

**Stoneville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2026
6:00 PM – Council Chambers**

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Mayor Kathy Stanley-Galvan and Council members Jessica Smith, Curt Bennett, Henry Thornton, Daisy Smith, and Lee Shelton. Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Sands, Finance Officer Mary Ann Greer, Town Clerk Deleia Hutcherson, Public Works Director Byron Curry, Police Chief Rebecca Dixon, 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: Councilwoman Daisy Smith made a motion to approve the March 5, 2026 agenda. Seconded by Councilman Bennett. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Councilwoman Daisy Smith made a motion to approve the February 3, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Councilman Shelton. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: Ms. Tina Dallas of 106 Glendale St, Stoneville, addressed the Council regarding a long-standing stormwater runoff issue in front of her home. She explained that a drain previously existed in the area, but after it was removed or covered, water began diverting into her yard. The resident attempted to mitigate the problem by installing curbing along the frontage of her property; however, this effort did not resolve the issue. She formally requested that the Town take action to correct the drainage concern.

By consensus, the Council directed the Town Administrator to collaborate with the Town Engineer and Public Works Director to evaluate and develop a potential solution. Ms. Dallas was also asked to provide any available photographs showing the former drain and documenting the runoff conditions during rainfall.

Ms. Tonya Wilson of 617 Stone Mountain Road, Stoneville, was also signed up to speak on the same matter. She indicated that the previous speaker had addressed her concerns and simply requested that the issue be addressed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025 – Mr. Tony Brewer, CPA, provided a detailed audit presentation focusing on financial performance indicators and reporting requirements associated with the Local Government Commission (LGC). The auditor explained

that the LGC updated reporting model now requires direct presentation of financial indicators to governing boards, ensuring greater transparency and awareness.

Particular attention was given to the Town's water and sewer fund, which reflected an indicator of concern related to unrestricted cash reserves. While the LGC recommends maintaining approximately two months (16%) of unrestricted reserves, the Town reported approximately 14.29%, reflecting improvement from the prior year but still slightly below the target threshold.

Council was advised that a formal response to the LGC is required within 60 days, signed by a majority of Council. The response must outline corrective actions and financial strategies. Improvements are anticipated due to recent rate adjustments and stabilization following prior infrastructure issues.

Discussion followed regarding fund balance practices, with clarification that excess revenues are retained in fund balance and used strategically for capital needs and emergencies. The auditor emphasized the importance of steady rate adjustments and proactive financial planning to avoid future deficiencies. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Consideration to contract with BerryDunn, a Parks and Recreation consulting firm - The Council considered a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to contract with a professional consultant to develop a comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The consulting cost would be \$30,000.

Presentations and input from the Advisory Board members highlighted the following:

- Increasing community demand for recreational programming and facilities.
- Existing infrastructure improvements at Memorial Park include fields, courts, shelters, and trails.
- Current administrative strain managing recreational activities without dedicated staff.
- Anticipated population growth and the need for long-term planning.
- The necessity of a formal plan to qualify for grant funding.

Speakers emphasized that the Town is at a critical growth point and must proactively plan for future recreational needs to support families and maintain community identity. It was mentioned that the proposed consultant would assist in developing a strategic master plan, positioning the Town for grant funding, and establishing long-term operational recommendations. Councilman Bennett made a motion to approve the recommendation of the advisory board and move forward with the consultant contract at a cost of \$30,000. Seconded by Councilman Thorton. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Consideration to adopt Resolution R-2026-04 Amending Date of Public Hearing on Annexation of Parcel 185849/Tax Pin 793919603137 - The Council considered a request from the applicant, Mr. Ken Mackovic, to amend the date of a previously scheduled public hearing due to preparation delays. Resolution R-2026-03 setting the April 7th public hearing date was

adopted at the February 3rd meeting. Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve Resolution R-2026-04 Amending the Annexation Public Hearing Date to May 5, 2026. Seconded by Councilwoman Daisy Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Consideration to adopt a proposed Pornography Policy and a proposed Social Media Policy –

The Council agreed to consider both policies jointly. Town Administrator Michael Sands informed the Council that adoption of the Pornography Policy was required to be compliant with state law and a Social Media Policy was in the town’s best interest to govern municipal communications. Discussions included compliance requirements under state statute, establishing clear guidelines for official Town social media usage, and ensuring consistency and protection of public communication practices. Councilwoman Daisy Smith made a motion to adopt the Pornography Policy and the Social Media Policy. Seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried unanimously. Copies incorporated into minutes.

Consideration of code enforcement towing contract – Council considered approval of a towing contract to support code enforcement activities related to nuisance and abandoned vehicles. Town Administrator Michael Sands clarified that the contract applies strictly to code enforcement, not general law enforcement towing and the contractor is required to carry insurance coverage for damages. Councilwoman Jessica Smith made a motion to approve the Code Enforcement towing contract. Seconded by Councilman Shelton. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

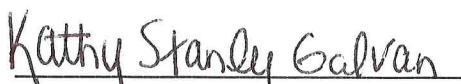
Consideration to adopt Ordinance O-2026-02 Declaring a Temporary Road Closure for the Annual Cruise In and Ordinance O-2026-03 Declaring a Temporary Road Closure for the Annual May Day Festival - The Council agreed to consider both ordinances jointly. Councilwoman Daisy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance O-2026-02 and O-2026-03 for temporary road closures. Seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried unanimously. Copies incorporated into minutes.

Town Administrator Report: Town Administrator Michael Sands announced upcoming events.

Mayor Galvan announced the next regular meeting scheduled for April 7, 2026.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.


Mayor, Kathy Stanley-Galvan




Town Clerk, Deleia Hutcherson