



**TOWN OF STOKESDALE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
8325 Angel Pardue Road
STOKESDALE, NC 27357
January 10, 2019**

I. Call to Order: Mayor John Flynt

II. Invocation: Commie Johnson

III. Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Mayor Flynt

IV. Review and Adopt Agenda: Mayor Flynt motioned to adopt the agenda as is, Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion,

VOTE: 5-0 to adopt

V. Approval of Minutes: November 8, 2018: Frank Bruno motioned to approve as is, Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion, **Vote: 3 – Yes -2- No, Minutes approved (Bill Jones and Tim Jones both voting Nay.**

December 13, 2018: Mayor Flynt motioned to approve as is, Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion, **vote 4 Yes - 1-No, Minutes approved (Tim Jones was the No Vote)**

VI. Public Safety Reports:

Guilford County Sheriff's Report: Lt Jeremy Fuller from the District 1, Sheriff's office reported that Stokesdale had 74 calls in the month of December. 1 of the calls was burglary, 3 calls were larceny. He encourages everyone to take their valuables out of their vehicles, lock your cars and homes. Please call the Sheriff's department if you see anything suspicious going on around you.

Stokesdale Fire Dept Report: Fire Chief Todd Gauldin of the Stokesdale Fire Department, reported 33 fire related calls and 53 Medical calls in the month of December. He encouraged everyone over the next 4 days to prepare for the upcoming weather. He also reminded everyone using generators to please use them only in a well-ventilated area.

VII: Citizen's comments from the floor on non-agenda items (3 Minute Limit per Speaker): no one spoke at this time.

VIII. New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Review: Mayor Flynt gave everyone an update of the status of our finances and explained that we were in the process of catching up and updating the process since Mr. Pulliam's absence. Last year we had a number of CD's that we were only getting 0.01% yield on. The Town has moved those CDs into CDARS with the bank of Oak Ridge and they are now 2.12% yield. We have a few others that will be moved at their maturity.

2. Continuation of Public Hearing: CONDITIONAL ZONING CASE #18-10-STPL-06714: A request to rezone property from RS-30 and AG to CZ-RS-30 with Conditions. Property is located at 9003 Ellisboro Road, across from Gideon Grove Church Rd intersection in Stokesdale, Guilford County Tax Parcel 0164671. Approximately 26.13 acres. Owned by Dorothy Angle.

Mr. Bass presented the Case. Guilford County Planning and Zoning staff have reviewed the plans and stated that the plans meet the requirements for Stokesdale and recommend approval.

Will Berry – Planner for the Developer explained that the property is split AG and RS-30 and he is asking to rezone the AG portion to RS-30 in order to build a 26-house subdivision. The subdivision will be placed on the Town’s water system, and meets the requirements of the Town’s Future Land Use Plan, the subdivision will have natural buffers around the perimeters and entrances, and any creeks or waterways.

Mayor Flynt asked if there was anyone that wanted to speak in opposition:

Chris Sands, Todd Collins, Carol Pelletier, Cheryl Steele, Nicole Shell, Chris Kress, Anthony DeSiena, Tim Venable, Bob Pelletier, Shirley Hillard, Joyce Hatcher, Jodi Hall, Susan Lane, Sherry Baxter, Kevin Shill, all spoke against opening the sub road in their neighborhood, Boone Landing. The plan includes opening up the stub road into the new subdivision.

These citizens spoke in opposition for the listed reasons:

More traffic, speeding in the neighborhood and people using the cut through as a short cut to Hwy 158 will endanger children, pets, joggers, and walkers in the Boone Landing neighborhood. As well as some stating the affordable housing next to their neighborhood would cause their home values to decrease.

Mayor Flynt asked if anyone had a rebuttable for the opposition:

Will Berry stated that Value is a judgement made by the housing market. The new homes he plans to build will be in and around the same value as the homes in Boone Landing. He also revisited the arguments about opening the stub road. His choice to stick with this plan was to make it easier for emergency vehicles to access the subdivision.

Josh Marshall of Boone Landing stated the neighbors have valid concerns, the volume of traffic will increase. However, he agrees with Mr. Berry that he can’t see it being any more of an issue than there already is in that neighborhood. He also said if the homes being built are in the same price range as the homes in Boone Landing then it can’t hurt the value of the existing homes.

Mayor Flynt closed the Public portion of the hearing at 8:15pm and asked for Council comments.

Frank Bruno motioned to approve the CONDITIONAL ZONING CASE #18-10-STPL-06714: A request to rezone property from RS-30 and AG to CZ-RS-30 with Conditions. Property is located at 9003 Ellisboro Road, across from Gideon Grove Church Rd intersection in Stokesdale, Guilford County Tax Parcel 0164671. Approximately 26.13 acres. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion.

Bill Jones said he was adamant about not making a cut through. He is in agreement with the citizens of Boone Landing.

Mayor Flynt said he has thought a lot about this new subdivision and the opening of the stub road and from a Public Safety point of view he thinks the road should be cut through.

Tim Jones stated it's a tough decision, he is more worried about the folks already living in town than he is about new people moving in town.

Thearon Hooks commented that he agrees with Mayor Flynt. He has been in situations where there has only been one way in and one way out of a neighborhood and due to a Tornado the one route was blocked by fallen trees and there was an emergency on the other end which made it difficult for emergency medical teams to reach the victim. They had to walk in and carry the victim out on foot, losing precious time.

Bill Jones wanted to add he hates voting no to a new subdivision and normally he would not, but in this situation, he will vote no.

Vote: Tim – No, Bill- No, Frank Bruno-Yes, Thearon Hooks-Yes, Mayor Flynt- Yes. CONDITIONAL ZONING CASE #18-10-STPL-06714: was approved.

Mayor Flynt asked for a 5 minutes recess for the Citizens that wished to leave to exit.

3. Public Hearing: Rezoning Case 18-11-STPL-07435: 8541 Fulp Road (Corner of Osage and Fulp). This is a request to rezone property from AG (Agricultural) to RS-40 (Single-family Residential). Located at 8541 Fulp Road in the southwest corner of Osage Road intersection, Guilford County Tax Parcel 167120.

Mr. Bass presented the case. Guilford County Planning and Zoning staff have reviewed the plans and stated that the plans meet the requirements for Stokesdale and recommend approval.

Mr. Charles Fulp spoke on behalf of his mother. She had owned this land since 1870. It is being sold so that the proceeds can help take care of mother in her last years.

No one else spoke for or against.

Thearon Hooks motioned to approve Public Hearing: Rezoning Case 18-11-STPL-07435: 8541 Fulp Road (Corner of Osage and Fulp). This is a request to rezone property from AG (Agricultural) to RS-40 (Single-family Residential). Located at 8541 Fulp Road in the southwest corner of Osage Road intersection, Guilford County Tax Parcel 167120. **Frank Bruno 2nd motion, Vote: 5-0 to approve.**

4. Resolution of Intent to Close an Easement Case # 18-12-STPL-07786: Property located at 7709 Athens Road. **Mayor Flynt motioned to set February 14, 2019 as the Public Hearing to adopt the resolution, Tim Jones 2nd the motion. Vote: 5-0 to set February 14, 2019 as the Public Hearing to Adopt Resolution of Intent to Close an Easement Case # 18-12-STPL-07786:** Property located at 7709 Athens Road.

5. Vote on Bruce Angel's application request to become a member of the Planning Board. John Flynt motioned to approve Bruce Angel's application to become an alternate on the Planning Board after proper training. Frank Bruno 2nd the motion. Vote: 5-0 to approve.

6. **Vote on 2019 Employment Agreement with Attorney John Bain.** John Flynt motioned to accept Mr. Baines 2019 contract for legal services. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion. Vote: 5-0 to accept.

7. **Declare large Chlorine Tank Surplus and post for sale.** Frank Bruno motioned to declare the large Chlorine tank surplus, pending Gary Matchunis cleaning and disinfecting it, and allow the Town Clerk Alisa Houk to post it for sale. This vote was continued until February.

8. **"Discussion / vote to publish all Town Council Agendas on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to meetings"** Tim Jones motioned to approve, Frank Bruno 2nd the motion, vote 5-0, approved to have Agendas published 48 hours before a meeting.

9. **"Discussion / vote to publish all Town Council Regular meeting, Special meeting, and Emergency meeting minutes on the Town's website within 25 days after meeting minutes are approved by the Town Council"** Tim Jones motioned to approve, Frank Bruno 2nd the motion, vote 5-0 to have all minutes of all meetings posted to the Town's website within 25 days after the minutes are approved.

10. **"Discussion / vote to publish all approved Town Council Regular meeting, Special meeting, Wednesday Business Meeting and Emergency meeting minutes on the Town's website for years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018.** Tim Jones motioned to approve, Frank Bruno 2nd the motion, vote 5-0 to posted Town Council minutes on the website from 2013 to current by June 12, 2019.

11. **"Discussion / vote to have the Town Attorney John Bain, review all previous Town Council closed session minutes and determine those eligible for release to the public per N.C. law"** Tim Jones motioned to authorize Town Attorney John Bain to review all previous Town Council closed session minutes and determine those eligible for release to the public. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion, vote 5-0 to authorize Mr. Bain to review closed minutes and approve the ones that can be released.

IX. Old Business:

1. **Closed Session: G.S. 143-318.11 (3)(6):** Attorney/Client privilege to discuss Personnel Matters. Mayor Flynt motioned to recess the Regular Town Council Meeting to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter under **G.S. 143-318.11 (3)(6).** Frank Bruno 2nd the motion. **Vote 5-0 to go into closed session at 9:30PM.**

Mayor Flynt motioned to close the closed session and reconvene the Regular Town Council meeting at 10:05pm. Frank Bruno 2nd the motion. **Vote 5-0 to reconvene.**

Mayor Flynt reopened the Regular Town Council meeting and stated regarding the closed session meeting he makes a motion to terminate the position of Budget Officer with Mr. Pulliam. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion, **Vote: 5-0 to terminate Mr. Pulliam as Budget Officer.**

X. Committee and Board Reports:

1. **Committee/Board Reports:** See Thearon Hooks report attached
2. **Departmental and Administrative Report:** see Town Clerk's report attached

XI. Citizen Comments from the Floor (3 Minute Limit per Speaker) No one spoke

XII. Closing Comments from Council:

Tim Jones: Thanked the citizens for staying

Bill Jones: Its almost over with but it is National Police Officer Appreciation Week be sure if you see one to Thank them for their service as well as our military.

Frank Bruno: Thanked the citizens for staying, Thanked the parade committee and everyone that volunteered with the Christmas Parade and that we plan to have some other events this coming year and we are always looking for volunteers.

Thearon Hooks: Thanked the citizens and mirrored Bill's comments regarding our police officers. There have been 6-7 police officers killed this past week. Its an extremely dangerous job. We hope for a great new year. Thanked Mr. Bain and the Clerk.

John Flynt: Wanted to recognize Frank Bruno his birthday was today he is sure he would rather be at a Birthday Party than here. He also wanted to recognize Steve Mann with the Northwest Observer. Steve is retiring at the end of next month. He has always done a fantastic job for the Town of Stokesdale, and we wish him well in his retirement. Good Luck in your retirement and future endeavors.

XIII. Announcements:

1. The next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2019 at 7:00pm
2. Next Town Council meeting will be Thursday February 14, 2018 at 7:00pm
3. The next Ordinance Review Committee Meeting is Tuesday Jan 15, 2019

XIII. Adjournment: Mayor Flynt motioned to adjourn, Tim Jones 2nd the motion. Vote 5-0 to adjourn at 10:30PM

Approved by _____

Mayor

Town Clerk/ Finance Officer