



**MINUTES
TOWN OF STOKESDALE
SPECIAL CALLED
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
8325 ANGEL-PARDUE ROAD
STOKESDALE, NC 27357
APRIL 06, 2023 AT 7:00 PM**

Town Council Members Present: Mayor Mike Crawford, Mayor Pro-Tem Derek Foy; Council Members: Jimmy Landreth, Tim Jones and Jim Rigsbee.

Town Staff Present: Budget Officer Kim Thacker, Deputy Town Clerk Robbie Wagoner.

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

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

2. Review and Adopt the Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Derek Foy made a **Motion** to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilman Tim Jones seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

3. Citizen Comments

None presented.

4. Discussion on 2023-2024 Annual Budget

Kimberly Thacker, Budget and Finance Officer presented the general fund proposed budget highlighting each revenue line item and explained the increase or decrease proposed per line item. She noted increases in Animal Services fee to Guilford County, changes in the Town's investment accounts, and the franchise fees received. Council discussed how to present grant funds in the budget.

Council then discussed funding the Sheriff for traffic control at Stokesdale Elementary School.

Councilman Jones made a **Motion** to amend the General Fund budget by \$1,000 in public safety to fund a Deputy Sheriff at the beginning of the school year to direct traffic and to take the money from the Events Fund/Community to \$4,500. Mayor Crawford seconded the motion.

Councilman Landreth offered an **amendment** that the money be taken from the \$42,000 surplus funds and not Events Fund/Community and would like the money designated specifically for Stokesdale Elementary School. If we don't use the money it goes back into the budget.

Councilman Jones did not accept the amendment and then withdrew his motion.

Councilman Landreth made a **Motion** to create a line item for Public Safety at \$1,000 for a Deputy Sheriff to direct traffic during first week of school. Mayor Pro Tem Foy seconded the motion.

Councilman Rigsbee offered an amendment that the money be moved this year as we have done in the past. Mayor Crawford offered an amendment that the money be put in Public Safety and not designated for Stokesdale Elementary School

Councilman Landreth did not accept either amendment.

Mayor Crawford	Nay	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	Nay
Councilman Rigsbee	Nay		

Motion failed, 2-3.

Councilman Rigsbee made a **Motion** to allocate \$1,000 to Public Safety (a new line item #9300). Councilman Jones seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried, vote 5-0.

Mrs. Thacker then listed each expense line item and changes were discussed.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy made a **Motion** to increase the salary of town staff by 3% effective July 1st. Mayor Crawford seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Foy	Aye
Councilman Landreth	Aye	Councilman Jones	Nay
Councilman Rigsbee	Aye		

Motion carried, vote 4-1.

Mrs. Thacker then presented the water enterprise fund line items both income and expenses and highlighted any changes proposed. Council held a long discussion on Contracted Services and Engineering & Infrastructure Consulting identifying upcoming projects that may take place next year.

Council discussed revisiting the tasks of changing out old meters with auto-read meters. Council requested staff advise how many meters still need to be changed out by the next meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Foy requested that the changes discussed tonight be made and to include the four special revenue funds that were identified earlier.

5. Citizen Comments:

None presented.

Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Foy referenced a packet provided to Town Council by the Park Improvement Committee which summarizes the proposed improvement projects. He explained that there will be agenda items on the April Council meeting agenda and asked that Council members review this information prior to that meeting.

Councilman Landreth reported on the young boy, Jackson, hit on Hwy. 65 and asked that he be remembered in prayers.

Councilman Jones also asked for prayers for Jackson and asked others to be cautious around school buses. He thanked staff for their efforts and the two citizens in attendance tonight.

Mayor Crawford also thanked staff.

6. Adjournment

Councilman Landreth made a Motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Councilman Jones seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried, vote 5-0.

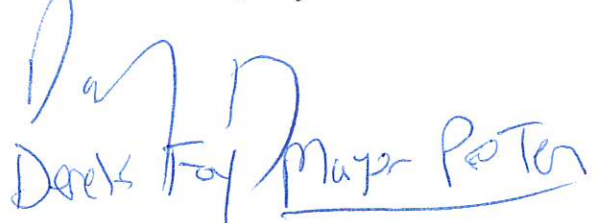
Being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Approved: November 9, 2023

ATTEST:


Robbie Lee Wagoner, II, Deputy Clerk

Michael E. Crawford, Mayor


Derek Foy Mayor Pro Tem