

**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, July 17, 2008.

Mayor Randle L. Jones called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. The following members of Council were present: Mayor Randle L. Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Mickie Halbrook, Cheryl Steele, James Attaway, and Norman Cook.

Others present included: Guilford County Sheriff's Deputy Steve Christmon, Town Attorney William B. Trevorrow; and Town Clerk/Finance Officer Carolyn Joyner.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Council considered the proposed agenda. Howard Jones indicated that he would like to address Council on the matter of parking on the streets in the Weatherstone Subdivision. Mayor Jones suggested that he should be added after the Sheriff's report. Mayor Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition. Mr. Attaway seconded the motion. All Council members voted aye and the agenda was approved.

Ms. Halbrook made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented and without reading. Ms. Steele seconded the motion. All Council members voted aye and the minutes of a special meeting that was held on May 27 and the regular meeting of June 19, 2008 were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Report Guilford County Sheriff's Department:** Deputy Christman reported that since the last meeting, there had been four assaults, five breaking and entering of cars which occurred when car doors were left un-locked, two residential burglaries, two property thefts, one fraud, one counterfeiting, and one cruelty to animals report. The residential breaking and entering was domestic related and one was theft of copper from a vacant home.

**Parking on streets in Weatherstone Subdivision:** Howard Jones, President of the Weatherstone Homeowners Association, said that several of the homeowners have complained to him about people parking on the streets in Weatherstone. He said that the streets are state maintained streets and people are parking on the streets and blocking one lane of traffic. He distributed an email from Captain Caliendo, Guilford County Sheriff's Office, and two emails from residents and a street map of the subdivision. He pointed out that both Bartonshire and Daltonshire Drives are expressways out to NC 68. He expressed his fears that a child will be hit or there will be traffic accidents because of the parked cars. He pointed out that Captain Caliendo references a State statue that applies to parking on the streets but it only applies to areas outside of municipal corporate limits so that it does not apply to this situation in Stokesdale. He asked Council to consider adopting the State statue to ban all parking or something to limit parking on the street. Mayor Jones asked what specific problems they were experiencing. Mr. Howard responded that the posted speed limit is 25 MPH and there are no speed bumps or stop signs. He had contacted Capt. Caliendo to see if a radar trailer could be set up. He said that there are teenagers learning to drive and those who are in a hurry to get to work and are in a hurry to reach NC 68. Ms. Halbrook asked if it is families who live at the homes. Mr. Howard said that it is but there is one home where an addition is being made and a construction trailer has been parked there for several months. There were two vehicles with no tags that had been parked completely on the pavement. The cars were moved after the Sheriff's Department talked to the owner. Mayor Jones asked if the Homeowner's Association has adopted a policy on the issue. Mr. Howard replied that they do not have a policy. He said that they have had a meeting and are attempting to clarify what can be done. There are no conditions or covenants that were adopted when the subdivision was built that would allow them to deal with cars parking on State maintained roads. Mayor Jones checked the State statues and said there may be some provisions in them if the vehicles are presenting a hazard while they are in the road. He noted that the Town would have to hold public hearings before an Ordinance could be passed and that it would impact places other than Weatherstone. He suggested that the Public Safety Committee should look at the matter and look at the available ordinances from other municipalities and enforcement and report back to Council. He also suggested that if there are speeding issues, then the Deputy has radar and perhaps the Sheriff's Department could do some extra work in the area. Mr. Attaway said that the Sheriff's Department is aware of the situation and Deputy Christman has been out there numerous times.

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**Partnering to End Chronic Homelessness in Guilford County: Consider selection of a representative to serve as a contact for Stokesdale:** The Clerk indicated that a packet of information had been received from the County pertaining to the efforts that are being made to end Homelessness in the County. Additional information is available on the Guilford County Website. Mayor Jones said that someone could volunteer to be the contact or Council would consider the matter at the next meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no unfinished business for Council to consider.

**COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS:** No committee reports were given.

**Departmental and Administrative Reports:**

**Finance Report: June, 2008:** The Finance Officer reported that assets had increased by \$95,000 from the previous report. Checking Accounts transactions included a donation made in memory of Guilford County Planning Director Greg Niles and a payment to the Guilford County Board of Elections for the November 2007 election of \$3,077.48 and stipends were paid to Council members. Accounts Payable included an invoice from the American Society of Composers, Arthurs, and Publishers for \$299.00, an invoice for \$103.84 from the News & Record for the ad for the public hearing on the Budget and an invoice from the Guilford County Emergency Services for Fire Code and Fire Investigations for 2007-2008 for \$3,142.75. The General Fund Savings Accounts reflected the deposit of \$42,529.45 for the Utility Franchise Tax Distribution. The Money Market Savings Account is a new account which was opened for the purpose of depositing the interest that has been earned during the month on certificates of deposit that are earning simple interest which is not being compounded so that the funds that are invested will earn additional interest. The interest earned during the month of June was deposited on June 30 for a total of \$23,292.27 and it earned \$1.83 in interest for the month. Two general fund certificates of deposit matured during the month earning \$20,460.80 in interest. Both were reinvested for six months at interest rates of 2.709% and 3.15%.

The Water Enterprise Fund reflects routine expenditures for the purchase of water, the water operator, and for the installation of new meters. Accounts Payable has two invoices from Yates Construction listed. They are for the installation of water meters (\$173.10) and the installation of 3 new taps (\$5,225.00).

**Administrative Report:**

**Education & Recycling Workgroup Meeting:** The Clerk reported that she had attended a recent meeting of the County recycling group. Statistics were provided for the results from the Spring Clean-up Day and the grant application previously submitted for recycling containers was not approved. There are some changes in the Garbage Collector License requirements which could have some impact when contracts are renewed. The "Magic of Recycling" will be offered to Guilford County Elementary School groups again this year. A representative from Call2Recycle spoke to the group about their program to recycle rechargeable batteries and cell phones. The Town can participate in the program at no cost and it would give citizens a convenient way to recycle these items. Council did not voice any objections to the Clerk ordering the boxes to be placed in Town Hall for recycling these items

Ms. Joyner noted that Guilford County Emergency Services had mailed a copy of the National Emergency Management Association guide "Are You Ready? (An elected official's Guide to Emergency Management)" for Council.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION:** There was no legislative matters to come before Council.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Water System Issues:** Mayor Jones indicated that Council has some information, including an agreement with Haw River Holdings for an extension of the water lines to Kings Crossing. Council would have to approve the agreement and the lines would be installed according to the Town's specifications. Once lines are constructed, they would be dedicated to the Town and there would be easements in place should it be necessary to repair the lines. Mayor Jones noted that Mr. Trevor row had reviewed the plans. Mr. Trevorrow said that the agreement extend the water lines is the result of discussion between Mr. Comb's attorney and himself. He also said that Lee Bryant, Evans Engineering, had been instrumental in the project as well. The agreement calls for the establishment of the waterline extension onto the property of Haw River Holdings, LLC, the Food Lion Project. The project is a change in technical direction for Stokesdale in that ultimately, the Town will be maintaining water lines in a public easement on private property. The line will be the distribution of water through the system which will be reached by the waterline which follows the public ROW of NC 68 which has already been approved by Council. He noted that Exhibit A is attached to the agreement and will be signed by Mr. Combs as the managing partner. It will not be signed until

Stokesdale has reviewed, approved and accepted the lines to make sure that they are constructed to the engineer's drawings and to the Town's specifications. The document is being attached for Council's review to show what it will look like when it is executed and recorded. The agreement will become effective upon Council's approval. Mr. Trevorrow said that he was comfortable with the finished document as to the Town's interest. Mayor Jones noted that Mr. Combs needs this document so that he can move forward with construction of the project. Mayor Jones also noted that this is consistent with the way that other municipalities deal with this type of issue. The Town receives the benefits of extending the water lines. Mayor Jones made a motion to adopt the agreement. Mayor Jones clarified that his motion would include the authorization for the Mayor to sign the documents. Ms. Halbrook seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to approve the documents.

Ms. Joyner noted that Mr. McGougan with Marziano and McGougan has sent an email pertaining to a discrepancy in the Town water specifications that needs to be addressed. Mr. McGougan's email pointed out that Kennedy Model K81 D fire hydrants, although prevalent in the Stokesdale Water System, are not listed in the Town's specifications. The contractor has submitted a gate valve for use on this project which is not listed in the Town specifications. Both meet the requirements for the Town. The Clerk noted that there are some other items in the Town's specifications that need to be updated. She had been in contact with Yates Construction Company and they have indicated that the requested models are acceptable and they are willing to review all of the specifications. Mayor Jones made a motion to approve the use of the Kennedy Model K81 D fire hydrants and Kennedy Model 7571 Resilient Wedge gate valve for the specifications for the Town of Stokesdale. Ms. Halbrook seconded the motion. All Council members voted aye and the changes were approved.

The Clerk asked if citizens located on the new line would be charged the current fee of \$1,583.40 to connect to the system. Mayor Jones said that Council may want to look at the cost to the Town for the installation of the tap since the Town has always taken a break even approach and prices may have increased. He suggested that if costs have increased, then Council may want to consider changing the fees. Ms. Joyner asked if fees for taps on the new line could be collected now or should they be collected when the line is completed. Mayor Jones said that the line should be in existence before any new taps are made.

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:** Mike Stone, Oak Ridge, extended an invitation to the opening of the Oak Ridge Town Park on September 20 and he is coordinating a fundraiser for Oak Military Academy. The fundraiser for ORMA will be a car show with old vehicles parked at Town Hall. There will be music, food, and fireworks at the new park later that evening.

Mr. Stone said that he is a candidate for District 3 School Board representative for this area and asked for everyone's vote in November.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:** There were no comments from Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Attaway made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Jones seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

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Carolyn L. Joyner, Town Clerk

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Randle L. Jones, Mayor