



**MINUTES
TOWN OF STOKESDALE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
8325 ANGEL PARDUE ROAD
STOKESDALE, NC 27357
OCTOBER 21, 2021 AT 7:00PM**

Members present were: Mayor John Flynt, Mayor Pro-Tem Thearon Hooks, Council Members: Jim Landreth, Derek Foy, Jim Rigsbee, and Town Clerk Dale Martin.

1. Call To Order.

Mayor John Flynt called the meeting to order.

2. Consideration of proposal for the purchase of new computer/software.

Councilman Jim Rigsbee explained that a new computer is need for the new position, to replace the one used in the Council Chambers and one for the Clerk for taking minutes during the meetings.

Town Clerk Dale Martin asked that a monitor be added to the TCS proposal for the new position since the Finance and Budget Officer needs to keep the large monitor she is currently using.

Councilman Foy stated that a new desk will also be needed for the new position since there is nothing suitable at Town Hall. He suggested the Council approve a spending limit up to a certain amount since we don't know what the exact amount is at this time. He suggested an amount of \$6,000 to cover all expenditures.

Councilman Derek Foy made a **Motion** to approve an expenditure up to \$6,000 to cover computer equipment/installation and desk needed for Staff at Town Hall. Councilman Jim Rigsbee seconded the motion and the vote was all for and motion carried.

3. Personnel and Staffing: Closed Session in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11: (a) Permitted purposes: It is the policy of this State that Closed Sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:

(6a) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an

individual public officer or employee or perspective public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualification, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.

Mayor Flynt stated that the Council does not need to go into Closed Session as this item can be discussed in Open Session.

Councilman Foy updated the Council on his discussions with the North Carolina League of Municipalities regarding providing a health insurance policy for town employees. He stated that he could not get a firm quote until we know the birthdates of all employees. He stated that insurance was budgeted for in this year's budget.

Councilman Foy then made a **Motion** that the Town of Stokesdale hire Robin Yount for the position of Assistant/Deputy Town Clerk at a salary of \$45,000 per year and that affective January 1, 2022 that the Town pay up to \$1,000 for insurance until such time the Town obtains coverage for employees. The hire date will be November 8, 2021. Mayor Pro Tem Hooks seconded the motion.

Mayor Flynt stated that he spoke with Chief Gauldin regarding individual policies for the Fire Department and was concerned that \$1,000 might be too much. The Council discussed different methods of structuring the payment with the employee paying a portion vs town paying full cost. It was noted that the Town will also be joining the NC State Retirement System which was also budgeted for in this year's budget.

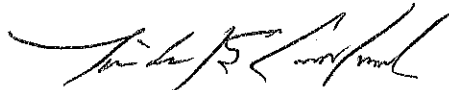
Vote was all for and motion carried.

4. Adjournment.

Mayor Pro Tem Hooks made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Flynt seconded the motion and the vote was all for and motion carried.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Approved: November 9, 2021, amended & approved 1-13-2021.



John Flynt, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dale Martin, Town Clerk