

**Stoneville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2025
6:00 PM – Council Chambers**

Regular Meeting

Present were Mayor Kathy Stanley-Galvan, Council members Johnny Farmer, Curt Bennett, Lee Shelton, Henry Thornton and Daisy Smith. Also present were Town Administrator Michael Sands, Finance Officer Shannon Tucker, Town Clerk Deleia Hutcherson, Police Chief Rebecca Dixon, Public Works Director Byron Curry, Fire Chief Joel Freeman, and Town Attorney Eugene Russell.

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation: Mayor Galvan welcomed the assembly and called the meeting to order after the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation at 6:00pm. She announced the Council met at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (4) Economic Development and would be going back into Closed Session immediately following the regular meeting, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (3) to Consult with the Town Attorney, and (6) Personnel.

Agenda: Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to approve the May 6, 2025, agenda. Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the following items: (1) Minutes from March 18, 2025, April 1, 2025, April 10, 2025, and April 15, 2025. (2) Approval of audit engagement letter and audit contract with Tony Brewer, CPA, PC for the year ended June 30, 2025. Total amount not to exceed \$24,000. (3) Approval of an additional handicap-accessible parking space in the downtown area. (4) Approval of quote from TigerTek Industrial Services in the amount of \$11,970.75 to repair primary lift station pump on Simpson Street. Councilwoman Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Copies incorporated into minutes.

Old Business:

Consideration of a citizen request to maintain ducks on property inside the town limits – Town Administrator Michael Sands informed the Council that the existing ordinance Section 93.06 allows up to six female chickens. However, Section 93.01 Definitions, provides that ducks are considered livestock and not pets. Section 93.02 provides that no person may keep or harbor livestock within the town. After consultation with the Police Chief and Animal Control, the Council opted to leave the ordinance as is and not allow ducks. Councilman Farmer made a motion to leave the ordinance as is, with ducks not permitted. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing – Consideration of amendments to Section 50.02 (Nuisances; abatement) and 50.21 (Noxious growth) - Councilman Farmer made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Councilman Shelton seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Sands spoke about this item and the floor was opened up for public comments. No one signed up for public comments. Councilman Farmer made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilman Shelton seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance O-2025-01 Amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 50: Section 50.02 (Nuisances; abatement), Section 50.21 (Noxious growth) and adding new Section (Grass, Noxious Weeds and Similar Nuisances) - Councilman Farmer made a motion to approve Ordinance O-2025-01 as presented by staff. Councilwoman Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Museum and Archives of Rockingham County (MARC) – David French, President and Executive Committee Chair and Jeffrey Bullins, Past President and Finance Committee Member were in attendance. Mr. French spoke and presented a PowerPoint presentation that included the following key points:

- Overview of MARC’s mission, history, and community engagement
- Highlights of museum operations and exhibits
- Description of historical relevance to Rockingham County and Stoneville
- Status of ongoing renovations and capital improvements
- Funding sources and financial accountability

There was discussion about the lease terms with the county, museum sustainability, and significance of historical preservation. Mr. French stated the request is being made of all municipalities in Rockingham County for a one-time municipal grant of \$4,000 (\$3 per resident) for capital improvements. Councilman Farmer spoke in favor of the one-time grant and asked Mr. Sands to consider in the upcoming budget presentation. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Consideration of Uniform Guidance Procurement Policy – Mr. Sands stated this policy is required for federal and state grant compliance and is requesting that the Council adopt to ensure we have an updated policy in place for future grant applications. Councilman Farmer made a motion to adopt the Uniform Guidance Policy. Councilman Shelton seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Consideration of Resolution R-2025-05 Application for North Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Downtown Economic Development Grant Fund (Fidelity Building Revitalization/Reuse Project) - Mr. Sands spoke on this item and requested approval of the Resolution to proceed with the grant application. Councilman Shelton made a motion to approve Resolution R-2025-05. Councilwoman Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Consideration to appoint Brent Epling to the Planning Board/Board of Adjustments as an Inside Member – Councilman Farmer made a motion to appoint Tammy Evans as an inside member of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment versus her current role as an alternate member and offer Mr. Brent Epling the alternate seat based on his recent application. Councilwoman Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Resolution R-2025-06 Authorizing the Disposition of Town Property (Gas engine, valve, piping, and pump panel no longer being used by the Fire Department) – Councilman Farmer made a motion to approve Resolution R-2025-06. Councilman Shelton seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Proclamation of National Police Week (May 11-17, 2025) – Mayor Galvan issued the proclamation honoring law enforcement for their service. She recognized their contributions to the Town of Stoneville. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Proclamation of National Public Works Week (May 18-24, 2025) – Mayor Galvan issued the proclamation honoring public works for their service. She recognized their contributions to the Town of Stoneville. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Public Comments: None

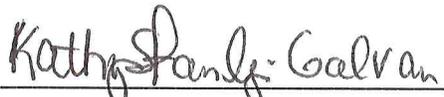
Upcoming meetings and events were announced by Mayor Galvan and she thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (3) to Consult with the Town Attorney, and (6) Personnel. Motion made by Councilman Shelton. Seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

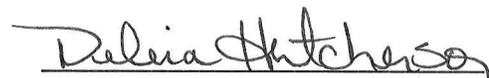
Motion to go out of closed session made by Councilman Thornton. Seconded by Councilman Farmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Thornton. Seconded by Councilman Shelton. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Mayor, Kathy Stanley-Galvan



Town Clerk, Deleia Hutcherson

