



# KNIGHTDALE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

**June 11, 2025**

The Knightdale Town Council met with the Eastern Wake Local Government Association at 6:00 p.m. at Wake Tech East Campus, located at 5401 Rolesville Road, Wendell, NC 27591.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jessica Day, Mayor Pro Tem Steve Evans, Councilors Mark Swan, Stephen Morgan, Ben McDonald, and Latatious Morris

**ABSENT:** No one

**Staff Members Present:** Town Manager Bill Summers, Assistant Town Managers Suzanne Yeatts, Antwan Morrison, and Dustin Tripp, and Town Clerk Heather Smith

## **WELCOME**

Councilor Latatious Morris welcomed the group at 6:12 p.m. and thanked Wake Tech East Campus for hosting the meeting.

## **DISCUSSION**

Town Manager Bill Summers led an icebreaker activity, then facilitated a discussion surrounding leadership characteristics that are admired.

Mr. Summers discussed leadership, indicating it's not about personality, but rather behavior, skills, and ability. He presented the following five practices of exemplary leadership developed by Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner:

- Model the Way
- Inspire a Shared Vision
- Challenge the Process
- Enable Others to Act
- Encourage the Heart

Attendees shared how they are currently implementing the practices and identified areas for improvement. Many attendees also noted that these practices apply to more than just public service.

## **COMMUNITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES**

The following representatives provided jurisdiction updates:

- Assistant Town Manager Steven Pearson – Rolesville
- Town Manager Marc Collins – Wendell
- Interim Town Manager Taiwo Jaiyeoba - Zebulon
- Town Manager Bill Summers - Knightdale

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Jessica Day, Mayor

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Heather Smith, Town Clerk