



spreadsheet of citations written between January and April in this area. He noted that all citations written were at least 15 mph over the speed limit with the spreadsheet reflecting 45% being 75 mph or greater and 12% being 80 mph or above. Council members had mixed opinions on Highway 49 traffic enforcement (within our jurisdiction). Council's discussion concluded that reducing speeds on Hwy 49, in our jurisdiction, is within our right.

**11. Gladstone Sign Selection:** Anita Blair presented sign samples from two different companies. Council selected the sign from Eddie's Signs pending modification of the font and mounting it on a treated 4x4 post with a pointed finial. Since the Gladstone building is still evolving, Council wanted to keep the sign cost low at this time in the event different signage was more appropriate in the future.

Micah Edquist moved to approve the sign with noted changes from Eddie's Signs. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

**12. Other Business:** Mayor Herron reported his attendance at the "Connected and Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) Task Force. He provided Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) handouts for information and reference on autonomous vehicles.

Jeff Watson questioned a population decrease that he noted at a recent Stanly County Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting. Anita Blair commented that population numbers are always at least a year old. There has been a decline in the group quarters population over the years but is now on the rise. There was a change in the university reporting system through the Office of State Budget and Management which delayed the reporting of the group quarters numbers up to three years at one point.

**13. Closed Session as allowed by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney Client Privilege:** Peter Edquist moved to go into closed session as allowed by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3). Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

Mike Burrage moved to return to open session. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

**14. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Jeffrey Watson

Date

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Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date