

TOWN OF STOKESDALE
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STOKESDALE, NORTH CAROLINA

The regular meeting of the Stokesdale Town Council was held in the Town Hall at 8416 US Highway 158 on Thursday, September 20, 2007.

Mayor Randle L. Jones called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The following members of Council were present: Mayor Randle L. Jones Mayor Pro Tem John W. Flynt, Bobby Richardson and Mickie Halbhook. Powell Shelton was absent.

Others present included: Guilford County Deputy Steve Christman; Trevor Nuttall, Guilford County Planning Department; William B. Trevorrow, Town Attorney; and Carolyn Joyner, Town Clerk/Finance Officer.

Council considered the proposed agenda. Mr. Flynt asked that Other Business Item #1 Status of Council member John Flynt should be changed to follow the report by Deputy Christman. Ms. Halbhook made a motion to adopt the agenda with the change requested by Mr. Flynt. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion. All Council members present voted aye and the agenda was adopted.

Mayor Jones recognized former Council members Mary Hardin, James Attaway and Anthony Vaughn. He also recognized the candidates for Council seats who were present and asked them to stand and state their name. Those present were Robert Wurz, Thearon Hooks, Kenneth Simpson, James Attaway and Norman Cook.

Mr. Flynt made a motion to suspend with the reading of the minutes and to approve them as presented for the regular meeting of July 19 and August 16 and the Special meetings of August 21, and September 4, 2007. Ms. Halbhook seconded the motion. All Council members present voted aye and the minutes were approved.

Deputy Christman reported one property theft, three damage to property, and two motor vehicle pursuits since the last Council meeting. One of the pursuits resulted in about 15 charges with three felonies and felony DWI. There were also four drug arrests.

Status of Council Member John Flynt: Mr. Flynt indicated that he had given each Council member a copy of a letter that he had sent to Mayor Jones. He indicated that he had asked Mr. Trevorrow to review his status at the last meeting. Since that time he has rented both his house and the office space that he had intended to use as his office and residence. Now his abode has legally been changed to Greensboro and he officially submitted his letter of resignation tonight and wished to make it effective tonight.

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Trevorrow to advise Council on the legal issues of the matter. Mr. Trevorrow said that Mr. Flynt has resigned so that the question of his residency is a mute point. There are provisions in the law so that when elected officials leave an office and leaves a void, he can holdover until his successor is appointed and qualified. Being qualified means that the person must be sworn. The vacancy will be filled in November at the general elections. He can fill the position until that time if Council so votes. Council can begin the selection process and the office does not have to go unattended whiles that process is ongoing. It becomes a decision of Mr. Flynt and Council. He referenced the North Carolina Constitution Section 6, Section 10, and NCGS 160-A -62. Both the Constitution and the statutory law provides for the holdover position.

Mayor Jones noted that Mr. Shelton was absent and is hospitalized at the time. He noted that Council could consider asking Mr. Flynt to holdover for the interim until someone is selected or the elections are held. He expressed concerns that with Mr. Shelton's absence, Council would be down to three members which is a quorum. With fewer than three members present, Council cannot conduct business. Mr. Flynt said that he was willing to serve in the interim until a suitable replacement can be selected. Ms. Halbhook made a motion that Mr. Flynt serve until a replacement is appointed. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion. Mr. Richardson, Ms. Halbhook and Mayor Jones

voted aye and the motion carried. Mayor Jones said that individuals could submit applications for review by the Council for appointment which would be appropriate.

PUBLIC HEARING: Future Land Use Plan: Mayor Jones opened a public hearing on the revision of the Future Land Use Plan. It is a draft of a revision to the Future Land Use Plan that was presented to the Planning Board on August 2.

Rachel Gauldin, 8095 Haw River Road, indicated that she lived at the intersection of NC 68 and Haw River Road for 45 years and 7 months. There has been a garage and a beauty shop on each side of her home. The garage is closed now. She said that she did not feel that it was fair to take away her property value so that she cannot sell her house. Mayor Jones asked if there is a specific provision in the plan that she was referring to. Ms. Gauldin said that the plan said the one saying there would be no more commercial development on NC 68.

Richard Regan, 7626 NC 68 said that he lived next to Ms. Gauldin and said that he was against the plan saying that there would be no more commercial development on NC 68.

Jim Flynt, said that he felt that it would be helpful if there was an overview of the land use plan saying why it was updated, what had changed since the 2001 plan, and the effects of the plan on home/land ownership. He suggested that several public hearings should be held on the plan. Mayor Jones noted that the public hearing is to receive public input regarding the document which has not been approved by Council. There were citizens' inquiries asking for an update to the current Land Use Plan. There were a number of meetings and revisions when the current plan was adopted. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear citizens concerns.

Joe Thacker, 7936 Lester Road, indicated that he has concerns about not allowing commercial development in any areas other than the Town Core and the professional/manufacturing corridor. He felt that growth for the Town would be hindered and there may be small businesses that would fit into communities.

Stuart Hommel, 8505 Deer Path Court, said that according to NCDOT, NC 68 is not going to be widened in any way in the future. If more businesses are allowed on NC 68, they will add to the congestion and to the hazards.

Kathleen Hommel, 8505 Deer Path Court, said that many meetings were held and they were open to the public. Robert Wurz was the facilitator and the plan was presented in August and it was open for comment and criticism at that time. She said that the committee gave up their time to try to work out a plan to follow the vision statement.

Mayor Jones asked citizens to point out specific provisions that they have specific concerns or questions about.

Pam Lemons 8306 Newberry Street, asked Council to consider two issues when thinking about the Land Use Plan 1. To make sure that the proposal for the new Town Hall is an informal community building that will serve the community and not just the elected few. An example of a formal Town Hall would be the Oak Ridge Town Hall. Informal town hall examples would be Oak Island which has a large multi-purpose room with small rooms that can be used by scouts, senior citizens, etc. 2. Virginia's Gas Town and the revitalization of downtown core. She asked that it not be forgotten. She said that it was mentioned in the budget that there could be a property tax in the future.

Tom Bell, 7783 NC 68, said that he had recently had a property rezoned on NC 68 for a new business. He said that he chose this area because of the growth that is coming and FEDEX is coming. The Town needs support structure with businesses and nice restaurants. The community will want this and there must be a place for it. US 158 has been developed with manufacturing, such as Lowes Distribution Center, a concrete plant and Vulcan Materials. He felt that there was a lot of good things in the plan with the only exception being not allowing growth on NC 68. He suggested that businesses should be made to look nice.

Sam Logan, 7717 NC 68, said that he has lived here for 30 years and he moved here because it was quiet and peaceful. He said that he was not in agreement with all of the changes that have been made. He said that he would not look for a house on NC 68. Some businesses need the drive by traffic. He has 2.5 acres on NC 68 and

eventually someone will want to purchase it and he would not want to think that his property has held up progress. He has to go to Madison or Kernersville to get a good meal.

Sandra Charles, 7713 NC 68, asked if the restrictions are for NC 68 and US 158 and the scenic corridor.

Mayor Jones said that Land Use Plans are guidelines and recommendations of changes that have been suggested by a committee. Council has not adopted any of the changes. Mayor Jones said that certain areas are recommended for commercial or residential areas. He noted that Council has tried to follow the previous land use plan but there have been exceptions.

Kevan Combs, 7400 Hatley Court, said that he believes that the economic stimulus is Greensboro, the area is growing and the traffic on NC 68 will continue to grow. There are hundreds of towns that have commercial nodes, which offer retail and services to citizens without them having to drive to reach those services. Many times developers make improvement to the roads at their expense. Kevin said that he is 34 years old and he has lived here all of his life. He said that tobacco and textiles have left the area and Stokesdale has filled that gap. He feels that the plan needs tweaking since it needs to benefit the Town as a whole. He said that there is only one available site that is left in the Town Core anything can be done on. There might could be a few small businesses located in Town with the new plan. If Stokesdale freezes now, traffic will still come through the Town. He feels that it is important to tweak the plan now and give it more consideration. The people want the Land Use Plan and it should be Council's duty to follow it.

Jim Flynt, NC 68, stated that he has traffic counts for every road around Stokesdale. He feels that if commercial development is prohibited on NC 68, the question is what will become of the land. He said that 16,000 cars pass by his house every day. He sometimes waits about 20 minutes to get out of his driveway. He said there is no market for new houses that were built on NC 68. He said there are significant properties on NC 68. He suggested that if they were developed residentially, more traffic would result than if there were commercial uses. He feels that most citizens want to have a shopping center like Oak Ridge. He felt that there are issues of watershed and the lack of public sewer. He did not feel that US Hwy 158 had high enough traffic counts to support commercial development as we know it along Battleground Avenue. NC 68 is to Stokesdale what Battleground Avenue, High Point Road, and Wendover Avenue, Friendly Avenue in the Guilford College area and the Market Street area is to Greensboro. He said that once you moved past Prince Edward Road going south, it was open farmland and while the community should preserve open space and take advantage of grants, the burden should not be on just a few. He observed that there is a difference from the 2001 plan in that there was a central business district within the town core area. He noted that one side of Hwy 158 is business and one is residential and felt that at some point in time residents may wish to sell their homes and it would not be a bad idea for them to be considered as perhaps a lawyer's or doctor's office. He suggested a differential of the Town Core area rather than having one area. He felt that the recommendations from the committee the property for residential development will generate more traffic and the NC 68 property will be rendered worthless.

Master Staff Sergeant James Hartman, 7703 Hap Court Meadow Ridge, indicated that he has three children who play sports and all children want to go to McDonald's in Oak Ridge after the games. Stokesdale is losing tax base by not having McDonalds here.

Norman Cook, 7848 US 158, said that if you don't have growth in this Town, you will stand still and go backwards.

Cheryl Steele, a candidate for Town Council, said that she had compared the 2001 LUP with the revision. She felt that it does not make sense to put most of the development in the watershed. She said that she was a realtor and had the property next to Culp listed and a restaurant would not buy it. She also had a house on NC 68 listed for over a year but no one with children wanted to live on NC 68. She spends her time going from Stokesdale to McDonalds and the video store at Oak Ridge and felt that businesses located within a five-mile radius would eliminate a lot of driving. She said that there is 60 acres at the Dollar General site but only 12 acres of it can be developed commercially. Soils in the town core would not support a community septic system. Restaurants need a lot of water. There are spots on Hwy 65 between Oak Level and the Dollar General that could be developed. It is not feasible to put commercial development with the businesses that are located on US Hwy 158. She said she did not see anything wrong with the 2001 plan.

Mary Hardin, 8208 Millrun Road, said that she had read the plan and felt that the committee had done a good job. She said that she liked open spaces, farms, and trees and she did not mind driving to a restaurant. The plan is good and should be implemented. Stokesdale does not need a tax base because there is not a tax and Council has been good stewards of the Town's funds.

Randy Stewart, NC 68, said that he agrees with Kevan Combs and Jim Flynt and that if commercial development gets to be too much, he can move.

Commie Johnson, 7769 NC 68, said that he has lived there for 29 years, said that if the Town is going to a Town, it cannot live off of the interest from the money forever. If there is commercial development, it will give a tax basis and lower the pressure for taxes for individuals. It seems that NC 68 is the logical place for commercial development if we are going to grow up and be a Town.

Bobby Gauldin, 8095 Haw River Road, indicated that he has lived here all of his life and he is in favor of development on NC 68.

Ann Sneddon, 7721 NC 68 agrees with Sam and Norman that we should develop and move ahead. It is time to grow.

John Stevens 7616 NC 68 North has lived here all of his life and agrees with Mr. Combs and Mr. Gauldin.

Jimmy Landreth, NC 68, says that it is more about property rights than traffic. People should have a right to do what they want with their property. He said that Council will change and he does not think that future members should not be able to say no to all situations because of the LUP. He said that there is a lot more to the LUP than this one item. If a property owner wants commercial development then it should be okay.

Ms. Charles said that she feels that commercial development should be allowed on NC 68.

Tom Bell said that there will be a new highway in about ten years and truck traffic will decrease. If we can get growth there, then these businesses will be in place. If we wait 5 to 7 years, then they will be built at Hwy 220 and the Town will not have the opportunity to grow. The plan has excellent merit such as connector streets, preserving the scenic corridor by not having metal buildings, further setbacks, and nicer brick buildings, that adds character to the buildings. Development on NC 68 is only one provision and perhaps that needs to be tweaked.

DeLon Richardson, 8627 Stokesdale Street, said that there is good and bad points. One issue that was in the last plan and in the revision, may force some people to give up land on the abandoned railroad right of way. There are provisions in the proposal that would require future development along the pathway to be dedicated for pedestrian and equestrian and bicycle trail along the right of way. He said that this probably followed what Guilford County proposed many years ago when the railroad was taken up and other than short portions that were donated mostly by the Railroad, none of it has come to fruition and Guilford County realized that they could not force people to give up that land. He said that it does affect him and his family as far as future development of their property. He asked how could the County propose such a path and then exclude their own property by going behind the school.

Commie Johnson, regarding minimum lot size of one acre for residential zoning, expressed concerns that as property values escalate, most parents would like for their children to live in the area and as land values go up, the Town needs to address the one acre lot size, because at some point, our children will have to move out to afford enough land to build a home. He said that the trail item was already in place.

Mary Hardin indicated that the walking/equestrian trail is still on and the land still belongs to the railroad and the Town would have to obtain it from the railroad.

Cheryl Steele said that she thought it would be a terrible mistake to eliminate planned unit development. It is a great way to develop property with smaller lot sizes and open space where critical areas with streams.

Mayor Jones closed the public hearing at 8:55 PM and the matter was with the Council.

He explained that Council selected the committee from volunteers. The committee held open public meetings and received input from the public at those meetings. The goal is to try to set forth a plan for orderly growth so that is planned and not haphazard growth. Considerations are made to have growth while preserving the things that we like about Stokesdale. This was the goal of the original planning group, this group and Council. The plan is presented as a recommendation and Council will vote whether to accept it or not. Council may look at it and change it. The purpose of the public hearing is to get input from citizens in order to see what concerns citizens have and to review and to discuss it before a decision is made. The matter is with Council and they can make decisions by voting tonight or continuing the matter to a different time. Council is short one Council member and he suggested that his preference would be for the matter to be heard before a full Council. He indicated that he would like to review his notes and the suggestions that were made. He suggested that the matter be continued to a date certain when there would be a full Council. Council may review it and have potential changes. Ms. Halbrook thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and she said that she appreciated everyone's views and hopes that everyone can work it out so that everyone will be happy.

Mr. Flynt said that he was a member of the original Land Use Plan committee and this committee and that this was the fourth long range plan that he had worked on. He said that no matter how detailed or general the plan was, there is no way to please everyone. He noted that some people would like for the Town to stay the same and others who want it to be like Greensboro's Battleground Avenue or Wendover Avenue. He felt that some people do not want this but it is not to say that they do not want growth. He suggested that citizens should get a copy of each plan and compare them. The first plan had 3 commercial nodes outside of the Town Core. It called for 5 or 6 acres at the Haw River Road intersection. About 30 acres has been zoned for commercial. The LUP is a guideline. He suggested that the plan should be reviewed in five years and, depending on changes such as the 220 Connector, it will need to be revised again. He noted that property rights must be considered and there are no easy answers. He noted that not every homeowner on NC 68 wants their property to be commercial and their right to own a residential property must be considered as well. He noted that the Vision Statement says that we want to be a small town and we are trying to do that. There seems to have been a rezoning case almost every month and Council has tried to get what the Town needs but to balance and maintain the things that people want to keep as a small town. The committee meetings were open meetings and few people came. It would be irresponsible to allow development to occur randomly. There are many good things in the plan and Council must consider the different interest from ones who want no growth to those who want it to be another Greensboro. There must be compromise.

Mayor Jones said people say they want restaurants but there may be commercial uses that citizens do not want. No one has ever asked for a McDonalds to come to Stokesdale. We want to balance the growth and preserve what we like about the Town. Mr. Flynt made a motion to continue the matter until the October 18, 2007. Mayor Jones said the matter would be continued for further discussion by Council with Council making changes and Council may want another draft to be put out to address some of the issues. Mayor Jones seconded Mr. Flynt's motion. Mayor Jones said that written comments would be appropriate and may be submitted to Council. The plan is available on the website or a copy will be available at Town Hall during business hours. All Council members present voted aye and the motion carried.

GUILFORD COUNTY'S STRATEGIC PLAN: The Clerk indicated that she had been contacted by Greg Niles, Guilford County Planning Director, who asked for County staff to be placed on the October agenda in order that Council could provide answers to three questions regarding the County's Strategic Plan. Council did not voice any objections to their attendance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Urban Deer Season: Mr. Ramon Bell said that he had confirmed with the NC Wildlife Commission that the Town would need to write a letter which would be in effect until another letter was written. He said that it was suggested at the last meeting to make the Urban Deer Season effective for one year. He said that it was hard to change a law once it was passed but that it would not be a law but just writing a letter. Deer season is in now in the Town of Stokesdale. You can bow hunt on your property in Stokesdale. Mr. Bell read from Page 43 of the NC Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest which said that "an urban archery season is available for cities, towns and villages that submit to the Wildlife Resources Commission by April 1 of each year a letter of intent to participate in the season." It also states the following: "The Urban Archery Season does not obligate private

landowners to allow hunting on their property, nor does it eliminate the ethical requirement for obtaining permission from the landowner before hunting. Hungers are legally required to obtain written permission to hunt on posted property.” The season is from January 12 to February 16 and is bow hunting only. In Guilford County in 2005 there were 443 reported deer collisions. If the County were divided into quadrants, then about 110 collisions would have occurred in northwest Guilford County which would include Stokesdale, Summerfield, and Oak Ridge so Stokesdale should have had about 30 collisions. He gave statistics from the Highway Safety Research Center from the University of NC which said that 2004 data showed 15,509 reported crashes with 9 fatalities to motorists with \$36 million in property damage. He asked Council to consider opting into the program.

Public comments:

Cole Clark, 361 Sylvania Road, said that he would love the opportunity to bow hunt and thin out the deer.

Mary Hardin, said that she has horses, cows, and goats and they have found arrows in their pasture and they have had cattle killed by arrows. They do not allow hunting on their property yet they find the arrows. She would not allow hunting and would do away with it.

Commie Johnson said that he was not a hunter and asked when deer drop their young and if it would be after the February season. Mr. Bell said that deer have a seven-month gestation period and they drop them from mid- April to August.

Norman Cook said that he was in the insurance business for 30 years and found that this was one of the largest causes of automobile collisions in the insurance industry.

Stewart Hommel, 8505 Deer Path, indicated that he had two incidents when he almost hit deer and he did hunt. He said that he had pulled an arrow out of the bottom of a wing of a 707 and not all hunters are bad but there will be someone who does not follow the law.

Joe Thacker, 7936 Lester Road, said that he felt that the deer population has grown in the last several years and he feels that this program would give the property owners the right to have an experienced person come in and hunt if deer are damaging property and eating gardens. He said that he would rather see someone shoot one and dress it out rather than see one hit on the side of a road.

Tommy Thompson, 7525 NC 68, two houses up from Haw River Road, said that he has hunted for forty years. He said that at least six deer had been killed near his driveway and the deer had demolished his garden. He felt it would be a good idea to thin them out and if a bow hunter takes out one doe then it would reduce the population.

Robert Wurz, 7900 Dorsett Downs Drive, said that vineyard owners have experienced severe economic damage this year as the result of deer tearing nets and getting into the grapes. He felt that the extension of the season would help manage the population and that people will break the law regardless of the season and this would allow law abiding citizens to have hunters to come in and manage the deer population.

Richard Milliard, US Hwy 158, said that he had suggested that Council give it a one-year trial and then next year, if there were problems, then it could be stopped or if it went smoothly, it could then be continued.

Carolyn Joyner said reason for the urban deer season was to allow municipalities that do not have any hunting season to allow hunters to come in and manage deer populations that cannot be eliminated otherwise. Stokesdale has a hunting season. This year there is a new regulation for antlerless deer which allows hunters, during the regular season, to get free tags and take as many does as they would like by bow or gun and this should have a greater impact on the deer population.

Mr. Bell noted that poachers may shoot cows but not a hunter. He said that this year the April deadline has been waived.

Mr. Flynt made a motion to send the letter and extend the season by one month and to look at it next year. Mayor Jones seconded the motion. Mr. Richardson said that he had a problem with hunters because they take the meat but

left the refuse of deer on his property. Ms. Halbrook said that deer have been run out of their habitat and have nowhere to go. Mr. Richardson, Ms. Halbrook and Mayor Jones voted no. Mr. Flynt voted aye. The motion failed. Mayor Jones noted that he is a hunter and that he had bagged a deer with his vehicle this year. He finds deer stands on his property and people shooting near his horses. He feared that outsiders may come into the area for the additional hunting season.

Follow-up on Speed Limit Reduction Request on NC 68: Mayor Jones read a letter from the NCDOT officials regarding the Town's request for consideration for a speed limit reduction on NC 68 from Prince Edward Road to Lester Road. It indicated that the current speed zone is appropriate and no extensions in the 35 MPH speed zone are recommended at this time.

NC 68 Water Line Extension Project: Mayor Jones noted that the proposal showed an estimated cost of \$748,900 for an extension of the lines on NC 68 from the existing water lines at Prince Edward Road south to the Town limits at the Haw River.

Consider Contract for Water Line Extension for Dollar General: The Clerk indicated that Mr. Marziano's office has reviewed and approved the plans with some changes. A contract with the Town has been signed and encroachment agreements with NCDOT have been prepared. It is a short extension from the intersection on NC 65 in front of the Dollar General. The existing line follows Stokesdale Street in front of the Christian Church. Mr. Flynt asked if we could talk with Mr. Marziano about having them to tie back into the line at Stokesdale Street to make a loop. Mr. Flynt made a motion to approve the extension subject to that question. Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All Council members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Park Survey Proposal: Mr. Flynt asked the cost and how they would be mailed out. The Clerk indicated that costs have increased. Postage for a stamped return envelope will run about \$683.88. This would include box holders for the rural routes and addressed surveys to addresses in Oak Ridge, Kernersville, and Belews Creek. Mayor Jones felt that a better response would be obtained if they were mailed out with a return envelope. He made a motion to approve the survey and the funding for it. Mr. Flynt seconded the motion. All Council members voted aye and the motion carried. Mr. Attaway and Ms. Stele volunteered to help prepare the surveys.

NC Parks & Recreation Trust Fund Application Workshop: Mayor Jones made a motion for the Clerk to attend the workshop. Ms. Halbrook seconded the motion. All Council members voted aye. Mr. Flynt suggested that if another Council member was available, they should go so that they could help with the application process.

Rezoning of Town Property: Mr. Flynt indicated that the rezoning of the Town property is part of the part of the preparation for a new Town Hall. He had prepared a zoning application requesting a PI zoning on the 25 acres. Mr. Flynt made a motion to authorize Mayor Jones to sign the rezoning application so that it can be heard by Council as soon as possible. Ms. Halbrook seconded the motion. All Council members voted aye. Mr. Nuttall informed Council that the Town Ordinance requires that public parks to access collector or higher capacity roadways being minor or major thoroughfares. The proposed collector plan does designate Angel Pardue as a collector which would solve the issue and rezoning would not be an issue. Prior to site plan approval Angel Pardue must be classified as a sufficient roadway for a public park. The collector street plan is in committee and the adoption of the plan would resolve the issue.

Town Hall Project: Mayor Jones indicated Council held a special meeting and additional work is to be done and floor plans should be completed soon. Mr. Flynt and Carolyn met with officials in Raleigh and obtained information regarding funding.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS:

Planning Board: Applications for Alternate Positions: Mr. Flynt noted that at the previous meeting, Mr. Spagnola had resigned and Council had made Mr. Thacker a voting member. Mr. Burkhead has moved out of Town and there is only one alternate. Mr. Flynt also mentioned that some of the Planning Board members are running for a seat on Council. Mayor Jones said that he felt that the interview process was a good way to proceed. Mr. Trevorrow indicated that Council can hold a special meeting and go into executive session to interview the applicants. Mayor Jones asked the Clerk to check with him on scheduling a special meeting.

Departmental and Administrative Reports: Finance Report: Ms. Joyner noted that the while assets have increased over the prior month, the Water Enterprise fund Accounts Receivable have remained the same due to the change in companies. General Fund Checking account transactions reflect a deposit of \$1,471.05 of ABC Profits and payments to The Town Architects of \$13,794.34 and Stokesdale Fire District for generator electrical usage in the amount of \$175.00. Accounts Payable includes an invoice form Guilford County for Planning Services in the amount of \$12,500.

The General Fund Savings account shows the receipt of the Hold Harmless Distribution of \$990.91. One General Fund certificate of deposit and one Water Enterprise certificate matured during the month. Both were renewed at 5% interest for six months.

The Water Enterprise checking account reflects routine payments for the purchase of water, Duke Power, and lawn mowing. The finance officer noted that there have been some incidents that have occurred when meters have not been reading accurately. After checking the meters, it was necessary to make adjustments to the some of the accounts to make corrections for those errors. Accounts Receivable should be affected by these adjustments next month.

2006 Population Estimate: The State Demographer estimates the 2006 population of Stokesdale at 3,638 persons which is an increase of 95 persons or 2.7% increase.

Update Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement: The Clerk indicated that the contact persons should be updated. Mr. Flynt suggested that the Fire Chief should be included on the list. Mayor Jones said that those listed must be Council members or Town staff. Mayor Jones made a motion to have the mayor and the mayor pro tem listed as the first and second alternate representatives with the clerk updating the contact information when there was a change in those positions. Mr. Flynt seconded the motion. All Council members present voted aye and the motion passed.

Mayor Jones made a motion to approve vacation days requested by the Clerk. Mr. Flynt seconded the motion. All Council members present voted aye and the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Consider a Regulatory Ordinance: Mayor Jones noted that there have been a number of complaints dealing with graffiti and yards and other municipalities have ordinances that address those issues and this gives the Town some ability to address the issues. It also gives some ability to the put the cost on the ones that are responsible for the damage. Mayor Jones suggested that the other council members should receive copies of the proposed ordinance to review prior to the November meeting and possibly setting a public hearing at that time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Jones read the announcements listed on the agenda.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: No comments were made.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL: No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Flynt made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Carolyn L. Joyner

Approved:

Randle L. Jones, Mayor

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