

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: April 09, 2018

Mayor William Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following Council members were present: Coley Rhodes, Powell Dew and Ken D. Horne. Councilwoman Grice and Police Chief Orlando Rosario arrived at approximately 7:04. Councilman Bass arrived at approximately 7:07. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis and Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey. Chris Boykin was present from the public.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer:

Chris Boykin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Dew began the meeting with prayer.

A. Approve Regular meeting minutes for March 2018: Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting as written. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

B. Financial Report:

Receipts \$387,483.97 Disbursements \$366,044.45 Difference \$21,439.52

MMB: Councilwoman Grice made a motion, with a second by Councilman Horne, to approve the Financial Report. All Council members voted in favor of the motion.

C. Invoices for Payment: Total: \$9,797.76

Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. With a second by Councilwoman Grice, all Council members present voted favorably.

D. Public Present: At this time, Chris Boykin addressed the Board. Mr. Boykin stated that he is a candidate for Wilson County Sheriff and informed the Board of his history and qualifications. Mr. Boykin asked those present for their vote and consideration for Wilson County Sheriff.

E. Police Report: Chief Rosario asked the Board for their approval to allow Town Manager Gary Davis and himself to decide on a date and time for the Crepe Myrtle Festival. This will allow Chief Rosario to investigate when other festivals are being held so that they will not coincide. The Council agreed to Chief Rosario's request.

At this time, Chief Rosario informed the Board that the Police Department has been approved for the next phase of an equipment grant for \$24,500.

Chief Rosario requested that the Board grant Officer Crystal Jackson a promotion to Sergeant with a 5% pay increase. Police Chief Rosario stated that Officer Jackson has

relieved some of the administrative work load for him. Officer Jackson has also taken several classes to better prepare for the next step in her law enforcement career. Councilman Horne made a motion to promote Officer Crystal Jackson to the rank of Sergeant with a 5% pay increase. With a second by Councilman Bass, all other Council members voted favorably.

F. Parks & Rec: N/A

Town Manager Gary Davis presented (6) utility extension requests. After reviewing each request, Councilwoman Rhodes made a motion to deny extension requests #1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. Councilwoman Rhodes' motion also included approving extension request #3. With a second by Councilwoman Grice, all Council members present voted favorably.

G. EMS: N/A

H. Appearance Committee: N/A

I. Town Managers Report: Town Manager Gary Davis presented the overtime report for March 2018. March 2018 overtime was up with 72 ¼ hrs compared to 29 ¾ hrs in March 2017. Mr. Davis stated that the increase was primarily due to a major power outage and several electrical callbacks.

At this time, Mr. Davis informed the Board that the Town has installed a drain at the Masonic Lodge to prevent any further damage to their building. Mr. Davis also stated that Wade Farmer is going to get back with him with an estimate to seal the wall of the Masonic Lodge.

Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Council that the state has not yet approved the Town's plans for their Sewer Rehab Project.

Mr. Davis stated that representatives of the City of Wilson have contacted him and would like to meet to discuss the possibility of the Town of Saratoga sending their excess waste to Wilson. Town Manager Gary Davis has scheduled a meeting with two representatives from the City of Wilson and Mike McAllister, the Town's engineer, on April 10, 2018.

J. Councilman Horne: Councilman Horne asked if demolition had been started at 306 N Main St. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that demolition had begun and that the Town was doing the demolition.

Councilman Horne asked if there were any updates with the Stantonsburg EMS and Stantonsburg Fire Department. Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that the EMS is having regular meetings and the roll has grown by six members. Councilman Horne asked if the Town Manager could speak with the Fire Chief about either attending the Board meetings or providing a written report for the Council each month. Town Manager Gary Davis said that he would.

K. Councilman Bass: Councilman Bass asked Town Manager Gary Davis if everything was good with the Seal Building. Mr. Davis stated that the building has been stabilized and inspected by the County.

Councilman Bass stated that he would like to go in closed session to discuss personnel matters.

L. Councilwoman Rhodes: Councilwoman Rhodes suggested looking into some sort of calling system to get information out to the citizens when necessary. After much discussion, Councilwoman Rhodes stated that she would investigate the cost to acquire a calling system.

Councilwoman Rhodes suggested setting up a committee for renovation of the Seal Building. It was suggested by Councilman Horne to have the Appearance Committee gather input from the community for the renovation of the Seal Building. The Appearance committee will then report to the Board for any final decisions.

M. Councilman Dew: Councilman Dew asked Town Manager Gary Davis if it is possible for the Town to clean an acre by the creek for parking. Mr. Davis informed the Board that he has had a Church ask about cutting some wood to give away for firewood. Mr. Davis stated that he is trying to let it take a natural progression until the fall before considering replanting as suggested by the Forestry Service.

N. Councilwoman Grice: N/A

O. Mayor: Mayor Edmundson stated that he has received complaints from citizens and the owner of the Tommy Mart about a hydrant leak and drainage issue at the Tommy Mart. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that the DOT is responsible for the drainage in this area. Mr. Davis said that the Town would look into the hydrant leak.

Mayor Edmundson informed the Board that a grant has been awarded to Wilson County to clean out the debris in Contentnea Creek from U.S. 301 to the Green County line.

Councilman Horne made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Councilman Bass seconded the motion. All other members voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Edmundson declared the meeting back into open session at approximately 8:54 pm.

Councilman Horne made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Rhodes seconded the motion. All other members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha E. Bailey, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

