

## TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: 04-13-2015

The monthly Town Council Meeting was held on April 13, 2015. Mayor Bill Edmundson called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following Council members were present: Councilman Robert Watson, Councilwoman Jackie Grice, Councilman Donnie Bass, Councilman Ken Horne and Councilman Powell, Jr. Also present were: Town Manager Gary Davis, Town Clerk Debra Beamon and Chief John Hunt. The public present were Mike Janecke with the News Leader, Kimberly Harrell, Janice Thompson and Sarah Godwin.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer:**

Councilman Bass led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Dew opened with prayer.

**B. Approval of Regular Minutes and Closed Session Minutes for March 9, 2015 and Special Meeting and Closed Session Minutes for March 23, 2015.**

Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the minutes for both the regular, special and closed sessions. With a second from Councilman Watson, all members present voted in favor of the motion.

**C. Financial Report:**

Receipts: \$393,277.81 Disbursements: \$294,137.47 Difference \$99,140.44

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

**D. Invoices for Payment:** Total: \$21,329.87

Councilman Dew made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion with all members present voting favorably.

**E. Public Present:** At this time, Sarah Godwin, representing Janice Thompson, owner and operator of Clover City Internet Café, read a request from Mrs. Thompson for a variance to the game room regulations to extend the operating hours to 24 hours a day and to allow blinds on the front windows. Ms. Thompson informed the Council that she donates to Tender Mercies Pet Organization every day. She is planning to purchase the property at 105 S. Main Street (former drug store) to operate an Internet Café. Mrs. Thompson has applied for a conditional use permit to locate said business. The Board of Adjustments will meet and decide whether to issue the conditional use permit on April 30th. It was the consensus of the Council to wait for the Board of Adjustments decision on the internet café before they consider a variance to the gaming regulations. (see attachment)

**F. Police Report:** At this time, Chief Hunt presented the police report (see attachment)

Next, the Chief Hunt requested that the Council update the ordinance for park rules so that he can deal with the problem with the skateboarders by issuing citations.

**G. Town Manager's Report and Updates:** At this time, Mr. Davis presented (2) utility extension requests. After reviewing each request Councilman Dew made a motion to grant both requests. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion, with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

Next, Mr. Davis presented the overtime report. (see attachment)

Mr. Davis informed the Council that the work on the roof at the library is near completion.

Just for information, Mr. Davis informed the Council that he and Mike Acquesta agreed to re-apply for the next available high unit cost grant in the fall for sewer rehab improvements and that he advises the Town not to accept the low interest loan that was offered at this time.

Next, after reviewing the 2014 Delinquent Tax Listing, Councilwoman Grice made a motion to approve the tax listing for advertisement. Councilman Dew seconded the motion. All other members voted in favor of the motion.

**G. Parks & Recreation Committee:** Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that the P & R Committee has scheduled an opening ceremony for the park on April 26, 2015 from 1:00 -3:00 pm. Mr. Edmundson requested an allowance from the Town for funding the ceremony for a PA system, stage and refreshments. Councilman Dew made a motion to allow up to \$500.00 funding for the ceremony. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion, with all other Council members voting favorably.

Mr. Davis reported that the final grant payment has been received and the project has been closed out.

**I. Appearance Committee: N/A**

**J. Councilman Horne: N/A**

**K. Councilman Watson: N/A Request a brief closed session**

**L. Councilman Bass:** Mr. Bass inquired about paving and Mr. Davis informed him that there would some areas that would included in the next sewer rehab project.

Next, Mr. Bass expressed concern with the fire ants in the cemetery and Mr. Davis said they treat particular areas when there is a funeral because it would be very expensive to treat the whole cemetery.

**M. Councilman Dew:** Mr. Dew asked Mayor Edmundson the status of the Stantonsburg EMS at this time. Mayor Edmundson informed Mr. Dew that the EMS is still active but they are not answering many calls. He said that they have 9 certified members on the roll.

**N. Councilwoman Grice: N/A**

**O. Mayor Edmundson:** Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that Mr. Ron Townsly with UCPCOG said that Stantonsburg was the only Town that showed interest in the Small Town Main Street Program, so a grant application would not happen this year.

Mr. Edmundson asked the Council if they have any ideas for the Summer Youth Work Program or the Bicentennial Celebration. After some discussion, there were no decisions on either subject.

At this time, Councilman Horne made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Councilman Dew seconded the motion with all other members voting favorably.

The meeting went back into open session at this time. Councilman Watson made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion with all other members voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Beamon  
Finance Officer/Town Clerk

William Edmumndson  
Mayor

