



MINUTES
TOWN OF STOKESDALE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
8325 ANGEL-PARDUE ROAD
STOKESDALE, NC 27357
JANUARY 11, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

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

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

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Mayor Crawford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Jones delivered the opening invocation.

Mayor Crawford recognized Boy Scout Troop 139 from Oak Ridge, North Carolina who were present in the Council Chambers.

02. Review and Adopt the Agenda: January 11, 2024

Mayor Crawford requested an **Amendment** to add agenda item number 12a (Discussion of Agreement for the Maintenance of the Soccer Fields at the Town Park).

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to adopt the agenda as amended.

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).

03. Review and Adopt the following Minutes:

a) June 08, 2023, Regular Town Council Meeting

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to adopt the minutes, as written, from the June 08, 2023, 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).

b) June 14, 2023, Special Called Town Council Meeting (Budget Workshop)

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to adopt the minutes, as written, from the June 14, 2023, Special Called Town Council Meeting (Budget Workshop).

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).

c) June 21, 2023, Special Called Town Council Meeting

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to adopt the minutes, as written, from the June 21, 2023, 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) December 14, 2023, Regular Town Council Meeting

Mayor Crawford made a **Motion** to adopt the minutes, as written, from the December 14, 2023, Regular Town Council Meeting.

Councilman Jones **seconded** the motion.

Councilman Jones stated that he would be voting no because he was not present at the December 14, 2023, Regular Town Council Meeting.

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

Motion carried (4-1).

04. Public Safety Reports:

a) Stokesdale Fire Department

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

b) Guilford County Sheriff's Office

Town Clerk Wagoner read the report provided by the Guilford County Sheriff's Office.

05. Administrative Reports:

a) Administrative: Town Clerk Robbie Lee Wagoner II

Town Clerk Wagoner presented the Administrative Report.

b) Planning Board: Town Clerk Robbie Lee Wagoner II

Town Clerk Wagoner presented the Planning Board report.

c) Property Committee: Councilman Jim Rigsbee

Councilman Rigsbee presented the Property Committee report.

d) Town Park Improvement Committee: Committee Chairman Tee Stephenson

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

06. Financial Reports: Town Clerk Robbie Lee Wagoner II

a) Financial Report: Town of Stokesdale General Fund

Town Clerk Wagoner presented the financial report for the Town's General Fund.

b) Financial Report: Town of Stokesdale Water Enterprise Fund

Town Clerk Wagoner presented the financial report for the Town's Water Enterprise Fund.

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

Citizen Name: Robert G. "Bob" Whetstone

- Address: 7663 Anthony Road, Kernersville, North Carolina 27284
- Comment: Introduced himself to the Town Council as the manager of the Forbis & Dick Funeral Home in Stokesdale.

Citizen Name: Michael Logan

- Address: 5202 Rambling Road, Greensboro, North Carolina 27409
- Comment: Introduced himself to the Town Council as their Guilford County School Board Representative and provided a brief update on the schools located in Northwest Guilford County.

NEW BUSINESS:

08. Presentation by Sebastian King regarding Lobbying Services.

Sebastian King presented the details of his lobbying services to the Town Council.

09. Council Discussion with Guilford County Commissioner Pat Tillman.

Pat Tillman introduced himself to the Town Council as one of their representatives on the Guilford County Board of County Commissioners. Pat Tillman presented answers to any questions brought forward by members of the Town Council. Pat Tillman advised the Town Council to collaborate with him in requesting grant funding from the state budget. Councilman Landreth requested Pat Tillman's assistance with receiving grant funding to improve parking at the Town Park, to install fencing around the soccer fields at the Town Park, and to install additional security cameras at the Town Park.

Mayor Crawford called for a five (5) minute recess at 8:23 PM.

Mayor Crawford called the meeting back to order at 8:35 PM.

10. Consideration of Health Insurance Coverage Renewal for Full-Time Town Employees.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** that the Town pay \$7,911.11 (90%) annually towards the 2024 health insurance premiums of all full-time town employees.

Councilman Rigsbee **seconded** the motion.

Councilman Jones requested that the Town pay 80% of the 2024 health insurance premiums of all full-time employees, with the remaining 20% being paid by the full-time employees themselves.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy **withdrew** his original motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** that the Town pay 85% towards the 2024 health insurance premiums of all full-time town employees, with the total cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 in the 2024 calendar year.

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).

11. Consideration of Installing Light Poles near the Basketball and Pickleball Courts.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to proceed with the installation of 2 light poles near the basketball and pickleball courts at the Town Park, with the one-time boring cost not to exceed \$1,500.00 and with the selection of 130-watt bulbs to be installed on each light pole.

Councilman Landreth **seconded** the motion.

Councilman Landreth requested an **amendment** to the motion. This amendment being that the costs associated with the installation of the 2 light poles be paid using grant funding from the Town's ARPA fund account.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy **accepted** Councilman Landreth's amendment to the motion.

Councilman Jones requested an **amendment** to the motion. This amendment being that the motion reference the Town of Stokesdale Memorandum written to the Stokesdale

Town Council from Robbie Lee Wagoner II, Town Clerk, on Tuesday, January 09, 2024, regarding the installation of light poles near the basketball and pickleball courts.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy and Councilman Landreth **accepted** Councilman Jones’ amendment to the motion.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

12. Consideration of Upgrading the Lights on the Preexisting Light Poles located throughout the Town Park.

Councilman Jones made a **Motion** to continue this agenda item to the regular Town Council meeting in February 2024.

Councilman Landreth **seconded** the motion.

Town Staff was instructed to contact Duke Energy and request that the non-functioning lights be replaced with functioning lights.

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

Motion carried (4-1).

12a. Discussion of Agreement for the Maintenance of the Soccer Fields at the Town Park.

Councilman Jones made a **Motion** to authorize Town Staff to pursue a new contract with Mr. Hunter of Hunter Enterprises, with that new contract not to exceed the current contract amount of \$12,000.00, that current contract being the one dated from April 12, 2023, until December 13, 2023. By extension, to authorize Town Attorney Winfree to draft said contract and to authorize Mayor Crawford to sign said contract being that all aforementioned parameters are met.

Councilman Landreth **seconded** the motion.

Town Attorney Winfree advised that an **amendment** be made to the motion. This amendment being that, in the interim, the motion allows for the current contract with

Mr. Hunter of Hunter Enterprises to be extended through February of 2024, until the new contract can be drafted and authorized.

Councilman Jones and Councilman Landreth **accepted** the advice provided by Town Attorney Winfree, thus amending the original motion to allow for the current contract with Mr. Hunter of Hunter Enterprises to be extended through February of 2024, until the new contract can be drafted and authorized.

Councilman Rigsbee requested that an **amendment** be made to the motion. This amendment being that the new contract with Mr. Hunter of Hunter Enterprises contain a termination of convenience clause, meaning that either party could terminate the agreement without cause at any time upon giving a 30-day prior written notice to the other party. Also, Councilman Rigsbee requested that the new contract with Mr. Hunter of Hunter Enterprises contain language specifying that Mr. Hunter is responsible for the prompt removal of cut (dry) grass from the soccer fields.

Councilman Jones **rejected** the amendment requested by Councilman Rigsbee.

Councilman Rigsbee **withdrew** his requested amendment.

Councilman Rigsbee requested that an **amendment** be made to the motion. This amendment being that the new contract with Mr. Hunter of Hunter Enterprises contain a termination of convenience clause, meaning that either party could terminate the agreement without cause at any time upon giving a 30-day prior written notice to the other party.

Councilman Rigsbee **withdrew** his requested amendment.

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

Motion carried (4-1).

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

Citizen Name: Michelle Bardsley

- Address: 3 Wildrose Court, Greensboro, North Carolina 27410
- Comment: Introduced herself to the Town Council as a current candidate for North Carolina House of Representatives District 62.

Citizen Name: Dewaye Dalton

- Address: 8300 Zebedee Lane, Stokesdale, North Carolina 27357
- Comment: Provided recommendations on how to resolve the issue of the cut (dry) grass that is being left behind on the soccer fields after mowing.

14. Council Comments.

Mayor Crawford: Read the 3 Council Announcements listed under agenda item number 15.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy: Asked for continue prayer, comfort and peace for the family and friends of Seargent Nix of the Greensboro Police Department.

Councilman Landreth: Stated that he is praying for the loved ones of Seargent Nix of the Greensboro Police Department. Expressed his appreciation to the local officials that attended the meeting and spoke with the Town Council.

Councilman Rigsbee: Expressed his gratitude to all the local representatives that attended the meeting and spoke with the Town Council.

Councilman Jones: Expressed his gratitude to all of those who participated in the meeting, especially the 6 remaining audience members. Urged citizens to use cation in light of the death of Seargent Nix of the Greensboro Police Department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

15. Council Announcements:

- a) The Stokesdale Town Hall Building will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday.
- b) The next regular Town of Stokesdale Town Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 7:00 PM inside the Town Hall Council Chambers.
- c) The next regular Town of Stokesdale Town Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 08, 2024, at 7:00 PM inside the Town Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

16. Adjournment of Meeting.

Councilman Landreth made a Motion to adjourn at **9:46 PM**.

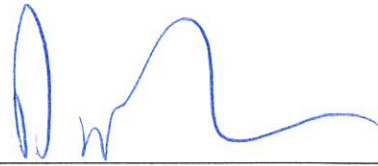
Mayor Pro Tem Foy seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried (5-0).

Being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at **9:46 PM.**

Approved: February 8, 2024.



Derek Foy, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Robbie Lee Wagoner II, Town Clerk