



**MINUTES
OPEN SESSION
TOWN OF STOKESDALE
SPECIAL CALLED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
8325 ANGEL PARDUE ROAD
STOKESDALE, NC 27357
SEPTEMBER 02, 2021 @ 5 PM**

Members present were: Mayor John Flynt, Mayor Pro-Tem Thearon Hooks, Council Members: Jim Landreth, Derek Foy, Jim Rigsbee, and Deputy Clerk Priscilla Hunsucker. Town Attorney Tom Medlin attended via Zoom.

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

Mayor John Flynt called the meeting to order and Councilman Jim Rigsbee led the Pledge of Allegiance and delivered the Invocation.

2. Citizen's Comments from the Floor (3-minute Limit Per Speaker)

None presented.

3. Discussion on Land Acquisition of property on Athens Road.

Mayor Flynt stated that we did not advertise this meeting as a closed session and asked the Town Attorney if the Council could go into closed session to discuss this matter. Mr. Tom Medlin, Town Attorney explained that if Council is simply going to accept or reject the offer then that was an open session matter. However, if Council wants to discuss the details, then a closed session is permitted.

Mayor John Flynt made a **Motion** to enter into Closed Session at 5:05 PM for the purpose of discussion land acquisition matters as permitted by the NCGS.

§ 143-318.11. Closed sessions. (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:

(5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.

Councilman Jim Rigsbee seconded the motion.

Vote in Favor: Councilman Rigsbee, Councilman Foy, Councilman Landreth, Mayor Pro Tem Hooks and Mayor Flynt.

Vote in opposition: None

Motion carried.

Reconvened in Open Session

Mayor Flynt made a **Motion** to reconvene in Open Session at 5:51 PM. Councilman Foy seconded the motion.

Vote in Favor: Councilman Rigsbee, Councilman Foy, Councilman Landreth, Mayor Pro Tem Hooks and Mayor Flynt.

Vote in opposition: None

Motion carried.

Councilman Foy made a **Motion** to accept the offer to purchase land at 7901 Athens Road, Stokesdale, NC in the amount of \$214,000 with a closing date of September 30, 2021.

Councilman Jimmy Landreth asked for an **amendment** to the Motion to designate \$100,000 be paid from the parks budget.

Councilman Foy agreed to the amendment. Councilman Rigsbee seconded the motion.

Mayor Flynt expressed his concern with this purchase that Council had agreed to \$205,000 as our best offer. He noted the offer is \$24,000 more than appraised value. Councilman Foy acknowledged the Mayor's concern and stated that he was not sure what the property is actually worth but pointed out that this is a unique piece of property adjacent to Town Hall and our park and believes it to be a good investment for the Town.

Councilman Rigsbee stated that he agrees with Councilman Foy and stated that he hoped the Council could move forward as a group on this matter.

Vote in Favor: Councilman Rigsbee, Councilman Foy, Councilman Landreth.

Vote in Opposition: Mayor Pro Tem Hooks and Mayor Flynt.

Motion carried.

Town Attorney Tom Medlin asked for a motion to authorize Councilman Jim Rigsbee to sign on behalf of the Town.

Councilman Derek Foy made a **Motion** to authorize Councilman Jim Rigsbee to sign on behalf of the Town of Stokesdale in regarding to this purchase of land at 7901 Athens Road.

Councilman Jimmy Landreth seconded the motion.

Vote in Favor: Councilman Rigsbee, Councilman Foy, Councilman Landreth, Mayor Pro Tem Hooks and Mayor Flynt.

Vote in opposition: None

Motion carried.

4. Adjournment.

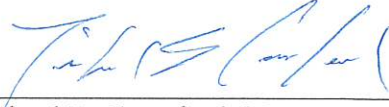
Mayor Flynt made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Landreth seconded the motion.

Vote in Favor: Councilman Rigsbee, Councilman Foy, Councilman Landreth, Mayor Pro Tem Hooks and Mayor Flynt.

Vote in opposition: None
Motion carried.


Being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Approved: May 12, 2022



Michael E. Crawford, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dale F. Martin, Town Clerk