

TOWN OF STOKESDALE
Regular Town Council Meeting
8325 Angel Pardue Road
Stokesdale, NC 27357
November 9, 2017

The Regular Town Council Meeting of the Stokesdale Town Council was held on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at the Stokesdale Town Hall on 8325 Angel Pardue Road in Stokesdale, North Carolina.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor Randy Braswell, Mayor Pro Tem William N. (Bill) Jones, Frank Bruno, Vicki White-Lawrence, Tim Jones.

OTHERS PRESENT INCLUDED: Katy Gregg, Town Attorney; Kim Hemric, Town Administrator; Alisa Houk, Deputy Clerk; Philip Pulliam, Budget Officer; Steve Mann, Northwest Observer.

I. CALL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Braswell called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

II. INVOCATION: Given by Mayor Braswell.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited by Council members and citizens in attendance.

IV. REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA: Frank motioned to adopt agenda as is. Vickie White-Lawrence seconded. Vote 5-0 voted to adopt.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING: October 4, 2017 Town Council Business meeting, Vickie White-Lawrence motioned to approve. Mayor Randy Braswell seconded the motion. Vote 4 – Yes and 1-No with Tim Jones voting Nay.

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR AND/OR COMMENTS ABOUT THE PROPOSED WATER: No comments from the floor.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Guilford County Sheriff's Department Report:** No deputy was present to give the report. The report is available online and in the Northwest Observer.

2. **Finance Report:** Philip Pulliam, Budget Officer, provided details about the General Fund, Water Enterprise, and Water-Sewer Financial Reports for October, 2017. (Please see the Financial Reports, which are available at Town Hall, for details).

3. **Public Hearing: REZONING CASE 17-09-STPL-04675:** A request to change zoning from AG to RS-40

Subject property is located at the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Warner and Anthony Roads, in Oak Ridge Township, being approximately 15.37 acres. Further reference Guilford County Tax Parcel 0166744 (part). Applicant, Sarah B. Combs.

Mayor Braswell motioned to reconvene the Public Hearing from October 12, 2017, REZONING CASE 17-09-STPL-04675: A request to change zoning from AG to RS-40. The planning Board found the plan consistent with other neighboring properties and recommended the request for zoning to be approved for RD-40. Chris Rorrer from Land Solutions spoke on Sarah Combs (property owner) behalf. Mrs. Combs wishes to rezone this property to allow her children to build homes on the property. He agrees with the Planning Board and Mr. Bass that the property should be rezoned RS-40, consistent with the surrounding properties. Tim Jones asked if there should be drainage issues would DOT be responsible for that and Mr. Rorrer answered yes DOT would be responsible. Tim Jones asked if anything had changed since the original meeting on October 12, 2017 with this rezoning. Mr. Bass answered no everything is as it was at that October 12, 2017 meeting.

Mayor Braswell asked if anyone opposed the rezoning. No one came forward or spoke.

Frank Bruno motioned to approved REZONING CASE 17-09-STPL-04675: A request to change zoning from AG to RS-40. Tim Jones seconded the motion, Vote was taken 5-0 to approve rezoning.

4. Consider Task No. 4 Dawn Acres Phase 2 & 3 for McGill: Mayor Braswell motioned to approve the Task No.4 Tim Jones brought up question as to whether there are daily, weekly, monthly reports available from McGill as to the status of work progression on the Task List. Kim answered yes that we have files on every Task and progression reports are filed in those folders in her fire proof cabinet daily. They are available to anyone all they have to do is fill out a public request form. Mayor Braswell also added that all of the subdivisions have folders in the roll around files from beginning of development to redlining maps to finish. That are also available to anyone.

Frank Bruno seconded the motion, Vote was taken 5-0 to approve Task No. 4.

Consider Task No. 5 Charles Place for McGill: Mayor Braswell motioned to approve, Frank Bruno seconded, vote was taken 5-0 to approve Task No. 5.

5. Consider Administrator Approval to Hire Approved New Part-Time Receptionist/Deputy Clerk:

Vickie White-Lawrence motioned to give Town Administrator the autonomy to hire the new part-timer Deputy Clerk. 24 hours per week. Tim jones argued that Council only approved the Town Administrator to advertise for a part-time Deputy Clerk, not to interview. Vickie argued that Council had approved the advertising and interviewing. Frank seconded Vickie's motion. Vote was taken 4-1, with Vickie being the only Yes vote and all others voting No to approve Town Administrator to hire.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Stokesdale Water System

a. Citizen's Comment Period on Stokesdale Water System: No comments

2. Feasibility Study for proposed Regional Water Authority: Bill Jones summarized the content of the last meeting ending by stating the study is still in the information gathering stage.

- 3. Personnel Policy/Handbook:** continued to December Regular T. C. meeting
- 4. Facility Use Agreement:** continued to December Regular T. C. meeting
- 5. G2/Fortiline/Yates Quotes for Electronic Meter replacement:** continued to December Regular T. C. meeting
- 6. Consider Job Description for Town Administrator/Town Clerk/Finance Officer:** continued to December Regular T. C. meeting
- 7. Park Benches:** There was discussion of warranties, installation, and colors. Frank Bruno motioned to order two mesh benches in Green. Mayor Braswell seconded the motion. Vote was taken 4-1 to order two green, mesh benches. Mayor Braswell was the only No vote.
- 8. Tech Authority Recommendations for the Website:** continued to December Regular T. C. meeting

IX. Committee and Board Reports:

Mayor Braswell asked for volunteers to step up for next years (2018) Christmas Parade Committee

Mayor Braswell stated the Library is doing good.

Bulbs for the Park Bathrooms are on the breaker box in Concession Stand

Departmental & Administrators Report: Town Administrator Kim Hemric summarized the Town's Audit Report from Rouse, Rouse, Penn, and Rouse. Audit began October 19, 2017. The firm worked here in the office for about a week we photo copied somewhere between 800-1000 copies of records at their request, pulled numerous files, Kim completed the Finance Officers Management Report part of the Audit and it was submitted. Due to the late nature of Rouse, Rouse, Penn and Rouse beginning our audit we had to ask for and were approved for an extension and Mr. Pulliam will complete the AFIR report and submit the week after Thanksgiving.

Kim also reported that we received our Water permit renewal certification

She has also been attending the Regional Water Authority meetings Stokesdale, Summerfield, and Oak Ridge have all had their individual meetings with Timmons Group, current the meetings are still in the fact-finding phase. She expects Timmons to begin sometime after first of the year to give us more information that we can share with the public.

McGill and Associates is working closely with Kim and Alisa on the subdivision inspections and water issues.

Ordinance Review Committee: Mr. Greene asked if he should provide the information from the committee and from Katy Gregg, our previous attorney to the new Attorney Brian Pearce. Mayor Braswell said he is leaving all those decisions to the new Council.

X. Citizens' Comment Period: John Flynt came up to the podium and commended each candidate for a civil campaign. Thanked each one for their service on Council. Thank Steve Mann for his good job on reporting and the NWO for reporting news fairly.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Stokesdale Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2017, at 7:00pm, if there are cases to be heard.
2. RockinghamCountyRadio.com or 1420 WMYN: Stokesdale on the Air with Mayor Braswell is on the first Wednesday of each month. Programs are archived on the website if you miss the live version.
3. For Monthly Events of Organizations in Stokesdale, please check the websites for their calendars of events: Good Samaritan Ministries of Stokesdale at www.stokesdalegsm.org.
4. The Sunshine List is for citizens that would like to be informed of public meetings being held at Town Hall. If you would like to be added to the Sunshine List, please send an email to stokesdale@stokesdale.org with your request.
5. The Ordinance Review Committee will meet from 4:00pm to 6:00pm on Tuesday, November 14, at Town Hall.
6. November 11, 2017 2:00PM Veteran's Celebration at Veteran's Park at Vulcan.
7. December 2, 2017 6:30PM Tree Lighting in circle at Town Hall.

XII. Adjournment: Tim Jones Motioned to Adjourn. Frank Bruno seconded. All Council voted Aye.

Council closed at 8:40 PM

Alisa Houk, Deputy Clerk

Approved: _____

John Flynt, Mayor