

TOWN OF STOKESDALE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL
8325 Angel Pardue Road
STOKESDALE, NC 27357
September 20, 2018

I. Call to Order: Mayor John Flynt

II. Invocation: Frank Bruno

III. Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Mayor John Flynt

IV. Review and Adopt Agenda: Mayor Flynt asked to table New Business Item # 1 until 9/25/2018. Mayor Flynt also asked to table Old Business # 4. Until November. And last Mayor Flynt ask to move Old Business #7. Update on Feasibility Study to Number 1 New Business. Mayor Flynt motioned to adopt the Agenda with the changes. Frank Bruno 2nd motion. Vote:

V. Approval of Minutes:

July 12, 2018 – Frank Bruno motioned to approve. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion.

Vote: Tim Jones – Nay, Bill Jones – Nay, Frank Bruno -Yes, Thearon Hooks – Yes, Mayor John Flynt – Yes. Minutes approved.

July 18, 2018 – Thearon Hooks motioned to approve. Mayor John Flynt 2nd motion.

Vote: Tim Jones – Nay, Bill Jones-Yes, Frank Bruno – Yes, Mayor John Flynt – Yes, Thearon Hooks – Yes. Minutes approved.

August 9, 2018 – Frank Bruno motioned to approve. John Flynt 2nd the motion.

Vote: Tim Jones-Nay, Bill Jones-Nay, Frank Bruno- Yes, Thearon Hooks- Yes, Mayor John Flynt – Yes. Minutes approved.

VI. Citizen's Comments from the floor (3-minute limit per Speaker)

Eileen Thiery: Just wanted to up council on projects, Clock meeting went well with Stacy Dickerson. Eileen, Vicki, and Frank met with the him and he had picked out the same clock that she and the group had picked. Mr. Dickerson has given them the cost, she is willing to donate part of the money in memory of her husband because he loved Stokesdale.

Vickie White-Lawrence: Spoke on behalf of the League of Women Voters. I am attaching her notes to the minutes.

VII. Public Safety Reports

Sheriff's Dept: Sgt. Popek reported that District 1 had a total of 598 service calls in the month of August. 18 - Part 1 crimes were reported in District 1, 3 of those were in Stokesdale. Crime is down 40%

Fire Department: Chief Gauldin reported that Between 8/1 and 8/31 Stokesdale FD made 72 service calls, 29 fire calls and 43 medical calls. Chief Gauldin just wanted to remind everyone that with the bad weather to be mindful of generators, chain saws, electrical lines. Equipment used in removal of debris and repairs.

VIII: Monthly Financial Report: Mr. Pulliam: **General Fund** Checking \$ 83,513.40, General Fund Saving \$713,198.20, Profit and Loss versus Budget: Total Income: \$ 44,323.66. Capital Outlays \$ 16,000.00. Undesignated Funds \$ 54,704.65. **Water Enterprise Fund:** Total checking and savings \$ 762,496.38. **Water and Sewer Fund** Checking and Savings \$ 819,833.28. Total Water Sales \$ 93,904.00. Profit and Loss Total Expenses \$ 39,393.49

IX. New Business:

1. Presentation and Proposal by Tim Greene of S & ME for Washout and Inspection of the Elevated Water Tank. Tabled until 9/25/2018 Special Called Town Council Meeting.

2. Review and discussion of Proposal sent in by Charlie McGougan, MBD Consulting Engineers for Washout, Inspection and painting of Elevated Water Tank. Tim Jones motioned to approve MBD's proposal of \$13,600.00 to provide engineering services, bidding, construction, and engineering inspection services, pending Mr. Bain's review and approval of the contract. Bill seconded the motion. **Vote:** Tim Jones – Yes; Bill Jones – Yes; Thearon Hooks – No; Frank Bruno – No, and Mayor Flynt – No.

3. Review qualifications of Gary Matchunis, Certified Water Operator for the ORC/Lab Technician position. (our previous water tech) Council discussed rehiring Gary Matchunis, Mayor Flynt said after we placed the job opportunity with three different companies, Gary Matchunis called said he saw the add on the NCRWA site. Gary said his circumstances had changed and his hours allow him to be more available and he is still interested in the position. Mayor Flynt and Thearon Hooks met with Gary. Gary has all the license required. After discussion Tim suggested contacting PACE Labs as far as he knows Pace is just a Lab. It was decided to wait get a written proposal from Gary Matchunis and Envirolink. And look at them as well R and A Labs. And look at all three.

4. Review/discuss reconsidering Mark Nadel's application to be appointed to the Planning Board Frank Bruno motioned to approve Mark Nadel's application to be appointed to the Planning Board as an alternate, pending his Planning Board training. Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.

Vote: Tim Jones- No; Bill Jones- No, Thearon Hooks- Yes, Frank Bruno – Yes, Mayor Flynt – Yes.

5. Thearon wants to share an update from DOT on traffic issues on Belews Creek Road (Hwy 65) Thearon said after discussions in the last month or so from citizens regarding the increase in traffic and speed limits on Hwy 65 beyond Oak Level Church Road, spoke with DOT and the Highway Patrol. He has received a response from DOT. Thearon explained to him how much growth is taking place along that highway and how traffic has increased, how many large trucks are now traveling along that road, and with housing growth more school buses are stopping along there. The gentleman from DOT was not aware of the increased growth and traffic. He told Thearon that he would speak with his people and they would do a study in the coming weeks and be back in touch with him about what they can do to make the area safer.

X. Old Business:

1. Approval of a couple of minor changes to the Dry Tap fee Letter. Council agreed without a vote to remove the last sentence in the last paragraph as there will be no future bills unless the citizen decides to hook onto the water system. And agreed to eliminate the last sentence in the second paragraph as there will not be a connection fee for those who have paid their \$3902.00 in full.
2. Discussion of termination of Jani-King Contract at December expiration Frank Bruno motioned to terminate the Jani King contract at its expiration in December. Mayor Flynt second the motion.

Vote: 5-0 to terminate in December.

3. Discuss hiring ABS Janitorial to replace Jani-King in December Frank Bruno motioned to hire ABS Janitorial in December to replace Jani King. Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.

Vote: Tim Jones –No; Bill Jones, Thearon Hooks, Frank Bruno and Mayor Flynt votes yes to hire ABS.

4. Discuss tying the dead-end water lines on Lester Rd. Tabled until October or November meeting.
5. Set Public Hearing Date for Development Ordinance to eliminate RS-30, require minimum lot size to be 1 acre (RS-40). After discussion with Town Attorney John Bain, Mayor Flynt motioned to set date for open discussion on RS-30/RS-40 for the October meeting. Frank Bruno seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0 to hold a discussion on RS-30/RS40.

5. Set Public Hearing Date for revisions to Development Ordinance 5-13.6 D – Utility Easements Distance requirement from Town Water lines to new construction. Mayor Flynt motioned to hold an open discussion. Frank Bruno seconded the motion.

Vote 5-0 for October 11, 2018.

6. **Mayor Flynt update on Timmons Group/Feasibility Study meeting.** If we have the presentation in hand in time will set a date to give a presentation. Timmons Group has sent us a notebook outlining the entire set of meetings along with a flash drive of the audio from the Public Meeting. This is available in Town Hall we can make copies of the paperwork and provide if a citizen would like to provide a flash drive we can copy the Towns flash drive to it. We will also make this available on our website.

XI. Committee and Board Reports:

1. **Committee/Board Reports:** Frank Bruno said the events committee met on 9/11/18 and decided that the Christmas tree lighting would be December 1, 2018 and the Christmas Parade will be held December 9, 2018. We have sent a letter to DOT requesting the road closings. They will be contacting the Sheriffs dept. for traffic and will be ordering the barrel barricades and port-a-lets.

Paving plans and building of the new shelter have been delayed due to the hurricane

The school sign is under construction footings have been poured weather has slowed it down as well.

The 9/11 ceremony went really well and had good attendance. George McLellan and State Senator Trudy Wade joined us for the ceremony.

2. Departmental and Administrative Report – Town Clerk

Phone Calls: 346

Visitors: 313

Mail processed: 541 pieces

Meters sold: 11

Processed 64 811's

Work Orders Processed: 25

Facility Rentals: 2

Bills Mailed: 581

Water Payments posted: 777

Received our old water pump back from Procom. They found nothing wrong with the pump other than suggesting that we replace the diaphragm, which we did. The charge was \$ 286.84 for the bench test and diaphragm replacement.

Met with Corporate Rep from Envirolink to hear what they have to offer us as far as ORC and lab services.

Obtained my Notary Public Certification

Auto-flushers are here and ready for Yates Construction to install.

Winston Salem gave us a hydrant meter to connect to the flushers to monitor our water usage

All of the OSHA and No Trespassing signs came in and have been installed.

We are in our second pay period with our new payroll company and all is going well with them.

We did place our water operator add with Gov HR, Listserv, and NCRWA and NCDENR

The Town Policies approved at the last meeting has been typed up and placed in the Policy manual

We will finalize the Dry Tap Letter over the next week and get those in the mail.

Attended the Timmons Group meeting with Council

Auditor has come in and begun to collect items they require to perform our annual audit.

XII. Citizen Comments from the Floor (3 Minute Limit per Speaker) No comments

XIII. Closing Comments by Council

Tim Jones Thanked the four citizens that stayed for the entire meeting.

Bill Jones wanted to ask everyone to keep everyone down east in their thoughts and prayers. He also wanted to thank all of our First Responders and our Military Troops overseas.

Frank Bruno said he wants to reiterate Bill's thoughts. He also asked to keep all of the people and First Responders in our prayers. He said he would like to thank everyone that came to the 9/11 Ceremony. He likes to think of the 9/11 memorials now as a celebration of lives of the first responders and others and what they did that day. He looks back at as let's celebrate their lives. Again he thanks everyone who attended the 9/11 ceremony.

Thearon Hooks said he can only mirror what Bill and Frank have already said tonight there is no amount of time or money that will bring back what has been lost. It is very sobering for everybody. We are Carolina Strong. We will keep going and he thanked the sergeant from the sheriffs dept. for his services.

Mayor Flynt said his only comments Mayor Flynt has is to mention that they have picked up a couple of new volunteers for the Opioid Committee. He apologized for himself and Thearon not doing more this past week for the committee but they have been tied up with the hurricane and the pipe damage on Hwy 158. He told Vicki White-Lawrence they would get up with her the next week and set a meeting time

XIV. Announcements:

1. The next Ordinance Review Committee Meeting is Tuesday October16, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall
2. The next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2018 at 7:00p.m. at Town Hall.
3. Stokesdale Radio is on the Air. Councilman Frank Bruno is hosting. Tune in the Second Wednesday of each month at 11:00AM Rockingham Radio WMYM 1420.

Adjourned: September 20, 2018 at 9:20PM

Alisa Houk Town Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved _____

Mayor John Flynt