

Stoneville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 5, 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 6:00 p.m. She announced the Council met at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (3) to Consult with the Town Attorney, and (6) Personnel.

Agenda: Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve the August 5, 2025 agenda. Seconded by Councilman Shelton. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 1, 2025, special meeting minutes from June 27, 2025 and special meeting minutes from July 22, 2025. Seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of \$300.00 donation to the Stoneville Community Cemetery – Mr. James Smith introduced himself as a committee volunteer for the Stoneville Community Cemetery. He spoke about their ongoing efforts to restore the cemetery and the cost involved to identify unmarked graves. He asked for a donation of \$300 to assist with expenses. Councilman Shelton made a motion to approve a \$300.00 donation to the Stoneville Community Cemetery. Seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried unanimously.

Stoneville Elementary PTO Fundraiser Proposal – Michelle Hernandez spoke and introduced herself as the Secretary of the Stoneville Elementary PTO. She presented a proposal for a “Color Fitness Run” fundraiser tentatively scheduled for March 26, 2026. Ms. Hernandez explained that the event was designed as a community-building activity combining fitness and school spirit while raising funds for the elementary school. She requested support from the town in the form of route approval, coordination with the Department of Transportation for street closures, police and fire presence, first aid assistance, advertising coordination, and parking arrangements. She stated the PTO would handle registrations, volunteers, safety procedures, and other logistics. Following questions from the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Farmer to approve the proposal and provide the requested municipal support. Seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration to amend the Personnel Policy – Section 32.080 Compensation - The Council reviewed an amendment to the personnel policy, Section 32-080, relating to compensation for police officers. The adjustment clarified that officers who had been hired but were not yet fully sworn and certified by the state would receive part-time pay until their certification was completed, after which they would receive full-time pay. The clarification was intended to ensure procedural consistency while awaiting state approval. The amendment reads: Police Officers hired by the Town of Stoneville Police Department will be initially compensated on an hourly basis according to the part time pay scale and will be considered temporary until proof of general law enforcement certification is provided by the state. Police Officers will be deemed regular, full-time employees and eligible for full time benefits once sworn in by the Town Clerk and active on the roster. Following discussion, Councilman Farmer made a motion to approve the amendment. Seconded by Councilman Shelton. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Consideration to adopt Ordinance 0-2025-02 Amending the Town of Stoneville Code of Ordinances Chapter 91: Fire Prevention and Protection – Section 91.04 Fire Prevention Code – Mr. Sands explained the amendment is necessary as our current ordinance governing the fire prevention code references AIA Fire Prevention Code that is not legally enforceable. He stated that in order for the town to conduct fire inspections, the Council must adopt the NC Fire Prevention Code, current edition, as amended from the IFC, and as adopted by the North Carolina Building Code Council. Councilman Farmer made a motion to approve the amendment and adopt Ordinance O-2025-02. Seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Prior to moving to the next item of business, Councilman Thornton made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) to Consult with Town Attorney. Seconded by Councilman Shelton. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Farmer made a motion to go out of closed session. Seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Galvan announced the return to open session with no action taken in closed session.

Consideration of quotes to renovate the financial services building at 103 S. Henry Street – Councilman Shelton made a motion to award the contract to Doss Properties & Investments, LLC for the renovation project. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Consideration of quotes for extension of sewer service to Dalton Loop – Council reviewed three bids and discussed concerns over discrepancies in work scope and methodology (e.g., boring vs. open-cut, manhole construction, and asphalt replacement). The bids ranged from \$14,662 to \$59,500. Staff recommended the lowest bid for \$14,662.93 presented by Mike's ETC. It was confirmed with the Finance Officer that the contractor was insured and licensed.

Councilman Farmer made a motion to accept staff's recommendation and approve the quote from Mike's Etc. in the amount of \$14,662.93. Seconded by Councilman Thornton. A vote was taken. Councilman Farmer, Thornton, and Bennett voted yes. Councilman Shelton and Councilwoman Smith voted no. Motion carried with a 3-2 vote. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Consideration to appoint members to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Councilman Bennett introduced candidates for appointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. He noted the absence of a Parks and Recreation Director since October 2024, and the importance of re-establishing leadership for community recreation. Six members and two alternates were nominated, each bringing professional expertise, leadership skills, and community involvement. Members appointed were Ed Brown, Bob Bailey, Pastor Kenneth Moore, Mrs. Kasie Pruitt, Jerry Smith, and David Price. Alternates appointed were Chris Avis and Charles Rakestraw. The Council expressed confidence that the advisory board would strengthen the town's recreational offerings. Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve the appointments. Seconded by Councilman Farmer. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Old Business: None

Public Comments: Mr. Roger Hodge of King Street addressed the Council and reported severe flooding at his property following the installation of a nearby driveway/culvert. He stated he had spoken on this topic numerous times and is requesting corrective action. The Council acknowledged his concerns and directed the Town Administrator and Public Works Director to investigate the matter, follow up with Mr. Hodge within 30 days, and provide recommendations for resolution.

Mr. Chris Wingfield of 202 Hampton Street signed up to speak but had to leave prior to the Public Comments section of the meeting. The Town Clerk presented his concerns about the poor condition of Hampton Street. Council members emphasized the urgency of moving forward with the road paving plan approved in the budget. The Council requested that road repair recommendations be presented at the next meeting or at a special meeting if necessary.

Town Administrator Report: No items to report

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

Motion to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) to Consult with Town Attorney, and (6) Personnel made by Councilman Shelton. Seconded by Councilman Farmer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Kathy Stanley-Galvan
Mayor, Kathy Stanley-Galvan

Deleia Hutcherson
Town Clerk, Deleia Hutcherson

