



TOWN OF STOKESDALE  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
8325 ANGEL PARDUE ROAD  
STOKESDALE, NC 27357  
OCTOBER 10, 2019 AT 7PM

Attendance: Mayor Flynt, Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks, Frank Bruno, Deanna Ragan, Tim Jones,  
Deputy Clerk Priscilla Hunsucker, Town Attorney Tom Medlin

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Flynt
- II. **Invocation:** Randy Southard
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Mayor Flynt
- IV. **Review and Adopt the Agenda:** Town Attorney Tom Medlin addressed the Mayor and Council regarding Item # 3 in Old Business; Vote to Approve 2019-2020 Budget Amendment to increase budget for Attorney Fees by an additional \$ 25,000. and said after some research he discovered that according to General Statutes only a majority vote is required to approve a budget amendment so the vote during the September 12, 2019 Town Council Meeting stands as approved. Mayor Flynt said that the second part of item 3 in old business will be discussed when they reach that item on the agenda. **Mayor Flynt asked for a motion to adopt the Agenda. Thearon Hooks motioned to accept the agenda with the changes, Frank Bruno seconded the motion.**

**Vote:**

Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: Yes
Frank Bruno: Yes	

- V. **Approval of Minutes:** Mayor Flynt asked for a vote to approve the August 8, 2019: Tim Jones asked Council if they were referring to the August 8, 2019? Mayor Flynt said yes. Tim Jones said he found a discrepancy in the August 8, 2019 minutes. Mayor Flynt asked him what the discrepancy was that if it was something simple maybe it could be corrected tonight. Tim Jones said he couldn't tell them what the discrepancy is without hearing the audio. **Mayor Flynt motioned to continue the August 8, 2019 Town Council meeting minutes until the November 14, 2019 meeting. Tim Jones seconded the motion.**

**Vote:**

Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: Yes
Frank Bruno: Yes	

**September 12, 2019 Minutes:** Tim Jones asked Mr. Medlin if it was okay to go ahead with the discussion he had with Mr. Medlin. Mr. Medlin told him it was okay to go ahead. Tim Jones said that he

had asked the Town Clerk to reflect the discussion that took place regarding the Point of Order when Tim Jones asked if Bill Jones could speak on the agenda item regarding the MBD proposal and that point of order is not reflected in the 9-12-19 minutes. Tim said he believes Mr. Medlin is in agreement with him on this. Mr. Medlin spoke up and said let me clarify what I said. Mr. Medlin verified that they were discussing Item # 7 on page 5 at the bottom of the page. Mayor Flynt answered yes. Mr. Medlin read the two sentences: *Tim Jones wanted the Mayor to allow Bill Jones to speak on this matter. The Mayor said this is a matter of Council and there is no Public Hearing to hear from the floor. Mayor Flynt called for a vote to allow citizens from the floor to speak.*

Mr. Medlin said in between these sentence that Mr. Jones did ask for a Point of Order to allow Bill Jones to speak. And at that time Mayor Flynt called for a vote. Tim Jones wanted this reflected in the minutes. At this time Tom Medlin turned back to Tim Jones and ask how he wants the minutes amended. Tim Jones didn't say anything for a minute. Mayor Flynt went back to those sentences and read them again and stated that he did recognize Tim Jones request to allow Bill Jones to speak and he believes that satisfies what Tim Jones is asking for. Tom Medlin asked Tim Jones again if there was other wording, he wanted added or did this satisfy the subject. Tim Jones said, Mr. Medlin I called for a Point of Order to appeal the decision of the chair at that particular point in time so the entire council could vote as to whether or not Bill Jones could speak or not and I don't think the minutes as written accurately reflect that. Mr. Medlin asked again what wording would you suggest to make the minutes correct? Tim Jones said well, Mr. Medlin generally, I am against voting on any minutes until they are written and in draft form in front of all of council. Mayor Flynt said Tim these minutes have been in your file folder since last Friday, that should have been plenty of time to review them. Tom Medlin said he will go back and say the minutes are not a verbatim transcript of what happens, it's a summary. Tom again said Tim if there is something you think needs to changed or added you need to provide it. If you are not able to provide it now then you may want to continue this so you can provide the verbiage to be inserted so next time this comes up it is complete. **Tim Jones then motioned to continue the 9-12-19 Town Council minutes until the November meeting. Mayor Flynt asked for a 2<sup>nd</sup> on Tim's Motion. There was no 2<sup>nd</sup> so the Mayor said due to lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion dies. Mayor Flynt motioned to approve the minutes as written and asked for second. Tim interjected with his motion to continue again. Again, there was no second so his motion died. Mayor Flynt called for a motion to approve again; Thearon Hooks seconded.**

**Vote:**

<b>Mayor Flynt: Yes</b>	<b>Deanna Ragan: Yes</b>
<b>Thearon Hooks: Yes</b>	<b>Tim Jones: No</b>
<b>Frank Bruno: Yes</b>	



**September 25, 2019 Minutes: Frank Bruno motioned to approve as written, John Flynt seconded the motion.**

**Vote:**

<b>Mayor Flynt: Yes</b>	<b>Deanna Ragan: Yes</b>
<b>Thearon Hooks: Yes</b>	<b>Tim Jones: No</b>
<b>Frank Bruno: Yes</b>	

**VI. Public Safety Reports:**

**Guilford County Sheriff's Dept: Sgt Eric Gordan**

In September there were answered 97 calls for service. Many were minor calls such as alarms and minor disorders. There was 1 Major Part 1 Crime which was a commercial burglary where money was taken. There were 5 residential burglaries.

Mayor John Flynt stated we had an incident in one of the neighborhoods where cars were broken into and we have been advised to always lock our cars. Sgt. Gordan indicated 2 vehicle thefts and 3 cars broken into in that neighborhood and the vehicles were recovered in Winston Salem and suspect this was by juveniles. Always lock your cars.

**Stokesdale Fire Dept.: Deputy Chief Randy Southard**

In September there were total of 80 calls and 35 were related to non-rescue (building, vehicle fires, fire alarms, hazardous material fires related to non-rescue and 45 rescue or medical type calls. This is fire prevention week and recommend changing batteries in smoke detectors and make escape plans at your home. Sheriff Dept. Sgt Eric Gordan wanted to commend Stokesdale Fire Dept. with their help in the recent bus crash on Hwy. 68 in the fast response time and the safety of the children.

- VII. Citizen's Comments from the Floor (3-minute Limit per Speaker)** Bill Jones spoke and said he was here tonight as a former Council Member and currently owns property in Stokesdale. He has audio that will erase some of the confusion from last month MBD Proposal and is longer than 3 min. and should be about 10 min. Councilman Frank Bruno ask if the audio had been edited and Bill Jones responded he had one that was 24 min. long. Councilman Frank Bruno stated "then it's been edited". Bill Jones stated "the one that is 24 min. is not edited". Councilman Frank Bruno stated "you have 3 min. so whatever you can play in 3 min." Mayor John Flynt said if he would like to bring his audio into Town Hall, Council would be glad to listen to it and address his concerns. Bill Jones played the audio which had so much interference no one could understand what was being said. Mayor Flynt ask Bill Jones to cut it off after 3 min.

**Steve Kingsbury** feels the break-ins are related to the staffing at Guilford County Sheriff Dept. and as of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> they had 95 vacancies which is 14.5%. He supports 100% our deputies doing their jobs. Mayor Flynt commented there was a change in administration and there were deputies relieved of their duties and others chose to seek other employment. The ones left are working long hard hours. You should voice your complaints and concerns to the Sheriff of Guilford County and call the County Commissioners.

**VIII. New Business:**

- 1. Public Hearing Friddlewood Drive (A): Adopt Resolution of Intent to Abandon Secondary Road 2110 (Friddlewood Drive) as authorized by NCGS 136-63. (B): Adopt an**

**Ordinance and Order to Close Friddlewood Drive, pursuant to NCGS 160A-299.**

Attorney Tom Medlin advised tonight we can only handle (A) Adopt Resolution of Intent to Abandon Secondary Road can be handled as this is required back to the DOT so they can remove it from their State Maintenance System. We will need to wait until DOT has officially taken off of their Secondary Road System. Can handle Public Hearing on the closure of Friddlewood Dr and take public comments on that, just don't take any action on this. You can take action on Resolution and pass that hopefully and have public hearing on the closure of Friddlewood Drive. Matt with Guilford Co. filling in for Oliver Bass presented the case. **Mayor Flynt motioned to Adopt the Resolution based on the fact that it will be in the best interest of the people of the Town of Stokesdale and no property owner would be deprived of reasonable means of egress to their property and there would be no negative impact for maintenance being abandoned. Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.**

**Vote:**

<b>Mayor Flynt: Yes</b>	<b>Deanna Ragan: Yes</b>
<b>Thearon Hooks: Yes</b>	<b>Tim Jones: Yes</b>
<b>Frank Bruno: Yes</b>	

**B. Adopt an Ordinance and Order to Close Friddlewood Drive, pursuant to NCGS 160A-299. Public Hearing to close the road and the land will go back to the owner. No Comments**  
**The vote will continue till the November meeting.**

**Citizens Comments:**

**Patti Stokes** announcements concerning the upcoming Candidates Forum hosted by The Northwest Observer. Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> 6:45 at Stokesdale Elem. School.

**Eileen Thiery** wanted to make a suggestion that the gentleman taping might have the minutes of the meeting **Bill Jones** was talking about. She asks directly if he had this. Don responded he was not sure. Tim Jones stated the meeting date was March 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 and the audio **Bill Jones** has is very clear.

**Randy Brasswell** wanted to introduce himself again. Offered to anyone that would like to contact him regarding his candidacy to feel free to contact him. He wouldn't spend huge bucks to campaign. If he gets a chair there will be no monkey business, no Quid Pro Quo. He will run the town like his business. He supports Stokesdale Fire Dept, PTA and Stokesdale Parks & Rec and Park improvements.

**2. NCDOT has requested that we vote to amend the four attached Speed limit Ordinances to match the changes they have already made. Ordinances 14, 25, 41, and Add Ord.105.**

**Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance #14 speed limit was set Feb.14, 1991 portion of 158 to 55mph and in Nov. 18, 1999 decreased to 45mph. Ordinance #14 is no longer necessary. NCDOT ask us to repeal this.**



John Flynt motioned that we adopt the repeal of Ordinance #14 as requested by NCDOT  
Frank Bruno seconded the motion.

Vote:

Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: Yes
Frank Bruno: Yes	

Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance # 25 set Sept. 27, 1991 regulated the speed limit on a portion of State Road 2104 Spotswood Road and with the changes on 220 that road is no longer Spotswood Road. NCDOT request we repeal this Ordinance.

John Flynt motioned that we Repeal Ordinance #25, Frank Bruno seconded the motion.

Vote:

Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: Yes
Frank Bruno: Yes	

Amendment to Ordinance # 41 to regulate the speed limit within the Town of Stokesdale. On Nov. 18, 1999 which regulated the speed limit of a portion of highway 158 to 50mph. With the changes to highway 220/73 NCDOT has requested Ordinance #41 be amended. This will be at Angel Pardue Rd. to Walter Combs Way be set at 50mph and effective when adopt this Ordinance.

John Flynt motioned that we make these changes as per DOT, Frank Bruno seconded the motion.

Vote:

Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: Yes
Frank Bruno: Yes	

Ordinance #105 to regulate the speed limit within the Town of Stokesdale. This would go back to Spotswood, name changed to Walter Combs Way-5071 will be set at 45mph.

John Flynt motioned to adopt this Ordinance Frank Bruno seconded the motion.

Tom Medlin added this is a new Ordinance, Tim Jones ask 105 being a new Ordinance, Flynt answered yes.

Vote:

Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: Yes
Frank Bruno: Yes	

3. Vote to release \$11,316.25 held in a Performance Guarantee by the Town of Stokesdale, until which time the developer of Moore's Mill met requirements of their engineering design with NCDOT. State Certified the work has been done that was required.

John Flynt motion to release funds back to developer, Frank Bruno seconded the motion.

Tim Jones noted that charges from Attorney Tom Medlin show conference call with Mayor and developer on this matter that he was provide any explanation on this. Atty Tom Medlin

and Mayor denied this took place and Attorney Tom Medlin requested Tim Jones show him this information and Tim Jones did not have this with him and will go back and review this bill and come to a public meeting with any further discussion.

Vote:

Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: No
Frank Bruno: Yes	

#### 4. Public Hearing regarding Amendment to Republic Services Franchise Agreement.

Tony with Republic Services gave reasoning for the increase.

Rated at time of Contract: Disposal \$36.00 Current \$42.00 Cost of Recycle Processing \$20.00 Current \$135.00 Diesel Fuel \$2.45 Current \$3.05 Potential increase was \$2.98 Now \$2.33 There are only 2 towns in the area with weekly recycle. If the customer needs a larger can they can be delivered to them. To go to every other week this will make the roads safer with recycle trucks only being on the road 26 weeks a year instead of 52. This will also cut down on repairs to streets with less traffic.

Mayor Flynt request confirmation on the cost: Present is at \$50.49 and new rate will be \$54.48 with recycle going to bi-weekly. This would be a monthly increase from \$16.83 to \$18.16 Tony confirmed.

**Steve Kingsbury's** complaint on the billing that was made retro July, August & Sept now showing past due and now wanting and increase of 8.5% for less service.

**Eileen Thiery** agrees with the increase and is happy with her trash being picked up. In the last year electric bill and phone bill went up. Everything goes up.

John Flynt advised complaints have been going up and the gentleman working with the Town is no longer with the company. Tony will have a new person assigned to us to check in at the end of the day every Wednesday. Thearon Hooks ask what is the current number of residents being picked up in Stokesdale. Tony advised 1447. Frank Bruno ask if we choose not to agree to every other week what would be the price per month. Tony advised \$19.16 as to the price of \$18.16 for every other week.

**Frank Bruno** motioned to approve the second amendment; **John Flynt** seconded the motion to approve the second amendment to the Franchise Ordinance and Agreement for Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Service as presented.

Tim Jones ask of Attorney Tom Medlin reviewed both? Atty Tom Medlin advised yes. Tim Jones ask if he went line by line item? Atty Tom Medlin advised no. Tim Jones stated this is not a cut & dry contract, there are stipulations in the contract to allow Public Waste to make adjustments due to cost. John Flynt advised Republic did present a power point at the last meeting to show justification of the price increase. Atty Tom Medlin stated he did request the original contract and reviewed materials on the changes and he drafted the second amendment Franchise Ordinance and Agreement Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Service based on the original contract and where they were requesting modifications. The rest will remain the same.

Atty Tom Medlin repeated the motion that the Mayor had stated to approve the second amendment to the Franchise Ordinance and Agreement for Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Services as presented.



Vote:

Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: Yes
Frank Bruno: Yes	

**5. Vote to adopt Roberts Rules for future Agendas and Meetings**

John Flynt made the motion to formally adopt Roberts Rules of order, Thearon Hooks seconded the motion and ask when would this be in effect. Atty Tom Medlin advised would be effective immediately.

Tim Jones ask if he had questions about Roberts Rules can he ask him directly. Atty Tom Medlin advised yes. Tim Jones ask if there is a smaller version for small towns like Stokesdale. Frank Bruno offered cheat sheets, Tim Jones stated this is not what he is asking for and he wants to postpone this until there is something in a shortcut method for small towns. Atty Medlin advised there is not such an option.

Vote:

Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: No
Frank Bruno: Yes	

**6. Vote to hire Peter Dealing to fill in as our Water Operator in Charge when Gary Matchunis needs a personal day.**

John Flynt presented this person will be a fill in when Gary is sick or vacation and would be paid the same hourly rate of \$20.60 as we pay Gary but as needed. He has an A-Distribution and a B-Well Certificate and been with Aqua since Jan. 1994.

John Flynt motioned we employ Peter Dealing on an as needed bases under the supervision under Gary Matchunis as a part-time Water Operator, Thearon Hooks second the motion.

Tim Jones ask if working under Gary Matchunis Certification, John Flynt advised no, he has his own certification. Tim Jones ask if this is satisfactory with DENR and John Flynt stated Mike Painter stated this is satisfactory and discussed via phone call with Town Clerk Alisa Houk and Mike Painter. Tim Jones wants something in writing from Gary Matchunis that this person can work under his supervision and John Flynt advised Gary Matchunis recommended this person. Tim Jones made a substitute motion to continue until Atty Medlin reviews Gary Matchunis contract, John Flynt second this motion. Thearon Hooks said we will call Gary Matchunis tomorrow and get this approval and then call a special call meeting should something come up as this person would be needed before the November meeting.

Vote:

Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: Yes
Frank Bruno: Yes	

**7. Discuss and vote on proposal from One Step Computer Solutions to set the Town computers up on Direct Cloud Backup.**

Frank Bruno motioned to accept One Step Computer Solution's proposal to set up the Town Computers on Direct Cloud Backup for all our computers at Town Hall, John Flynt seconded the motion. Frank Bruno stated we do have our Quick Books and that is backed up however we would need for the whole system and this would be a yearly contract \$875.00 with tax \$934.06 but we do get the tax money back. Tim Jones said we previously had back up to the Cloud. Frank Bruno stated only back up was to the hard drive on one computer in house, never to the Cloud. Tim Jones ask if we have been working without back up to the Cloud for all these years? Frank Bruno, yes.

Vote:

Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: Yes
Frank Bruno: Yes	

8. Blaney Electric proposal for changing out lighting in old Shelter # 1 to same as shelter #2, add light switch, move electrical outlet down.

Frank Bruno presented stating there is no cut off switch at the shelter and has to be accessed within the Concession Building. Full cost to be between \$1940.00 & \$2170.00 and will be more energy efficient LED lights.

Frank Bruno motioned to move forward with this with a maximum of no more than \$2500.00 to get these lights installed and switch installed, Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.

Tim Jones is afraid we will encourage people to hang out in park when we don't want them to and if power is not shut off anyone can use the lights and receptacles. Frank Bruno advised to be able to access for late practices and games and be able to charge phones. Tim Jones ask if a homeless person decides to set up homestead there will we be calling Blaney back to make changes and install tamper proof devises. John Flynt advised we do have security cameras that would see this and the Sheriff's Dept. would be called and see this on cameras.

Vote:

Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: No
Frank Bruno: Yes	

9. Discuss and vote on Planning Board members position changes.

Frank Bruno presented and stated this was Alisa's time to discuss (she is absent sick). In the packets it has the Current Planning Board Members and the dates of their terms.

To be continued until November Meeting

10. Reconfirm Stokesdale Planning Board Rules of Procedure

Frank Bruno presented with discussion of Rules for Terms allowed, Chairman, Vice Chairman and Planning Board Members. This is to go back to the original rules and procedures.

Frank Bruno ask Atty Medlin if we need to vote to go from 7 members to 5 since current rules state up to 5. Atty Medlin stated we do need to put something in the minutes stating this.

Tim Jones motioned to approve Bruce Angel to the Planning Board. Frank Bruno seconded the motion.



Mark Nadel stated the appointment is to be based on the attendance and what is his in comparison to the others. Also, if he has completed his training. Frank Bruno withdrew his second.

Tim Jones changed his motion to approve Bruce Angel to the Planning Board upon completion of the trainings. No Second / Motion died and Tim Jones requested this be noted in the minutes. John Flynt ask if we will hold the position until the next meeting? Frank Bruno did give info that the training needed to be completed by 1/1/2020.

John Flynt motioned to continue until November Meeting to appoint the 5<sup>th</sup> member.

Frank Bruno seconded the motion

Vote:

Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: Yes
Frank Bruno: Yes	

**11. Reconfirm Town of Stokesdale Ordinance Article IX, Administration, Section 9-1 through Sec 9-8.**

Tim Jones motioned under Article #9 of our Town Charter specially section 9-2 The Planning Board 9-2.2 starting with Membership that we confirm the Planning Board will consist of 5 members and any alternates considered by Council. Frank Bruno second motion.

Vote:

Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: Yes
Frank Bruno: Yes	

**12. Vote to make change to the Agenda Policy wording.**

John Flynt this is just a formal written Policy that we have be doing. This is to state that if something is added to the Agenda during the Council Meeting this will be up for discussion only. Also, any Agenda item would need to be received by the staff no later than Friday 2pm prior to the meeting.

Deanna Ragan motioned to approve the Revision Draft any Agenda item would need to be received by the staff no later than Friday 2pm prior to the meeting, Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.

This is to have documentation on record that there will be no vote during the meeting for items at the meeting. Tim Jones ask Atty Medlin if he can get a confirmation it was received. Atty Medlin advised can request this on email.

Vote:

Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: No
Frank Bruno: Yes	

**13. Review "minimal cost" charges for reproduction per NCGS 132-1(b)**

Discussion as to the price per copy being \$.25. Tim Jones stated most towns are at \$.10 and our cost is too high and he feels we are not following the Statue. Atty Tom Medlin there are other provisions when there are large quantities needed and it is up to the Town to determine the cost and not to make a profit. He gave example: Clerk of Court and Resister

of Deeds the fee is \$1.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> page and \$.25 for every copy their after. The Mayor Flynt advised when considering the cost, you have to consider cost of paper, ink, copier and staff time.

Tim Jones motioned we reduce the cost of a single sided from \$.25 to \$.10 and we reduce the cost of CDs from \$5.00 to \$2.00. NO second/ motion dies for lack of second.

IX. Old Business:

1. Vote to release Performance Bond moneys back to Keystone. (Berm has been completed). John Flynt motioned to continue to November until a confirmation from Oliver Bass on conflicting statements in his report. Tim Jones seconded the motion

Vote:

Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: Yes
Frank Bruno: Yes	

2. Vote to approved revised Attorney Access Policy as Revised by the Town Attorney.

John Flynt ask for Mr. Medlin to revise this Policy. Mr. Medlin wrote the Policy.

John Flynt motioned we adopt the Policy Mr. Medlin has recommended and for the Town of Stokesdale Attorney Access Policy, Thearon Hook seconded the motion.

Tim Jones stated he feels Mr. Medlin is not hearing him and feels he has a right on the statue to have access to the Atty Medlin. Also, he rejects to information being withheld from him and he is part of the Board. He asks Atty Medlin if he feels he could defend this in Court and both parts of this is legal. Atty Medlin stated "yes". He presented this as all have access to him without going thru a Staff Member or the Mayor, but come directly to him. He will respond to all Council Members with the appropriate response. And there may be limited situations he fells may not be appropriate at that time to respond to all, but will advise Council at that moment however, he will notify all Council he had been ask a question and by who and when he responded to that question. He drafted this as such and feels this is fair to all Council Members. Tim Jones said thank you for addressing my questions. John Flynt commented there may be a number of items that cannot be responded to as then this would become Public Record. Atty Medlin stated for matters that should not be Public Record to put in the subject line this is a Non Public Record and this would be like a Closed Session Meeting.

Vote:

Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: No
Frank Bruno: Yes	



3. Approve 2019-2020 Budget Amendment to increase Budget for Attorney's fees by an additional \$25,000. And Increase Lawn & Outdoor Maintenance by \$ 28,000.

Atty Medlin request we state where the money came from that increased the Attorney's fees that was approved last month by \$25,000. This was transferred from Suntrust to Fidelity General Fund and will go to the Emergency Fund in the amount of \$53,000.00. \$25,000.00 for the increase in Legal Fees and \$28,000.00 for the contract with Yates Construction for the drainage work from the road to the end of the culvert. Both of the expenditures were approved by the Town Council. John Flynt motioned we adopt this Budget Ordinance Amendment dated October 10, 2019 for \$53,000.00, Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

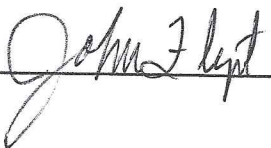
Mayor Flynt: Yes	Deanna Ragan: Yes
Thearon Hooks: Yes	Tim Jones: No
Frank Bruno: Yes	

4. Discuss responsibilities of Council members regarding keys and access codes to the building. General Comment by Mayor John Flynt is that one of the privileges that Members of Council has when you are elected and sworn in, they are given a Master Key to the building and a personal access code to the security system to have direct access for after hours. This is a responsibility to carry those keys with us to be able to lock the door and engage the security system. This was discussion only and no vote was taken.

- X. Board & Administrative Report: Financials presented by Thearon Hooks
- XI. Announcements given by Frank Bruno: Events Committee had the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration few weeks ago and would like to thank all our Sponsors; Vulcan, Culp, Forbis and Dick, Bi-Rite, all the vendors that came out, all the volunteers, staff here, Stokesdale Fire Dept. for bringing the truck out, the kids loved it and Northwest Observer for some great pictures. Also, Friends of Stokesdale for Mural and Clock Dedication downtown. Farmers Market Tuesday night 4-7pm thru Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, Tree Lighting Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm, and the Christmas Parade Dec.12<sup>th</sup> 2pm. Events Committee meeting next Tuesday at 4pm. Sponsor Applications available out front and will be mailed out also.
- XII. Closing Comments from Council; Tim Jones: Thank you to remaining 5 people left at 10:20pm and he is disappointed in rest of the Council for voting for this Atty Access Policy. Has respect for Atty Medlin as an attorney even though they disagree. Frank Bruno: Thank all who came out and thank you Mr. Medlin for the work, thanks to Priscilla for filling in for Alisa this week. Everyone to come out and vote. Deanna Ragan: No comments at this time. Thearon Hooks: Again, thank you Mr. Medlin and Priscilla as the Clerk is acutely ill. Thank everyone for coming. John Flynt: Reference Roberts Rules to Order is most recognized by a large percentage on how to hold and conduct meeting and maintain order. This is about the 3<sup>rd</sup> time he has seen Tim Jones criticize Mr. Medlin, referencing he thought we had a backdoor meeting and he didn't uphold or we didn't have to follow Public Record Rules. Mr. Medlin is Town Attorney for the City of Eden and comes highly recommended by his peers. I appreciate his honesty and integrity. Thanks to all for coming. Everybody needs to study the issues and come to the Forum. Be an informed voter.

- XIII. Adjournment: John Flynt motioned to adjourn, Tim Jones seconded, all yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:25pm

Minutes Approved in January 9, 2020 Town Council meeting.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk