AGENDA
STONEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
November 5, 2026 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers at 101 Smith St.

CALL TO ORDER – MAYOR GALVAN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 5, 2026 AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – October 6, 2026

OLD BUSINESS

1. Pocket Park Renovations at 110 N. Henry Street

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of Recreation Study – Mrs. Lisa Wolff, Senior Consultant at BerryDunn
2. Consideration of $500.00 Downtown Façade Improvement Grant for 573 Subs & More
3. Consideration of Quotes - Smith Street Sidewalk Repairs
4. Consideration of Christmas Bonuses and Longevity Pay Disbursements
5. Consideration of Budget Amendments 110526-01, 110526-02, and 110526-03
6. Update and Discussion: Future Paving Projects (Bryan & Leslie Streets)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Curbside Leaf Collection – Starts November 5th and Ends December 14th (weekly)
- Veterans Day – Town Hall Closed November 11th
- Senior Bingo – November 12th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Council Work Session - November 19th at 10:00 a.m.
- Thanksgiving – Town Hall Closed November 26th and 27th
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS BY MAYOR GALVAN

ADJOURNMENT

Stoneville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2026
6:00 PM – Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Mayor Kathy Stanley-Galvan and Council Members Curt Bennett, Henry Thornton, Daisy Smith, Jessica Smith, and Lee Shelton. Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Sands, Town Clerk Deleia Hutcherson, Finance Officer Mary Ann Greer, Police Chief Rebecca Dixon, 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.

Before proceeding with the regular agenda, Mayor Stanley-Galvan addressed an incident involving Councilman Lee Shelton. Because the subject is serious and the transcript records the Mayor's statement directly, the following is reproduced verbatim as transcribed: "Before we begin the meeting tonight, I'd like to address an incident that occurred last week involving Councilman Lee Shelton, in which charges were placed for an alleged assault. I know that community members are concerned about this incident. At present, the incident is under investigation by County and Mayodan Law Enforcement, and a trial date is set for October 19th."

The Mayor then recognized Mayor Pro Tem Thornton, who raised concern with regards to the Town Code of Ethics and Conduct. Mayor Pro Tem Thornton stated that, under Chapter 160A, General Statute 168-86, the Council should initiate an investigation to determine whether Councilman Shelton's conduct violated the Town Code of Ethics and Conduct. A motion was made by Councilman Thornton to initiate an investigation for that purpose. Seconded by Councilwoman Daisy Smith. The Council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion to investigate; no opposition was recorded in the transcript. The motion to investigate was therefore approved unanimously. Council Members Henry Thornton, Daisy Smith, Jessica Smith, and Curt Bennett all voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Thornton on behalf of the Council asked Councilman Shelton to excuse himself from future Town Council meetings and from performing his duties as a Councilman until the investigation was concluded. The Mayor emphasized that the request was not a request to remove him from the Council, explaining that the intent was only for him to step aside from meetings and Council duties until the matter was resolved, and that the request was also intended to protect him. The discussion clarified that the request for him to step aside was not itself a formal motion and that the decision to do so remained his.

Councilman Shelton stated that the incident had not occurred while he was conducting Town business and characterized it as a personal matter. The Town's attorney explained that the Council had voted to investigate pursuant to the Town's policy, which places responsibilities on

individual Council members and the Council as a whole to ensure that Town interests are protected and that elected officials conduct themselves ethically and appropriately.

The attorney further advised that fairness and constitutional due-process considerations require an individual accused of misconduct to have a fair opportunity to present his side and time to prepare, similar to a hearing. The policy contemplates an investigation as an initial step, with further Council action considered after the investigation. In response to questions about how an investigation would work, the attorney explained that the policy discusses using an independent attorney. He noted that this matter differs from a situation in which no outside investigation is underway because the incident was already being investigated by law enforcement and was scheduled to proceed in court, with a trial date identified in the discussion as October 19.

The attorney explained that the Council could begin gathering publicly available information and could identify an attorney to conduct an investigation, but the Council should carefully consider the use of Town funds while a court proceeding was pending. He noted that the Council could ultimately make its own determination under the Code of Ethics even if the criminal proceeding did not result in a conviction, but emphasized that any process should be fair and appropriate. Council members stated that they wanted information from the court and recognized that Councilman Shelton is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

The attorney stated that the Town Administrator, Mayor, or Council could begin identifying an available investigator and collecting public information. He also explained that he advises the Council as a whole and would have a conflict in role if he were to argue the facts of the incident while also advising the Council, which would be the body deciding the matter. The attorney indicated that Councilman Shelton should have a few days to consult an attorney and decide whether he wished to step aside. The discussion recognized that Shelton might wish to focus on the incident and his family, and that voluntarily stepping aside temporarily could demonstrate an effort to avoid keeping the Council involved in the matter. These comments were presented as considerations, not as a determination of the underlying allegations.

Councilman Shelton stated that he intended to consult his attorney and do what was right, and expressed concern about wasting Town funds on an investigation. He indicated he expected to consult counsel the following day and report back by the end of the week. The attorney explained that advice from counsel could affect what information Mr. Shelton chose to share and that preliminary information might be gathered without incurring substantial expense. The Council confirmed that the motion to investigate had passed, while the precise steps and timing would depend in part on the advice Shelton received. Councilman Thornton's request that Mr. Shelton excuse himself from meetings and Council duties was not recorded as a separate motion or vote.

Agenda: Following the discussion regarding Councilman Shelton, the Mayor called for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve the October 6, 2026 agenda. Seconded by Councilman Bennett. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Councilwoman Daisy Smith made a motion to approve the September 1, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: None

Public Comments: Ms. Tammy Evans, a Glendale Street resident, thanked the Town for their continued support of the Rotary Fall Festival. She commended the Stoneville Police Department for its visible presence and support with traffic control and public safety, Public Works for providing cones and helping with setup, and the Stoneville Fire Department for responding to a call during the festival. She noted that approximately 100 vendors were in attendance and the event was well attended.

Mr. Roger Hodge asked whether he would be permitted to attend a hearing or meeting concerning the request for Councilman Shelton to step aside from his Council responsibilities. The Mayor explained that no hearing had been scheduled at that time but confirmed that any applicable hearing would be open to the public. Mr. Hodge asked to be contacted when a hearing was scheduled, and the Mayor agreed to notify him.

New Business:

Consideration of sponsorship for the Annual Western Rockingham Veterans Parade - The Council considered continuing the Town's sponsorship of the annual Western Rockingham County Veterans Parade, which was scheduled for November. Councilman Bennett made a motion to approve the corporate sponsorship in the amount of $200.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Daisy Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Consideration of Ordinance O-2026-14 Amending Christmas Parade Date to the first Saturday in December of each year - The Council considered an ordinance amendment changing the Town's annual Christmas Parade to the first Saturday in December each year. The Town Administrator explained that the parade date had previously been scheduled for the Saturday following Thanksgiving. He stated that after extensive planning and consultation with participants, including school bands, it became apparent that scheduling the parade during Thanksgiving weekend would make it difficult to secure adequate participation because of school breaks and holiday schedules. Councilwoman Daisy Smith made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-2026-14 Amending the Christmas Parade Date to the first Saturday in December of each year. Seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Consideration of Budget Amendment No 100626 - The Council considered Budget Amendment No. 100626, which addressed expenses and revenues associated with 10U youth softball. The Town Administrator explained that the Town had incurred expenses related to the program and received revenue from sponsorships, registrations, and concessions. The amendment was intended to incorporate those transactions into the current budget. Councilwoman Jessica Smith made a motion to adopt Budget Amendment No. 100626. Seconded by Councilman Bennett. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Discussion: Future Paving Projects (Bryan & Leslie Streets) - The Council discussed deteriorating pavement conditions on Bryan Street and Leslie Street and options for completing repairs within the Town's available budget. The Town Administrator reviewed the March 2025 pavement study and explained that its estimates reflected 2025 costs, not current contractor pricing. Approximately $15,000 remained in the Town's road-construction paving allocation, with an additional $75,000 anticipated through scheduled payments, typically received in December and May; however, those funds had not yet been received.

Council members expressed concern about continued delays in addressing the roads, particularly Leslie Street and deteriorated sections of Bryan Street. Discussion included prioritizing Leslie Street, dividing Bryan Street into smaller sections, establishing a phased paving schedule, and considering whether unused funds from other projects could be reallocated. The Town Administrator cautioned that sufficient funds must remain available to restore pavement disturbed by the planned water and sewer project and address unforeseen road damage and emergency repairs. The timing and extent of utility construction impacts remained uncertain.

The Council discussed potential assistance from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), including whether the agency could perform paving work as a contractor. The Town Administrator reported that previous discussions had not identified available funding and agreed to investigate whether NCDOT construction services might be an option. Members also requested verification of responsibility for the Bryan Street bridge and associated roadway.

The Council reviewed the pavement study's findings and discussed obtaining separate, updated estimates rather than relying on the original combined pricing. Members questioned whether Leslie Street could be paved for approximately $20,000 based on the older estimates. The Administrator cautioned that asphalt costs may have increased by 20–25% or more and that current pricing would be necessary. October and November were identified as potential paving months, subject to weather and contractor availability, as asphalt production generally pauses from December through mid-February. The Administrator also confirmed that grant funds designated for water and sewer improvements could not be used for paving because of grant restrictions.

Members emphasized the importance of proper inspection and oversight of future paving projects, citing previous concerns involving water ponding on Stone Street. The Council stressed that drainage structures, pavement transitions, and related work must be completed correctly to prevent hazards and potential Town liability.

King Street was also discussed. The Town Administrator explained that the planned sewer project, anticipated within the coming year or so, would significantly affect the roadway and that full repaving beforehand could result in unnecessary expense. Limited interim repairs were discussed as a possible alternative.

Following discussion, the Council requested updated estimates for two separate projects: (1) paving the entirety of Leslie Street and (2) paving the section of Bryan Street from North Glenn Street to its intersection with Leslie Street. The Town Administrator agreed to have the appropriate staff member coordinate with contractors to obtain separate pricing and, if possible, a combined estimate to determine whether completing both projects together could provide cost savings, subject to applicable bidding requirements. The updated estimates will be presented to the Council at a future meeting for further consideration based on project costs and the timing of available funds.

Discussion of Town-Owned Property on Haywood Street - While discussing road conditions in the same area, the Council raised a question about a Town-owned property on Haywood Street that had previously been used for Town operations and storage. The property was described as having been associated with a former pump station or water-related facility and having served as a location for storing materials, including pipes and materials recovered during road work.

The discussion referenced historical concerns involving underground gas tanks, which were reported to have been addressed several years earlier and cleared by NCDEQ.

Councilman Bennett questioned whether the Town still needed to retain the property and suggested exploring whether it could be sold. The possibility of using any proceeds to support future paving projects was raised. The Council discussed the need to establish the property's current status, its historical purpose, and whether it had any continuing operational or future use before determining whether a sale would be appropriate. Staff will investigate and provide an update at a future meeting.

Town Administrator Report – No items to report

Mayor Galvan announced upcoming events and meetings.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Councilman Shelton addressed the public discussion surrounding his position on the Council. He stated that he had heard people suggesting that he should resign or step down and challenged those making such statements to become involved in their own communities, run for elected office, and contribute directly to their towns, cities, or counties rather than simply criticizing public officials.

A member of the audience, Mrs. Laura Williams, responded that she respected Councilman Shelton but emphasized that elected officials represent the Town and are expected to recognize the public responsibilities associated with their positions. She distinguished between a person's private life and conduct that becomes a matter of public concern, stating that conduct visible to the public can affect how an elected official is perceived and how the community views the Town.

She referred to the standards of conduct expected of members of the military and law enforcement, noting that individuals serving in those roles may be held accountable for behavior that does not meet the expectations associated with their positions. She stated that

elected officials should likewise recognize their responsibility to conduct themselves appropriately because they represent the community.

She also referenced the public circulation of information about the incident, including social media posts, and cautioned that material shared publicly can intensify community discussion. She stated that the Council's concern was to have the matter resolved and recalled that Council members had asked Councilman Shelton to step aside while the issue was being addressed. She expressed disagreement with his decision to remain in his position and stated that she had chosen to respond because he had challenged others to speak up and express their opinions.

Mayor Galvan called the meeting back to order and asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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Mayor, Kathy Stanley-Galvan Town Clerk, Deleia Hutcherson

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