

**TOWN OF STOKESDALE**  
**8416 US Hwy 158**  
**STOKESDALE, NORTH CAROLINA**

The regular meeting of the Stokesdale Town Council was held in the Town Hall at 8416 US Highway 158 on Thursday, March 18, 2010.

Mayor Randle L. Jones called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. The following members of Council were present: Mayor Randle L. Jones, Mickie Halbrook, James Attaway, Cheryl Steele and Bobby Richardson.

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Council considered the proposed agenda. Ms. Steele made a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Halbrook seconded the motion. All Council members voted aye and the agenda was adopted.

Council reviewed the minutes of the February 18 regular Council meeting. The Clerk noted that minutes for the special meeting of February 10 were available also. Ms. Steele made a motion to adopt both minutes without reading. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion. All Council members voted aye and the minutes for February 10 and February 18, 2010 meetings were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Report from Guilford County Sheriff's Department:** Deputy Christman reported that five cars were broken into and I-Pods were taken from four of them. He urged everyone to lock their cars since these were left unlocked. Two golf carts were stolen from the golf course. One car was stolen and two acquaintances of the owner have now been arrested. A vacant residence was broken into and the heat pump was stolen. There were four drug arrests, a weapons offense, one property theft with warrants being drawn up and one assault on a female.

**Stokesdale Youth Football Association:** Mike DeHaan, Pearman Quarry Road, said that he was representing Stokesdale Youth Football Association (SYFA). He thanked Council for their support of the SYFA for the past three years. He said that the SYFA Board had held two meetings and were making plans for their fourth season. The biggest question that they have is determining where they will be playing. He indicated that there was a copy of their request which was made last November for the use of the Town Park. They are meeting with the League to determine where home games will be played. He asked if Council could provide any guidance for them on the use of the Town Park. Mayor Jones said that the Park should be up and running by that time. He asked if Mr. DeHaan or a member of their organization could meet with the Athletics and Recreation Committee since they will be dealing with who needs to use the fields and when and the scheduling of events. This would be the first place to start.

**Stokesdale Business Association Update:** Frank Bruno, Vice President of the Stokesdale Business Association (SBA), said that the SBA was formed in January of this year and now has 70 members. Their annual fee is \$25.00. Their goal is to promote local businesses and to encourage everyone to buy locally. They are putting together a local business directory. They plan to mail out about 3,200 directories to Stokesdale postal patrons in April. March 26 is the cutoff date for businesses to be included in the directory. Contact David Wrenn, President, at the Bi-Rite. The next SBA Board meeting will be held on April 20 at 6:00 pm at the Stokesdale Business Center, 8500 Ellisboro Road.

Mayor Jones said the earlier in the evening, the Athletics and Recreation Committee had mentioned having sponsorships for the Park and that could be of interest to the SBA. He suggested that they should meet and discuss what could be beneficial to both groups.

**Urban Deer Season Participation:** The Clerk indicated that she had been contacted by the North Carolina Wildlife Commission a few days ago. They asked for the Town to send in a letter to indicate that the Town would like to participate in the 2011 Urban Deer Season. A new map should be included if areas where hunting could be allowed has changed. Mayor Jones said that the season allows hunting in municipalities after the regular season for bow hunting only. Regular rules apply. Ms. Joyner said that the season is usually mid January to mid February. The number of deer harvested during the 2010 season was not available and the letter must be sent in by April 1. Ms. Steele made a motion to continue the bow-hunting season and

to authorize Mayor Jones to sign the proposed letter. Mr. Attaway seconded the motion. Council voted 4 to 1 to approve the motion with Ms. Halbrook voting no.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no unfinished business coming before Council.

**COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS:**

**Appointment of Budget Officer/Budget Committee:** All Budget Requests must be submitted to the Budget Officer by **April 30:** Mayor Jones noted that usually 2 Council members serve on the committee along with Ms. Joyner who serves as Budget Officer. Last year Mr. Attaway and Mayor Jones served on the committee. Mr. Richardson and Mayor Jones volunteered to serve on the Committee. Ms. Steele made a motion to appoint Bobby Richardson, Mayor Jones and Carolyn Joyner as Budget Officer to serve on the committee. Ms. Halbrook seconded the motion. All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

**Ordinance Review Committee:** Ms. Steele reported that the committee did meet but that she was unable to attend. She said that the committee continued discussions from the previous meeting and that no votes were taken. The committee will meet on May 10 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Jones reported that the new committees had met for an informational meeting at 6:30 prior to the Council meeting. They will coordinate with the Clerk to set up their initial committee meetings.

Mr. Trevorror reported that he had contacted both the Greensboro and the Forsyth County ABC Boards. Forsyth County Board is now known as the Triad ABC Board since they have stores in Oak Ridge, Clemmons and other small municipalities that are not in Forsyth County. Both managers agreed to put it on their Board's agenda for their next meeting which should be in March. Mr. Trevorror had also spoken with Mr. Carl Sayer who is the Oak Ridge representative to the Triad Board and he agreed to keep him informed. Contacts have been made and the process has been started.

**Departmental and Administrative Reports:**

**Finance Report: February, 2010:** The Finance Officer reported that assets had increased over the prior month by over \$233,700. Checking account transactions included the deposit of \$1,552.33 from Time Warner Cable for fourth quarter fees, and a deposit of \$1,657.14 for Greensboro ABC profits. Expenditures include a payment of \$119.99 for having a new battery installed in the Town's generator. The other checking account transactions are routine. Accounts Payable includes an invoice from Guilford County for Planning Fees for \$12,500 and an invoice for \$362.00 for the renewal of the insurance policy for the generator.

Ms. Joyner noted that the General Fund Savings account had probably the smallest deposit ever. After receiving Council's approval to receive direct deposits of Cable Franchise Fees, Time Warner had sent the Town a deposit of one cent as a test deposit to make sure that the account was set up properly.

The Park Capital Project account showed the payment of \$606.18 to Stewart Cooper Newell Architects and the deposit of PARTF grant funds in the amount of \$227,001.46. One Water Enterprise Fund Certificate of Deposit matured and earned \$6,653.19 in interest. It was renewed at .75% for 12 months. The Water Enterprise Fund Accounts Payable included invoices from Water Technology for their monthly services, Superior Locate for locating water lines, and three invoices from Yates Construction, one of which was for \$3,401.62 for the replacement of a fire hydrant that was destroyed when a car wrecked on Athens Road. An insurance claim will be filed for the damage. Transactions for the Water Enterprise Checking Account were routine transactions.

**Administrative Report – Town Clerk:** Ms. Joyner reported that the next MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24. The issue of representation for the municipalities will be on the agenda for the meeting. She noted that the MPO Board may or may not make a decision on the matter. Mayor Jones had responded with a letter indicating that Stokesdale preferred to have its own representative on the Board.

A representative of Utility Service Company has visited Town Hall and has offered to do an inspection of the Town Water Tank. They can do exterior and interior inspections and they offer antenna site marketing and management. After inspecting our tank, they would prepare a proposal for servicing the tank. The Tank has been in operation for about seven years and it has not been inspected during that period. Tanks do require periodic maintenance. Once a proposal has been received, the Town engineer would review it and make his recommendations to Council. There is not a cost for the inspection. Mr. Trevorror said that he would presume that the company would have their own insurance and workers compensation so that our policies

would not be primary and they would take the risk of their workers. Mayor Jones made a motion to move that the inspection be done to make sure that the tank is satisfactory and it would be contingent on their insurance and workers comp covering the individuals that would be working on the tank. When the proposal is received it would be reviewed by the Town's engineer. Mr. Attaway seconded the motion. All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

NCLM: Municipal Environmental Assessment Coalition (MEAC) - Project Participation Agreement: The Clerk noted that Council has information on the Coalition in their packet for their review. There is a fee for joining the Coalition but it was not known at this time. Mayor Jones said that it deals with issues such as the Jordan Lake rules and others that may be too broad and they do not always consider the expense and where the funds will come from. He asked the Clerk to find out the cost of the joining.

The Clerk also reported that the Atlantic and Yadkin Greenway Committee did hold a meeting at Town Hall this week. The two newly appointed members of the Trails & easement committee did attend. A new map was provided for the Town which shows a possible location for a trail that follows the old railroad right of way. Representatives from Guilford County, Summerfield, Greensboro MPO, and Stokesdale attended the meeting. Kate Dixon with the Mountains to Sea trail attended.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Jones read the announcements listed on the agenda. The Clerk indicated that there may not be any cases for the Planning Board and the meeting may be cancelled.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:** Pam Lemmons, 8306 Newberry Street, gave the specifics of the Saturday Market. It is free for non-profits and a free co-op and display is offered in her building for arts, flea market, historical merchandise, and it is open to help with the revitalization of downtown and they are very interested in the central business district. She said that ROADS is working with the SBA who has passed a resolution in support of the Mountains to Sea Trail. She said that she had talked to Lane Hall, NCDOT and he said that an area should be designated as a central business district rather than a general business district. Ms. Steele said that she has reviewed notes from the meeting and Trevor. When options were presented CBD is required to be rezoned, all of the properties must be rezoned and that would cost quite a lot. The same is achieved by using the general business district and it is not as costly. Mr. Richardson said that the Committee did not confirm anything on the matter but would discuss it when the committee meets again.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:** Ms. Halbrook said that it was good to see every one.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Jones made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Steele seconded the motion. All Council members voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

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Carolyn L. Joyner, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

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Randle L. Jones, Mayor