



MINUTES
TOWN OF STOKESDALE
SPECIAL CALLED
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
8325 ANGEL-PARDUE ROAD
STOKESDALE, NC 27357
OCTOBER 20, 2023 AT 7:00PM

In attendance: Mayor Michael E. Crawford; Mayor Pro Tem Derek Foy; Councilman Jimmy Landreth; Councilman Tim Jones; and Town Clerk Robbie Lee Wagoner II. Councilman Jim Rigsbee arrived at 7:10PM.

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

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Jones delivered the opening invocation.

2. Review and Adopt the Agenda.

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to adopt the agenda as written. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried (4-0).

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

Citizen Name: Eileen Thiery

- Address: 8101 Meadow Springs Place, Stokesdale, North Carolina 27357
- Comment: Read letter encouraging the Town to schedule a meeting with NCDOT to inform residents of traffic changes and to provide an opportunity for the citizens to ask questions of NCDOT.

Councilman Jim Rigsbee arrived at the meeting at 7:10PM.

4. Consider proposal from Davenport Engineering to work as a traffic consultant for the Town of Stokesdale.

Councilman Jones made comments about his background and why he wanted to hire a private traffic engineer to interpret what the Town wants and what the NCDOT wants.

Royal Henshaw from Davenport Engineering spoke and explained that he was contacted by Councilman Jones about transportation engineering services for the Town. He presented his qualifications as a traffic engineer and added that he has prepared a due diligence hourly proposal for the Town to consider.

Councilmembers asked for specific examples of what they could do for the Town outside of what NCDOT currently does. Mr. Henshaw stated that they work with NCDOT and would assist in coordinating projects between the Town and NCDOT.

Bobby Norris, district engineer for Guilford County with NCDOT. Spoke per the request of Councilman Landreth. Mr. Norris stated that there are towns that hire traffic engineers, and the larger cities have their own engineering departments that work with DOT on road projects within their jurisdictions. He added that DOT tries to look at all the information and safety of the roads and make decisions based on that information. Having an interpreter can have a benefit. He stated that DOT is always available to assist with traffic studies as well.

Councilman Jones made a **Motion** to accept the proposal from Davenport Engineering, dated October 12, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00. Councilman Jones noted that this is the same proposal that was presented to the Town Council during the recent regular Town Council meeting on October 12, 2023. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford	YES	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	YES
Councilman Landreth	YES	Councilman Rigsbee	NO
Councilman Jones	YES		

The motion carried (4-1).

Council continued to discuss what NCDOT could provide and how Davenport Engineering would enhance those discussions and decisions.

Council provided clarification that \$3,000 would be paid from account # 6000 - Professional Services.

5. Consideration to request from NCDOT a joint workshop meeting between the Stokesdale Town Council and NCDOT District Engineer and NCDOT Project Engineers for projects within the Town of Stokesdale.

Council discussed coordinating a meeting with all the parties involved, fire, NCDOT, MPO, and citizens to have a joint meeting to discuss transportation issues.

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to have a workshop meeting for Thursday, November 02, 2023, at 7:00PM at Town Hall. Councilman Jones seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried (5-0).

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to have the Town Clerk type a letter to NCDOT asking for an extension from the governing board on the comment period to November 30th, 2023. The letter to be sent to Mr. Wright Archer. Be sure to include project number of traffic circles. Be sure to copy Bobby Norris, NCDOT.

Councilman Jones seconded the motion and requested that the motion be **amended** to include that the project number R-5823 be added to the letter to NCDOT.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy accepted the amendment.

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

The motion carried (5-0).

6. Citizen Comments from the Floor (3-Minute Limit per Speaker).

Citizen Name: Priscilla Olinick

- Address: 3100 Pleasant Ridge Road, Summerfield, NC 27358
- Comment: Spoke against roundabouts. Do what citizens want.

Citizen Name: Mark Nadel

- Address: 8211 Wendy Gale Drive, Stokesdale, North Carolina 27357
- Comment: Spoke on roundabouts and the affect he believes it will have on truck traffic. Thanked Councilman Jones for making a motion to hire a traffic engineer.

7. Council Comments.

Councilman Rigsbee noted that he is not against using engineering firm but would rather meet with NCDOT first before spending this money on conversating with an engineering firm. The Town does have some traffic concerns that should be addressed.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy thanked everyone for coming out tonight and recognized Mr. Henshaw and Mr. Norris. Have a good weekend.

Councilman Landreth also thanked everyone for coming out. Will spend money wisely. Encouraged our citizens to voice their concerns to Council.

Councilman Jones also thanked everyone for attending and recognized Mr. Henshaw and Mr. Norris. He noted that Council members are accessible by email or phone and encouraged all citizens to voice their concerns to council. He added that Council should do everything reasonable to fix the traffic issues.

Mayor Crawford also thanked everyone for attending and recognized Mr. Henshaw and Mr. Norris. He noted his pleasure with the higher than normal attendance at this Special Called Meeting. Please consider attending the November 2, 2023 workshop!

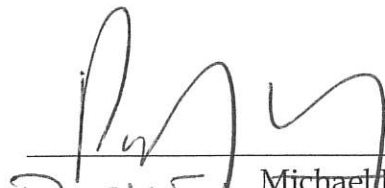
Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Jones seconded the motion.

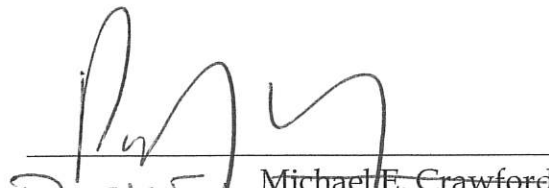
Mayor Crawford	Yes	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Yes
Councilman Landreth	Yes	Councilman Rigsbee	Yes
Councilman Jones	Yes		

The motion carried/failed (5-0).

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Approved: March 14, 2024.


Derek Foy
Mayor Pro Tem


Michael E. Crawford
Mayor
Town of Stokesdale

ATTEST:


Robbie Lee Wagoner II
Town Clerk
Town of Stokesdale