

**Stoneville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2026
6:00 PM – Council Chambers**

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Mayor Kathy Stanley-Galvan and Council members Curt Bennett, Henry Thornton, Daisy Smith, and Lee Shelton. Absent: Jessica Smith (excused). Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Sands, Town Clerk Deleia Hutcherson, Finance Officer Mary Ann Greer, Police Chief Rebecca Dixon, Fire Chief Joel Freeman, Public Works Director Byron Curry, 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: Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve the August 4, 2026 agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Daisy Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve the June 2, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Councilwoman Daisy Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognitions:

Life-Saving Award – Chief Rebecca Dixon recognized Officer Gary Burnette for his life-saving actions following an ATV accident on Price Grange Road on May 25, 2026. Officer Burnette responded within approximately two minutes, located the injured child in the woods, provided emergency assistance, stabilized the child until fire and EMS personnel arrived, and assisted with the child's removal from the woods. In recognition of his prompt response, professionalism, and service to the community, Officer Burnette was presented with a Life-Saving Award.

Good Samaritan Award – Mayor Galvan presented a Good Samaritan Award to Mrs. Laura Williams in recognition of her immediate and compassionate assistance during a medical emergency involving a fellow citizen on June 16, 2026. She commended her courage, selflessness, and commitment to helping a neighbor in need.

Old Business:

Presentation of Rockingham County Comprehensive Transportation Plan with Town of Stoneville Revisions - Emily Stupka, NCDOT Transportation Engineer, presented the updated Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) recommendations applicable to Stoneville. She explained that the CTP is a long-range, multimodal, needs-based plan intended to identify transportation needs over approximately 25–30 years and assist in prioritizing future transportation projects and funding.

Ms. Stupka reviewed revisions resulting from Stoneville's June 16, 2026 public engagement. Based on public feedback, the proposed Church Street/Stone Mountain Road highway modernization project was removed. The CTP continues to recommend expansion of SCAT service, with public feedback generally supporting improved transportation to medical services,

grocery stores, and surrounding communities. Bicycle and pedestrian recommendations were also revised: the proposed Church Street bicycle lane and Henry Street improvements were removed due to public feedback and right-of-way limitations, while improvements along West Main Street and Priddy Road were added to improve connectivity to Stoneville Memorial Park. A safety recommendation remains for the NC 135/Stone Mountain Road intersection.

Council also discussed deteriorated roadways and pavement concerns, including Bryan Street. NCDOT staff agreed to forward the Bryant Street concern to the appropriate NCDOT division for further review.

Consideration to Adopt Resolution R-2026-06 Adopting the Rockingham County

Comprehensive Transportation Plan for the Town of Stoneville with Revisions - Councilman Thornton made a motion to adopt the Rockingham County Comprehensive Transportation Plan as presented, including the revisions discussed. Seconded by Councilman Shelton. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Public Hearings

Public Hearing and Consideration of Demolition Ordinance O-2026-06 – Consideration of adopting a demolition ordinance for the residential structure located at 300 S. Glenn Street (Parcel No. 170275) pursuant to Minimum Housing Standards. Councilman Shelton made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried. Ms. Kelly Howell of State Code Enforcement reported that the property owner had completed substantial repairs, including work on the porch, roof, and windows, and had responded to Town notices. The property no longer met the 51 percent deterioration threshold for demolition. She recommended issuing another notice identifying the remaining violations and allowing additional time for repairs.

A neighboring resident, Mr. Hugh Belton of 103 Randolph Street, signed up for public comments. He raised concerns regarding unlicensed vehicles, accumulated materials, overgrown grass, the general condition of the property, and potential fire hazards. Council directed that these concerns be addressed in the follow-up notice.

There being no further public comments, Councilman Thornton made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Shelton. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Thornton made a motion to proceed with the Code Enforcement recommendation by issuing an additional notice identifying the remaining violations and concerns raised during the hearing. Seconded by Councilwoman Daisy Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Staff will continue to monitor the property and determine whether further enforcement is necessary.

Public Hearing and Consideration of Demolition Ordinance O-2026-10 – Consideration of adopting a demolition ordinance for the non-residential structure located at 108 N. Henry Street (Parcel No. 184762) pursuant to Unsafe Building Provisions. Councilwoman Daisy Smith made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried. Ms. Kelly Howell of State Code Enforcement reported that the case had been open since November 2025, with no meaningful improvements made. The property has deteriorated

areas, boarded or broken windows, and missing brick. Previous notices had been provided to the owner, and a compliance date of June 17, 2026 had passed without compliance.

Staff explained that adoption of a demolition/repair ordinance would not require immediate demolition and could provide for a repair plan, timeline, fines, periodic updates, and other enforcement measures.

The property owner was not present and no one signed up for public comments. Councilman Thornton made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilwoman Daisy Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

The Council discussed approval of the ordinance and the appropriate next steps regarding the property. Following discussion, Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve Ordinance O-2026-10 and send a formal letter to the property owner notifying them of the ordinance and providing thirty (30) days to respond and/or address the matter. Councilwoman Daisy Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

After the thirty-day period, Council will review any response received and consider the appropriate next steps, including further enforcement of the ordinance. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Public Hearing and Consideration of Demolition Ordinance O-2026-11 – Consideration of adopting a demolition ordinance for the non-residential structure located at 116 N. Henry Street (Parcel No. 126837) pursuant to Unsafe Building Provisions. Councilman Thornton made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Shelton. Motion carried. Ms. Kelly Howell of State Code Enforcement reported exterior violations, including deteriorated brick, boarded windows, rotten window frames, flaking paint, and a deteriorated door frame. She stated that the June 17, 2026, compliance deadline had passed without the property being brought into compliance.

Curtis Jones Bennett III was present and signed up for public comments. Mr. Bennett stated that repairs had been made to the buildings, including replacement windows, door repairs, and removal of an awning. Mr. Bennett also raised concerns that the structure being addressed by Code Enforcement may not have been correctly identified as 116 North Henry Street. Mr. Bennett stated that he had no objection to correcting or addressing any violations associated with the property; however, he emphasized the importance of ensuring that everyone is in agreement regarding the issues and that the violations have been properly identified and documented.

Discussion focused on the identification and legal status of a separate structure located behind the primary building that reportedly lacked a separate address or tax identification. Council and staff agreed that the property and applicable violations should be clarified before further enforcement action.

With no further public comments, Councilman Thornton made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilwoman Daisy Smith. Motion carried.

Councilman Thornton made a motion to continue the matter for 30 days to clarify the building identification/address and obtain additional information. Seconded by Councilman Shelton. Motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcement, in coordination with the tax office and planning staff, will verify the structure's identification, address, and property records; work with Mr. Bennett to clarify the applicable violations; and return the matter to Council following the 30-day continuation period.

Public Comments: None

New Business:

Second Reading and Final Adoption of Ordinance O-2026-09 Amending the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to Specify Criminal Penalties Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-175 - Staff explained that an ordinance containing criminal penalties required a second reading and vote before final approval. The ordinance received its first approval at the June 2, 2026 meeting. Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance O-2026-09. Seconded by Councilwoman Daisy Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Code Enforcement Update on Commercial Property (105 N. Henry Street) - Code Enforcement provided an update regarding 105 North Henry Street. Staff reported that numerous violations remain, including concerns involving a rear downspout, and that no significant improvements have been made since the previous review. Staff will issue another certified notice and attempt to establish communication with the property owner before preparing a demolition/repair ordinance for future Council consideration.

Consideration of Rotary Fall Festival Sponsorship- Council considered the Town's annual sponsorship of the Rotary Club Fall Festival. Staff confirmed that funding had been included in the Town's budget and remained available. Councilwoman Daisy Smith made a motion to approve a \$500.00 donation to the Rotary Fall Festival. Seconded by Councilman Shelton. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Ordinance O-2026-12 Declaring a Temporary Road Closure for Downtown Trick or Treat - Councilman Shelton made a motion to approve Ordinance O-2026-12 authorizing the temporary road closure. Seconded by Councilwoman Daisy Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Consideration to Approve Updates to the Internal Purchasing Policy and the Uniform Guidance Procurement Policy to Align with Recent Legislative Updates - Council considered updates to the Town's Internal Purchasing Policy and Uniform Guidance for Procurement Policy to incorporate recent legislative and State requirements applicable to procurement and federally or grant-funded projects. Council agreed that the revisions were necessary to maintain compliance. Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve the policy updates.

Seconded by Councilwoman Daisy Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Consideration of Budget Amendment 080426 – Finance Officer Mary Ann Greer presented proposed budget amendments to appropriate unspent grant-related and other designated funds that had transferred to fund balance at the end of the prior fiscal year. The amendments will return the applicable funds to the appropriate expenditure accounts so they may be used for their intended purposes during the current fiscal year. Councilman Bennett made a motion to approve the budget amendments. Seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

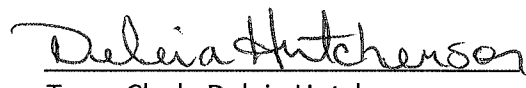
Town Administrator Report: No items to report

Mayor Galvan announced upcoming events and meetings.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.


Mayor, Kathy Stanley-Galvan


Town Clerk, Deleia Hutcherson

