 2023 of said street, a portion of Peony Drive (0.48 miles), meets the minimum requirements for addition into the Secondary Road System of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the cognizant District Engineer of the North Carolina Department of Transportation does recommend the addition of a portion of Peony Drive (0.48 miles) to the Secondary Road System of the State of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT: The Town Council on behalf of the Town of Stokesdale, North Carolina does herewith, after due consideration and deliberation and without any objections being heard, concur and consent to the addition of a portion of Peony Drive (0.48 miles) to the Secondary Road System of the State of North Carolina to the same degree and measure to which property owners have petitioned said Department of Transportation of the State of North Carolina, and to the same degree and measure to which the said Department of Transportation does now recommend acceptance into the said Secondary Road System of the State of North Carolina.

Adopted this the 10th day of August, 2023.

Councilman Jones seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

15. Consideration of Purchasing Speed Bumps to be Installed on the Roadway leading into the Stokesdale Town Park.

Councilman Rigsbee stated that this is in response to feedback from citizens concerned about speeding in and out of the park. He and Mayor Pro Tem Foy have discussed purchasing speed bumps for the entrance to the park. He presented a quote from Traffic Safety Store and noted the locations for each speed bump.

Councilman Rigsbee made a **Motion** to purchase 9 rubber speed bumps with 18 inch galvanized steel spikes and six end caps not to exceed \$2,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

15B. Consideration of Proposal to repair water leak on Vaughn Street.

Councilman Jones explained that we had a request for a new tap on Vaughn Street. Yates Construction notified us that due to shortage of staff they could not install this tap. Our current contract with A&D does not allow for this type of work; therefore, this is here for consideration by Council.

Councilman Jones made a **Motion** to accept proposal provided by A&D Enterprises for a new tap on Vaughn Street at a cost of \$3,000.00 dated 7-31-2023.

Councilman Rigsbee seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

16. Citizen's Comments from the Floor (3-Minute Limit per Speaker).

No comments from the floor.

17. Closed Session in accordance with § 143-318.11 (Closed Sessions).

(a) Permitted Purposes. It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required.

(3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session, and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall be reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded.

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to enter into closed session in accordance with NC General Statutes 143-318.11 (a) (3) for the purpose of consulting with the Town Attorney.

Mayor Pro Tem foy seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

The Town Council entered into closed session at 10:11 PM.

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to enter back into open session. Mayor Pro Tem Foy seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried. (5-0).

The Town Council entered into open session at 11:14 PM.

18. Council Comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy thanked Council and Staff for their effort's tonight.

Councilman Landreth thanked Staff for putting all this information together.

Councilman Jones spoke on the Casino and his objections to having one here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

19. Council Announcements:

- a) The Town of Stokesdale Town Planning Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 7:00 PM inside the Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 8325 Angel-Pardue Road, Stokesdale, NC 27357, has been cancelled.
- b) The Town of Stokesdale Town Council will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 7:00 PM inside the Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 8325 Angel-Pardue Road, Stokesdale, NC 27357.

ADJOURNMENT:

20. Adjournment of Meeting.

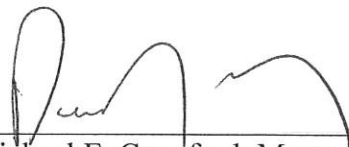
Councilman Landreth made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Foy seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

Being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18pm.

Approved: February 8, 2024


Michael E. Crawford, Mayor

ATTEST:


Robbie Lee Wagoner, II, Town Clerk

Derek Fay
Mayor Pro Tem