

TOWN OF STOKESDALE
Regular Council Meeting
8325 Angel Pardue Road
Stokesdale, NC 27357

The regular meeting of the Stokesdale Town Council was held on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at the Town Hall at 8325 Angel Pardue Road.

Mayor Randle L. Jones called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The following members of Council were present: Mayor Randle L. Jones, Mickie Halbrook, Cheryl Steele, and Bobby Richardson. James Attaway was absent.

Others present included: William B. Trevorror, Town Attorney; Deputy Scott Casey, Guilford County Sherriff's Department and Carolyn Joyner, Finance Officer/Town Clerk.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Halbrook introduced Rev. Danny Miller, pastor of Bethel United Methodist Church. Rev. Miller gave the invocation.

Council reviewed the agenda. Pam Lemmons asked to comment on the NC Mainstreet Program. She said that all of the candidates are invited to come downtown to the Saturday Market on November 5. The Fire Department will be having stew and the candidates can come down and meet some of the folks. Mayor Jones suggested putting NC Mainstreet under Unfinished Business. Ms. Steele made a motion to adapt the agenda with the addition. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion. All Council members present voted aye and the agenda was approved.

Council reviewed the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on August 1, 2011 and the regular meeting held on August 18, 2011. Ms. Steele made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented without reading. Ms. Halbrook seconded the motion. All Council members present voted aye and the minutes for August 1 and August 18, 2011 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report from Guilford County Sheriff's Department: Deputy Casey said that during the transition when Deputy Steve Christman was leaving, he had surgery and vacation planned resulting in about a three week span when he was not at work in Stokesdale. He noted that from the last meeting until today, there have been about 18 calls for service for Stokesdale. There were some DWI's and found properties. There have been about 5 Part 1 crimes, a burglary, and two thefts of properties, one of which was unfounded. There were 3 motor vehicles B&E's in the Springdale area and an arrest has been made. They have hit the Haw River Road area that is outside of Stokesdale.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Town Survey: Mayor Jones said that Council said that Council members have a draft of a survey with a items that to find out what citizens would like to see as improvements to the Town Core. It has items to check off and some open areas for citizens to fill in. There are some choices regarding how to pay for the items. There is space for future needs in the Stokesdale Town Park. He said that it should provide information for the Mainstreet program and it should go out as soon as possible. Bill Lemmons asked if there were questions regarding sidewalks for the downtown. Mayor Jones confirmed that there was. Mr. Lemmons said that it would be a mute issue since the property owners were going to take care of the sidewalks. Mayor Jones said that there could be a need for sidewalks in other areas. Mr. Richardson made a motion that Council move forward and send out the survey. Ms. Halbrook seconded the motion. All Council members present voted aye and the motion was approved.

Water Issues: The Clerk said that it is time to renew the water permit for the Town Water System. She had not received updated information from Water Technology and she would confirm that there have not been any changes. It must be submitted by November 4. Ms. Steele made a motion to submit the permit. Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All Council members present voted aye and the motion carried.

NC MAINSTREET: Ms. Lemmons said that there had been some confusion when there was conversation about the Mainstreet program on November 18, 2010. She had promised to have a Mainstreet member to come which a

representative did come last night. She asked if the representative had satisfied Council's curiosity and whether we might move forward with the program this year. Mayor Jones responded that Carolyn had met with them earlier this year and Council was moving forward. The survey is being done to obtain information that is needed to move forward with the program. Mayor Jones said that he had met with Frank Bruno and had explained that the Town was in the planning stages in preparing and getting ready to make application this year. The Clerk had attended a mandatory workshop in April or May of this year. She said that there are things that must be done so that the Town would be ready to participate in the program when the application is submitted and possibly accepted into the program such as having committees in place and goals established. Ms. Steele said that we can work to make this happen. Ms. Lemmons said that a conference will be held in January that will be useful.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS:

Committee/Board Reports: There were no committee reports.

Departmental and Administrative Reports:

Finance Report: September, 2011: Ms. Joyner reported that assets increased by about \$45,000 over the previous month. The General Fund Checking account transactions included payments Guilford County Finance Department of \$524.57 for the final billing for Fiscal Year 2010-11; to Guilford County Finance Department for Animal Control and Planning Services \$14,568.25; dues to the new Piedmont Triad Regional Council \$1,110.00 and stipends were paid to Council. General Fund Accounts Payable included an invoice from Community Fire Extinguishers Sales & Service, \$45.00 for annual service of the fire extinguishers. The Fire Marshal visited the Town Hall and Park and there were a few items that needed to be corrected. General Fund Savings Account reflects the receipt of the Utility Franchise Tax Distribution for second quarter in the amount of \$70,084.63. Interest form Certificates of Deposit were deposited to the Money Market Savings Account in the amount of \$3, 573.73. The Water Enterprise Accounts Payable shows the Water Permit fee of \$810 that Council has just approved. The Water Enterprise Checking Account transactions are routine monthly transactions.

Administrative Report: Town Clerk did not have anything further to report.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION: There was no legislative action coming before Council.


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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: No comments were made.

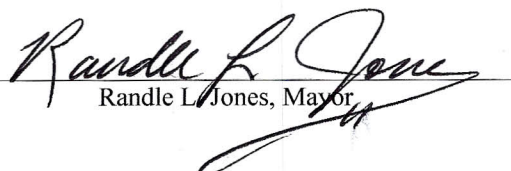
COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL: Ms. Steele thanked everyone for coming and said that this may be a new record for meeting time.

Bill Lemmons asked if Mr. Attaway's health would come into play with the upcoming election. Ms. Halbrook said that he should be here for the Forum on October 25. He had called her today and has a stomach virus and was unable to attend tonight and he is doing better.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Halbrook made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Steele seconded the motion. All Council members present voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.


Carolyn L. Joyner, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved:


Randle L. Jones, Mayor

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