



**TOWN OF STOKESDALE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING via ZOOM
8325 ANGEL PARDUE ROAD
STOKESDALE, NC 27357
February 11, 2021 AT 7:00PM**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Flynt, Thearon Hooks, Derek Foy, Jimmy Landreth, Jim Rigsbee, Clerk: Alisa Houk, Deputy Clerk: Priscilla Hunsucker, Finance Officer: Kim Thacker, Town Attorney: Tom Medlin, Planner: Oliver Bass

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Flynt called the meeting to order at 7:04PM
- II. **Review and Adopt the Agenda:** Mayor Flynt motioned to move Wright Archer, NCDOT up to speak before the Board and Administrative Report. And to move # 3. Under New Business Finance Officer's request for Budget Amendments up to talk about them during the Financial Report. If there are no other changes, approve the agenda. **Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.**

VOTE:

John Flynt	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Thearon Hooks	AYE	Jimmy Landreth	AYE
Jim Rigsbee	AYE		

- III. **Review and Approve Minutes: August 13, Sept. 8, Sept. 10, Oct 8, Oct. 26, Nov. 12, Nov. 19, 2020.** Mayor Flynt asked if it was okay with Council to vote on adoption of all listed minutes in one vote. No one objected. **Derek Foy motioned to approve August 13, Sept. 8, Sept. 10, Oct 8, Oct. 26, Nov. 12, Nov. 19, 2020 minutes as written. Mayor Flynt seconded the motion.**

VOTE:

John Flynt	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Thearon Hooks	AYE	Jimmy Landreth	AYE
Jim Rigsbee	AYE		

Mayor Flynt introduced and recognized Wright Archer, District 7 Engineer for NCDOT. Mr. Archer addressed the questions and concerns regarding the widening of Hwy 65/Hwy 68. Mr. Archer said that after a review of the studies it was determined that at this time there was not enough traffic on this part of Hwy 65 and Hwy 68 to warrant a 4-lane highway. Mayor Flynt started the conversation by saying he thinks what happened was several citizens including himself were sent letter (basically ads for legal services) from a Stan Abrams, Attorney from an eminent domain Lawyer Firm. Based on information that came out in December about the Hwy 65/68 project trying to solicit representation. We have had several calls from people along these highways that received letters including himself. Mr. Archer explained, NCDOT's R-5823 recently began the design phase after being suspended for almost two years because of budget constraints. The project proposes road improvements along approximately 2-miles of highway beginning at N.C. 65 intersection in Stokesdale to where it ties in with N.C. 68, and then running

north until the two highways split off. Once the final design is approved, DOT will begin acquiring rights of way for the project, with construction tentatively scheduled to begin in the spring of 2023. Some have mistaken R-5823 for R-2577, which was to be the Hwy 158 Bypass which is at least another 15 years out. There are things that will need to be upgraded on NC 68 and NC 65 before the Hwy 158 bypass. Also, the original Hwy 158 Bypass had called for four-lane roads, but after traffic studies it has been found that four-lane highway will not be necessary there is not enough traffic to warrant it. Mr. Archer assured everyone that they will keep us informed as things move along and when necessary will have meetings the Town and the Citizens before any measures are taken.

IV. Board & Administrative Report:

Administrative Report from Town Clerk: Alisa gave admin report will attached to minutes.

Planning Board: Tim Jones was not present to give a report.

Events Committee had nothing to report.

Property Committee: Jim Rigsbee/Jimmy Landreth: Jimmy Landreth – reported that he has someone coming in first of the week to look at the broken toilet in one of the men’s park bathrooms. He is looking to order a toilet paper holder to replace one broken in another men’s room at the park. He has looked at the Park Information sign and the way it is constructed he is going to have to take it down to measure and order the cork board and plexiglass replacements. We also need to replace one of the locks on the first men’s restroom in the park. It is hanging up and someone could get locked in.

V. Financials: Kim Thacker – gave the financials I will attach to minutes.

Proposed Budget Amendments from the Finance Officer: Kim started with the General Fund Budget Amendments: Copies of these requested amendments will be attached to minutes.

Kim said she spoke with our Town Auditor Rex Rouse this past week, and because she needed clarification on how to treat the Cares Act money which totals \$ 53,670. She said Rex Rouse was very helpful in how to allocate this money. She said she will not go line by line, but you will see in the Miscellaneous Revenue, we have got to do that for the Cares Act money. Repairs and Maintenance, the new HVAC unit has pushed us to the limit in that category. If you look at this list, you will see that we are closed to hitting our budget limit on a few of these. Kim went through several of the items and explained why she was asking for the changes written. Mayor Flynt asked why we did not use the 60/40 split with the Cares Act money like we did other items in the Budget. Derek answered that the COVID-19 Cars Aid money was to cover four large expenditures or those expenditures only one fell under the shared expenses. Mayor Flynt said he understands that but it you look back at the \$15,000 overhead reimbursement that you are going to put in the General Fund, this year we are going to put \$ 144,791 from the Water Enterprise Fund into the General Fund. We did that based on the split. We did that on office equipment purchase and repair, housekeeping printing office supplies, and software quite a few things expensed out. The Mayor said it just looks like to him we would use that same formula for getting revenue in. Derek said but the revenue is being ties directly to expenditures made during the COVID-19. Those expenditures had to be proved to Guilford County. Derek said if this were just money coming into us that was tied to direct expenses he would agree with the Mayor. This money was given to us as reimbursement for expenses incurred due to Covid-19. **Derek Foy motioned to approve the General Fund Budget Amendments as presented to Council by the Finance Officer Kim Thacker. Jim Rigsbee seconded the motion.**

VOTE:

John Flynt	No	Derek Foy	AYE
Thearon Hooks	No	Jimmy Landreth	AYE

Jim Rigsbee	AYE		
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Kim Thacker continued to the Water Enterprise Budget Amendment Request: Kim began with increasing the Backflow revenue to \$ 5600 which matches last years. Investment income she would like to increase by \$1000 as we are already almost at \$4000. Tap and Connection Fees we are already at \$27,000 so she is asking to increase another \$10,000. Late Fees she is asking for a reduction of \$ 9450 based on the fact we have only taken in \$ 800 so far YTD. And with the COVID-19 restrictions on collections she does not for see us being able to collect as much as years past. Capacity Fees based on YTD actuals she would like to increase another \$2250. Miscellaneous revenue is the Water Enterprise Fund portion of the COVID-19 Care Acts revenue. Water purchases based on YTD she would like to increase another \$ 25,000. Engineering & Infrastructure Council did approve \$ 85,000 for Hazen and Sawyer and we are about \$ 31,000 YTD and expecting around \$54,000 to finish. She is leaving a \$5,000 cushion. She feels like we need to drop office expenses by \$2500. Postage she is asking for a drop to \$ 1500. Kim said she does know that we might need to look at this and figure out some things on it, but she feels we need to reduce it.

Reduce it to \$1500. Mayor Flynt said he has a question on that because we are sending out a little over 600 water bills a month at .35 cents per bill that comes to \$ 213 per month times 12 months \$2566 a year. Kim answered okay but she thinks the Pitney Bowes machine is being used for other mailings in addition to water bills. We pay a rental fee for the machine; we have had two refills this pas month. She is assuming that the machine is being used for both water and general fund mailing. She said if we are going to be precise about differentiating between water and general then she is going to have to have a report each month which means Alisa or Priscilla are going to have to notate every time they use the machine. Alisa spoke in and said we can do that. The Salaries has slightly reduced this year. The only thing in the salaries is Gary's salary. We need to increase Chlorinator Maintenance by \$2000. Water line/Meter Installation/Gen Repair we ca reduce by \$13,000. We need to increase Cap. Reserve by \$32,350 to match YTD. The other items are shared expenses with General Fund that need to be amended. Mayor Flynt said under Tap and Connection Fee Revenue if we have already received \$ 27,000 YTD for seven months, we are getting ready to go into the busy season. He thinks we should take this up to \$ 40,000. Derek said if we make that change what we would do is decrease the amount budgeted and we need to balance it. Mayor Flynt said we can transfer it to Capital Reserve Fund if nothing else. You know we are going to get more than \$3000 dollars in Tap fees before the end of June. Derek said increasing to \$40,000 makes sense does he want to offset by increasing Contract Operations by \$ 10,000.

Derek Foy motioned to approve the Water Enterprise Fund Budget Amendments as the Finance Officer has presented with increasing the Tap & Connection Fee Revenue by \$ 10,000 to total \$40,000. And offsetting that change by increasing Contract Operation Expenses by \$ 10,000 for a total of \$ 90,000. Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.

VOTE:

John Flynt	NAY	Derek Foy	AYE
Thearon Hooks	AYE	Jimmy Landreth	AYE
Jim Rigsbee	AYE		

FIDELITY BANK LETTER: After Kim did some research on the Capital Reserve Fund and how it relates to the CIP plan, she has a better understanding of what we had been discussing regarding the restrictions on how the Capacity Use Fee money should be deposited and spent. She said she is thankful she found this article from the UNC School of Government. She recommends all of council become familiarized with at least the basics. It is the most useful document she said she has found regarding the Capacity Fees and Capital Reserve Fund. It is interesting to see the process behind "spending money accumulated in a CRF." (I will attach a copy of the excerpts she quoted in her email.) And a copy of the

letter she proposes to send to Fidelity to open a separate Money Market Checking Account identified as Capital Reserve Fund to deposit these funds. Derek Foy gave a brief explanation of the Capital Reserve Fund and why from an accounting point of view it only makes sense to put these Capacity Use Fees in a separate account. He proposes to open the account mirroring the funds we currently have in the FY 2020 Audit, Capital Reserve, \$32,250. Derek composed the attached letter to Fidelity to explain why we want to open this account, and listed in the letter that Finance Officer Kim Thacker, and Councilmen Derek Foy and Jimmy Landreth will have signature authority. **Mayor Flynt motioned to authorize Kim Thacker and Derek Foy to present this letter, a copy of these February minutes when completed, approved, and signed, to Fidelity Bank to open this account. Derek Foy seconded the motion.**

VOTE:

John Flynt	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Thearon Hooks	AYE	Jimmy Landreth	AYE
Jim Rigsbee	AYE		

VI. Citizen's Comments from the Floor (3-minute Limit per Speaker) Mark Nadel read a statement he prepared regarding his opinion of the discussion in Closed Session on March 12, 2020 regarding Beaver Outdoor Solutions. These minutes were just recently review by the Town Attorney, redacted, reviewed by Council, and voted to be released. He told the Clerk he would provide a copy of his statement for the minutes file. I will attach his statements when he provides a copy.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing: Rezoning Case # 20-12-STPL-08358: 9157 US Hwy 158 (Gonzales Property); AG to RS-40. Located on south side of US Highway 158, approximately 550 feet east of Anthony Road, 9157 US Highway 158, Guilford County Tax Parcel 167180. An application to rezone said property from AG-Agricultural to RS-40 Single-family Residential, approximately 3.78 acres. Applicant: Jackson and Gina Gonzalez. **Mayor Flynt opened the Public Hearing for this case and turned it over to Planner Oliver Bass to present.** Oliver Bass presented the case RS-40 residential single-family district. The RS-40, residential single-family district is primarily intended to accommodate single-family detached dwellings on large lots in areas without access to public water and wastewater services. The district is established to promote single-family detached residences where environmental features, public service capacities or soil characteristics necessitate very low-density single-family development. The overall gross density in RS-40 areas will typically be 1.0 unit per acre or less. The property is in a primarily low-density residential area with single-family homes on 1 to 3 acre lots. Existing Land Use(s) on the Property: Single-family dwelling on 3.78 acres. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval. Rezoning is reasonable and in the public interest because the uses permitted in the RS-40, district is consistent with development in the vicinity and with the recommendation of the land use plan. If approved, an amendment to the Stokesdale Land Use Plan will not be required. Mayor Flynt opened the floor to anyone who wished to speak in favor of the approving this case for Rezoning to RS-40. Mrs. Gonzales (owner of the property) stated that the purpose of this rezoning was to subdivide the acreage into 4 lots for their children. No one spoke in favor. Mayor Flynt asked if anyone

wanted to speak in opposition of the Case. No one spoke. Mayor Flynt stating hearing no one in opposition to the Case., the matter rest with Council. **The Mayor then explained to all present that due to the Covid-19 restrictions regarding the number of people that can attend a meeting in person, and the restrictions of a Zoom meeting that Council must allow 24 hours for anyone who wishes to speak regarding the case. So, the vote will have to be set for a later date. Council discussed and Mayor Flynt motioned to set the voted for Monday, February 15, 2021 at 6:00PM to reconvene this Case to take their vote. Thearon Hooks 2nd motion.**

VOTE:

John Flynt	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Thearon Hooks	AYE	Jimmy Landreth	AYE
Jim Rigsbee	AYE		

Mayor Flynt motioned to recess as a Town Council and Reconvened as the Board of Adjustment. Derek Foy 2nd the motion.

VOTE:

John Flynt	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Thearon Hooks	AYE	Jimmy Landreth	AYE
Jim Rigsbee	AYE		

Evidentiary Hearing Item: BOA CASE #21-01-STPL-00656: 7105 US HIGHWAY 158: Envirogreen Solutions Group, LLC is a requesting a variance from the Stokesdale Development Ordinance Section 6-2-1— (Off-Street Parking Requirements Table of Uses) Retail Trade #9 "Retail sales not otherwise classified" which requires "1/200 square feet gross floor area". Applicant proposes to construct on the Property a building with a gross floor area of eight thousand nine hundred sixty-five (8965) square feet. Pursuant to the Section cited above, the proposed building would be required to have forty-five (45) spaces. Applicant requests a variance to allow only thirty-five (35) spaces on the Property, to accommodate wetlands, and for the reasons cited in the Application. The property is located at 7105 US Highway 158, Stokesdale, NC, Guilford County Tax Parcel 150931. Applicant/Owner: Envirogreen Solutions Group, LLC. Zoning: CZ-HB. **Mayor Flynt explained** to those present that normally in a Quasi-Judicial Hearing Case, persons who wish to speak would be given an Oath to swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth, in these circumstances of video meetings, that is replaced by an affirmation. So, anyone wishing to speak will affirm before they speak that they will tell the truth and nothing but the truth. **Town Clerk Alisa Houk** spoke to confirm that she does have of the Consent to Allow this Meeting to be held via Zoom forms back from all adjacent property owners signed giving permission. **Town Attorney Tom Medlin** spoke in and asked if he could address the Quasi-Judicial Hearing requirements when you are having a remote hearing and then he will come back to what Alisa just said. Tom began by saying # 1. There are 3 things that must be present to have a Quasi-Judicial Hearing before a Board of Adjustment. 1. The Hearing must occur during a State of Emergency. The most recent Executive Order #189 issued on January 22, 2021 is that emergency order by Governor Cooper. 2. Is all individuals with standing must have consented to a remote hearing. Those persons would be the applicant, the owner,

and then any person that could suffer special damages. So, Tom asked Alisa for the record to let everyone know who she has signed consent forms from, please? Alisa Houk stated she has signed consent forms from Paul and Rachel Potter, John Tesh, Evergreen Solutions Group LLC, Attorney Laura B. Krantz, Mark Creech of Culp Inc, Harrell's Water Proofing, Gregory & Pamela Harrell, Joe Strickland or Teramore Development, LLC. Tom then asked Alisa, so you have the applicant, the owner, and then you have a few others who are the surrounding neighbors, is that correct? Alisa confirmed yes, that is correct. Tom then said he did not know if Council wished to discuss standing any further. If you think any other people within that area might suffer special damages, then their consent would be necessary. It is Tom's opinion that this is a request to reduce parking lot spaces, if you have got any adjoining land, he personally from a legal point of view do not see any special damages that anybody might be suffering to their property because of that. So, He feels like you have got everybody covered for consent. So, Tom then asked does any Council Member want to discuss this further? No one spoke up so he moved on to the 3rd items required is that all due process rights must be protected. That is being done by each person wanting to speak be sworn, in this case to state that they will affirm that they will tell the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth. The applicant and the owner will have the opportunity to cross-examine or question anyone who might wish to speak. And everybody has had an opportunity to submit evidence, if anybody has anything else, they wish to submit they can identify that, and we can address it at that time. One other thing that Tom is asking of the Council Members is in their packets you have a form that says order granting or denying a Variance. So, if you will find that form and have it in front of you during this hearing there are four conclusions of law you are going to be discussing, that the Mayor is going to lead you in discussions about and you will be saying either it does or it will not and in particular you are going to discuss any findings of fact that you have found to exist that supports each of these conclusions. So, you are going to want to take some notes as you listen to the presentation and as you view the package to support your findings for each conclusion. Tom asked if there were any questions. Derek said he had a Statutory question regarding a Variance. Is that Super Majority Vote? At this point Tom did not think this required a Super Majority Vote. Mayor Flynt went on to call the Hearing for this Case to order. Oliver Bass introduced himself and affirmed to tell the truth and nothing but the truth and present the **Evidentiary Hearing Item: BOA CASE #21-01-STPL-00656: 7105 US HIGHWAY 158: Envirogreen Solutions Group, LLC** is a requesting a variance from the Stokesdale Development Ordinance Section 6-2-1— (Off-Street Parking Requirements Table of Uses) Retail Trade #9 "Retail sales not otherwise classified" which requires "1/200 square feet gross floor area." **Oliver Bass presented the Case**, this is a Variance Request to reduce the number of parking spaces from a proposed 45 space to 35 spaces. The applicant cited Section 6-2-1 (Off-Street Parking Requirements Table of Uses) for Retail Trade #9 "Retail sales not otherwise classified" which requires "1/200 square feet gross floor area. The use condition will only allow of department or variety store of general merchandise. The normal minimum number of parking spaces for department stores for similar uses is established under Section 6-2-1, Retail Item# 3, and is set at 1 space per 200 sq ft of floor area. For property specific the Applicant is Teramore Development, the Owner is Envirogreen Solutions Group. Property is located at 7105 US Hwy 158, Stokesdale, NC. Zoning is CZ-HB. Existing use is undeveloped. If this Variance is approved, it will be reflected on the Site Plan when submitted for review. To the North is US Hwy 158 Right-of-Way and some residential unimproved area, to the South/East/West is Industrial Property.

The South side of US HWY 158 is all Industrial. Notices were mailed to all persons of standing on January 19, 2021. The property was posted on January 19, 2021, and Notice was posted in the Greensboro News and Record on January 29, 2021. **Mayor Flynt asked for anyone that wishes to speak in favor of the Variance, to please give their name, address, and affirm that they will tell the truth and nothing but the truth? Mike Fox**, Attorney for the Applicant, **Daniel Almazan** of Teramore Development, **Justin Church**, Civil Engineer for the project, all affirmed to tell the truth and nothing but the truth and spoke in favor of this Variance. They spoke of the reason for reducing the spaces was due to wetlands next to the property, the buffering they had planned to protect wetlands and the neighbors, the fact that reducing spaces from 45 to 35 would not hinder public safety, or cause and special damages. **Mayor Flynt asked if anyone wish to speak in opposition to please give their name, address, and affirm that they will tell the truth and nothing but the truth?** No one spoke in opposition. **Mayor Flynt** then said the matter will rest with Council. **Oliver Bass asked to interrupt?** He has been researching whether this Hearing would require a Super Majority, he found in the Ordinances under 9-4.3 that this Variance will require a Super Majority vote. **Tom Medlin** looked where Oliver referenced and confirmed that this is correct. **Mayor Flynt** went on to read the Order Granting a Variance description and Tom Medline gave a little instruction on calling on each council member to answer by saying will or will not or does or does not to each of the 4 Board Conclusions that will be presented by the Mayor to them from this order.

GUILFORD COUNTY/TOWN OF STOKESDALE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

ORDER GRANTING A VARIANCE

The Stokesdale Board of Adjustment, having held a hearing on February 11, 2021 to consider Case Number 21-01-STPL-00656, submitted by Teramore Development, a request for a variance to use the property located at 7105 US Highway 158, being Tax Parcel(s) # 150931, in a manner not permissible under the literal terms of the ordinance, and having heard all the evidence and arguments presented at the hearing, makes the following FINDINGS OF FACTS, and draws the following CONCLUSIONS:

1. It is the Board’s CONCLUSION that, unnecessary hardship will result from the strict application of the ordinance. It shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property. This conclusion is based on the following FINDINGS of FACT:
 - A.) The location of wetlands, shape and topography on the property reduces the available area for parking spaces.
 - B.) The need to avoid unnecessary infringement on the wetlands.

VOTE:

John Flynt	Agreed	Derek Foy	Agreed
Thearon Hooks	Agreed	Jimmy Landreth	Agreed
Jim Rigsbee	Agreed		

2. It is the Board’s CONCLUSION that the hardship does result from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. Hardships

resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood or the public, may not be the basis for granting a variance. This conclusion is based on the following FINDINGS OF FACT:

- A.) The shape, and wetlands consideration and topography of the property do create a hardship unique to this property.

VOTE:

John Flynt	Agreed	Derek Foy	Agreed
Thearon Hooks	Agreed	Jimmy Landreth	Agreed
Jim Rigsbee	Agreed		

3. It is the Board's CONCLUSION that the hardship does not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship. This conclusion is based on the following FINDINGS OF FACT:

- A.) The hardships arising from the wetland area, topography, and shape of the property which are features unique to the property itself and are not a result of any action taken by the applicant or property owner.

VOTE:

John Flynt	Agreed	Derek Foy	Agreed
Thearon Hooks	Agreed	Jimmy Landreth	Agreed
Jim Rigsbee	Agreed		

4. It is the Board's CONCLUSION that the requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the ordinance, such that public safety is secured, and substantial justice is achieved. This conclusion is based on the following FINDINGS OF FACT:

- A.) Preservation of wetlands is in the best interest of the public.
 B.) The reduction of the number of parking spaces would not injure the public or any adjoining property owners.
 C.) Reduction of the number of parking spaces is the least restrictive manner to allow this development under the current zoning use.

VOTE:

John Flynt	Agreed	Derek Foy	Agreed
Thearon Hooks	Agreed	Jimmy Landreth	Agreed
Jim Rigsbee	Agreed		

The Mayor concluded the order to grant by saying, Therefore, based on all the foregoing, it is ordered that the application for a VARIANCE be **GRANTED** subject to the following: 1. Compliance with all local, state, and federal laws.

Mayor Flynt motioned to adjourn the Board of Adjustment and reconvene as Town Council. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion.

VOTE:

John Flynt	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Thearon Hooks	AYE	Jimmy Landreth	AYE
Jim Rigsbee	AYE		

VIII. New Business:

1. **Discuss and vote on advertising for new Landscaping & Ground Maintenance Bids.** Alisa presented this item by explaining to the council how she requested pricing from Kernersville News, Northwest Observer, and the Greensboro News and Record. The prices were as follows:

- Northwest Observer can run the ad in six lines for \$ 24.00 per issue X 2 issues.
 - Kernersville News can run the ad for two weeks, there are 3 issues per week.
- * Greensboro News and Record can run the ad for 1 day \$60.42, 2 days at \$90.84 or 3 days for \$ 121.26

After some discussion, Derek made a motion to contact the Northwest Observer and Kernersville News to run a classified ad to solicit a town vendor for a lawn and maintenance agreement, the ad should run in the Northwest Observer in the February 18th and March 4th publications. Kernersville News should run for two weeks from February 16th until March 2nd. Total estimated cost \$ 300 to \$400. Derek added as far as a due date he would propose March 9th, Jimmy Landreth 2nd the motion, Jim Rigsbee asked Derek to amend the due date to close of business on March 8th, Derek agreed. Derek said it was going to be tough to get sealed bids if we are publishing in the NWO on March 4th. Derek said he is comfortable the bids coming into the Town Clerk email. Alisa agreed with Derek that the mail has been running way behind, you cannot count on it to get here in a timely manner. Jim Rigsbee said well cannot they just bring it by here. Derek said okay Alisa when they reach out to you by email you can give them instructions to ensure that you get a sealed bid. Alisa affirmed. Derek added with a due date of March 8, 2021 by the close of business, 5:00PM.

VOTE:

John Flynt	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Thearon Hooks	AYE	Jimmy Landreth	AYE
Jim Rigsbee	AYE		

2. **Audio/Visual Upgrade Update & Discussion and vote** on choice between Spectrum analog phone line estimate cost of \$12 to \$15 per month added to current bill. **OR** (Referred by Brian Cox of Audio/Visual) Carolina Digital VoIP line estimate \$32.50 per month to connect phone to new audio/visual equipment. Derek reminded everyone that they voted in November to approve Audio & Light Inc. to install new and upgraded Audio/Visual equipment in the Chambers. Most of the work was done by the end of December, what has held us up in January is there was a technical piece Mr. Cox needed to work with Spectrum to give us a dedicated phone line for the new A/V

system. So, we are where we are now because we need a dedicated phone line for the Chambers for citizens to be able to call in if they wish to speak during a video meeting. Derek had a conversation with Mr. Cox about implementing the capabilities of interfacing with Zoom and Micro Soft Teams. The estimated cost for this \$1495. To \$ 1600. Mr. Cox recommended Carolina Digital VoIP line and has sent an estimated cost of \$32.50 per month to connect a VoIP line. **Derek Foy motioned to approve the Interface system at a cost not to exceed \$1600. Jim Rigsbee 2nd the motion.**

3. VOTE:

John Flynt	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Thearon Hooks	AYE	Jimmy Landreth	AYE
Jim Rigsbee	AYE		

Derek has second motion to approve the \$ 35.00 per month for a digital phone line installed by Carolina Digital Phone Inc. Unfortunately, Spectrum just did not work out. Mayor Flynt seconded the motion.

VOTE:

John Flynt	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Thearon Hooks	AYE	Jimmy Landreth	AYE
Jim Rigsbee	AYE		

3. Proposed Budget Amendments from the Finance Officer – moved up under Financials.

4. Discuss and vote on Budget Workshop dates:

Thursday, March 4, 2021

Thursday, April 20, 2021

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Mayor Flynt motioned to accept these dates for the Budget Work Shops, Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.

VOTE:

John Flynt	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Thearon Hooks	AYE	Jimmy Landreth	AYE
Jim Rigsbee	AYE		

5. Discussion on Purchasing New Laptop for Town Hall: Laptop is tabled until Derek can shop prices.

6. Hazen and Sawyer Water Project Update: Mayor Flynt gave a summary of the zoom meeting he and I had with Hazen & Sawyer and Courtney Driver from Winston Salem. I will have minutes typed of that meeting in the coming weeks. It is also available on audio.

IX. Citizen's Comments from the Floor. (3-minute limit per Speaker) No comments were made from the floor.

X. Announcements:

1. Planning Board will have a Public Hearing Virtual meeting February 25, 2020 at 7PM.

Mayor Flynt motioned closed the open public portion of this meeting at 9:43 pm to go into Closed Session. Thearon Hooks seconded the motion.

VOTE:

John Flynt	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Thearon Hooks	AYE	Jimmy Landreth	AYE
Jim Rigsbee	AYE		

Mayor Flynt asked all Citizens to please leave the Zoom Meeting and explained if there were any motions voted on in the Closed Session, they would be announced in the next Town Council meeting.

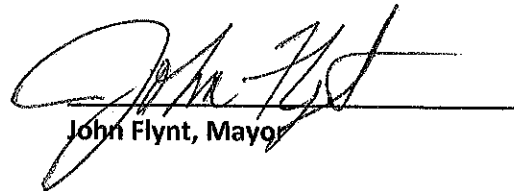
Closed Session went until 10:15 PM.

Mayor Flynt Motioned to adjourn at 10:15pm Jimmy Landreth seconded the motion.

VOTE:

John Flynt	AYE	Derek Foy	AYE
Thearon Hooks	AYE	Jimmy Landreth	AYE
Jim Rigsbee	AYE		

Approved: March 11, 2021



John Flynt, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dale F. Martin

(Interim Clerk at time of signing)

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