

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: December 14, 2015

Mayor Bill Edmundson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following Council members were present: Jackie Grice, Powell Dew, Jr., Robert Watson, and Ken Horne. Councilman Bass was a couple of minutes late. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis and Town Clerk Debra Beamon. The public present were Steve Harrell, Marie Edmundson, Jennifer McMurray and Chief John Hunt. Also present were three representatives from US Cellular, Justin Outlaw, Jeremy Taylor and Lance Parker.

A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer:

Jeremy Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Watson began the meeting with prayer.

B. Approve minutes for November 12, 2015 and the Closed Session, Nov.12, 2015.

Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the minutes for each meeting as written. With a second from Councilman Dew, all members voted in favor of the motion.

C. Financial Report:

Receipts: \$294,914.97 Disbursements: \$222,811.18 Difference \$72,103.79

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

D. Invoices for Payment: Total: \$20,128.51

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

At this time incumbent Mayor William Edmundson was sworn in by Town Clerk, Debra Beamon. Incumbent Councilmen Powell Dew, Jr. and Ken Horne were sworn in by Mayor Edmundson.

E. Public Present: At this time, Lance Parker with US Cellular made a presentation about GPS Tracking for Town vehicles and Fleet Management. (see attachment)

Next, Jennifer McMurray who resides at 203 N. Saratoga St. presented a complaint to the Town Council. Mrs. McMurray was upset that Chief Hunt had questioned her son, who is a minor, at his workplace about an incident or rumor. Mrs. McMurray felt that she or her husband should have been present when he questioned her son because he is only 17 years old. Chief Hunt responded that he only asked him if he knew anything about the incident. Chief Hunt said that it was not an investigation. Chief Hunt apologized to Mrs. McMurray if he offended her and again stated that he was only asking a question.

F. Police Report: Chief Hunt presented the police report at this time. The Council noted that there have been less calls to Stantonsburg Elementary School since the Mayor sent a letter to the Wilson County School Board about the numerous alarmcalls each month. Chief Hunt asked the Town Council to be relieved of the duty of organizing the Town festival and the Christmas parade after this year. The Council agreed to Chief Hunt's request and decided that a committee will be formed to handle the festival and parade in 2016.

Mr. Davis presented (5) extension requests this month. After reviewing the request, Councilman Dew made a motion to grant all of the extension requests. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion with all other members voting favorably.

Mr. Davis presented the November overtime report which was down from last year.

G. Parks & Rec: Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that the Stantonsburg Kiwanis Club has dissolved and they contributed \$3,683.41 to the P&R Fund and presented a contribution to Stantonsburg Elementary School.

H. Town Manager's Report:

1. Mr. Davis presented a request from Stantonsburg EMS for half of their annual contribution for \$3,000.00. After some discussion Councilman Horne made a motion to grant the request from the EMS for \$3,000.00. Councilman Watson seconded the motion with all other members voting favorably. The Town Council requests that the EMS and the Stantonsburg Moyton Fire Dept. present a monthly report to the Council at each meeting.

2. Mr. Davis presented the meeting dates and holiday schedule for 2016 for approval. Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the meeting dates and holiday schedule as presented. Councilman Bass seconded the motion. All other members voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Davis updated the Council on the progress of the water tank painting and cleaning project. The contractor has asked for a 20 day extension from December 5, 2015 due to rainy weather.

I. Councilman Horne: Councilman Horne asked if Mrs. Carla Davis is satisfied with the new LED light at the end of W. Thompson Ave. Mr. Davis said he has not heard from Mrs. Davis, but he has heard indirectly that she is not satisfied.

J. Councilman Watson: N/A

K. Councilman Bass: Councilman Bass commended Chief Hunt on a job well done regarding the Christmas parade. Mr. Bass asked if the Council is going to address the GPS Tracking tonight or investigate further. It was decided that the Town Manager will check out some other GPS software and report back to the Town Council.

L. Councilman Dew: Mr. Dew inquired about the status of the demolitions. Mr. Davis noted that he has bids for the job that will be discussed in closed session.

M. Councilwoman Grice: N/A

N. Mayor Edmundson: Mayor Edmundson asked Mr. Davis about the status of the roof at the police station. Mr. Davis is still waiting to talk with another roof contractor.

Next, Councilman Horne made a motion to go into closed session to discuss contracts and personnel. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion with all other members voting in favor of the motion.

At this time, the Mayor declared the meeting back in open session.

Councilman Bass made a motion to adjourn. With a second from Councilman Horne, all members voted favorably. Adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Beamon, Finance Officer/Town Clerk

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

