

**Stoneville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 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 Mary Ann Greer, 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.

Agenda: Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to approve the November 6, 2025 agenda with the following amendment: Add item 5 under new business – Consideration of Ordinance O-2025-05 Temporary Road Closure for Annual Christmas Parade. Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve the amended November 6, 2025 agenda. Seconded by Councilman Farmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Councilwoman Smith made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 7, 2025 and the special meeting minutes from October 23, 2025. Seconded by Councilman Bennett. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Consideration of a rezoning request from applicant, Patrick Smith, to rezone a parcel identified as Tax Pin 794900018175 (1.6 AC +/-) from Mixed Zoning (Commercial/Residential Agriculture) to Residential Suburban – Councilman Shelton made a motion to enter into Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried unanimously. The applicant was not present; therefore, planning staff explained that the request involved rezoning land that would be sold for the construction of approximately three stick-built homes on roughly 0.5-acre lots. No individuals were signed up for public comment. A motion to exit the public hearing was made by Councilman Thornton. Seconded by Councilman Bennett. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion clarifying the property was within the Town's ETJ, Councilman Farmer made a motion to approve the rezoning based on the Findings of Fact and favorable recommendation provided by the Planning Board and the Reasonableness and Consistency Statement as presented by staff. Seconded by Councilman Shelton. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Public Comments: Mr. Gary Purgason of Madison, NC spoke on behalf of Good Stewards of Rockingham and requested that the Council adopt a resolution opposing proposed natural gas pipelines through the county, citing environmental and public safety concerns.

Mr. Mack Rierson of Oak Street in Stoneville, NC addressed the Council regarding concerns about the conduct of a council member, alleging misuse of public office and personal harassment, and requested a formal review of the matter.

Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for the appointment of Mr. Maurice Price to the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment – The Council considered the appointment of Mr. Maurice Price, an ETJ resident, to the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment to fill an outside-member vacancy. Staff briefly reviewed the statutory requirements for proportional representation on both boards, noting ongoing needs for additional ETJ members. Councilman Farmer made a motion to appoint Mr. Price as an ETJ member of the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment. Councilwoman Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Consideration of Code of Ethics and Conduct Policy for Governing Board – The Council reviewed the proposed Governing Board Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct Policy. The Town Administrator stated it was an updated version aligned with state law and UNC School of Government guidance. Councilman Farmer made a motion to approve the policy as presented by staff. Councilwoman Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Consideration of Employee Christmas Bonuses – The Council considered the annual employee Christmas bonuses, which have traditionally been awarded for over a decade. Staff recommended a \$500 bonus for full-time employees and a \$250 bonus for part-time employees. Staff reported the total cost as approximately \$8,250, which had already been included in the FY 2025–2026 budget. Councilman Farmer made a motion to approve the Christmas bonuses as presented by staff. Councilwoman Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Budget Amendment 110625 - The Council proceeded to review Budget Amendment 110625, reflecting the receipt of a \$24,500 grant awarded to the Fire Department through a Phil Berger-sponsored state program. The amendment allocated the revenue and expenditure for updated pagers and radios. Councilman Farmer made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Consideration of Ordinance O-2025-05 Temporary Road Closure for Annual Christmas Parade- The Town Administrator informed the Council that the parade route will begin at Sans Technical Fiber on Hwy 770, proceed down Main Street, turn onto Stone and Golden Eagle, and end at Thomas Street near Hundley's. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Councilman Farmer. Seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Town Administrator Report: Town Administrator Michael Sands provided several updates: online utility bill pay is now operational and receiving positive feedback; leaf collection is

underway on Mondays and Thursdays through December 15 (excluding Thanksgiving week – Monday and Wednesday); the Town will need to appoint a new representative to the PTRC Board due to Councilman Farmer’s departure; paving projects on Mebane Street, the post office parking lot, and surrounding areas are nearing completion; and the Veterans Parade will be held in downtown Madison on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Farmer offered remarks during his final regular meeting, expressing gratitude to citizens and councilmembers for the opportunity to serve and encouraging community involvement in local government.

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

A resident, Ms. Melody Holley, was permitted to speak briefly outside public comments to introduce her Sunshine and Rainbows Initiative and promote the upcoming Coats and Kindness Holiday Drive for 2025. Council members offered suggestions and encouraged coordination with local municipalities and police departments for drop-off locations.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Shelton. Seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.



Mayor, Kathy Stanley-Galvan



Town Clerk, Deleia Hutcherson

