

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: December 11, 2017

Mayor William Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following Council members were present: Jackie Grice, Donnie Bass and Ken D. Horne. Councilwoman Coley Rhodes arrived at approximately 7:03, with Councilman Powell Dew arriving at approximately 7:07. Also present were Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey, Town Manager Gary Davis, Electrical Superintendent Tom Goff and his wife. Police Chief Orlando Rosario arrived at approximately 7:10. Several others from the public were present at the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer:

Mr. Tom Goff led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilwoman Grice began the meeting with prayer.

A. Approve minutes for November 13, 2017: Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

B. Financial Report:

Receipts \$320,393.81 Disbursements \$253,023.69 Difference \$67,370.12

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.

C. Invoices for Payment: Total: \$22,187.00

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

At this time, Councilwoman Jackie Grice, Councilwoman Coley Rhodes and Councilman Donnie Bass were sworn in by Mayor Edmundson and reinstated as Town Council members.

D. Public Present: At this time, Lisa and Matthew Robbins addressed the Board. Mrs. Robins stated that they are in the process of building a new home on Bartee Bridge Rd. and there is a light pole in the center of their front yard that they would like to have moved. Mrs. Robbins informed the Board that her father-in-law had spoken with Mayor Edmundson, Town Manager Gary Davis and Electrical Superintendent Tom Goff about having the pole moved. Mr. Robbins was told that it would cost approximately \$5,000.00 to have the pole removed and new poles installed on the property lines. Mr. Robbins stated

that they could not afford that at this time and they were asking the Board for any help in getting this pole moved.

E. . Police Report: Chief Rosario presented the monthly police report and passed around a list of calls made to the 911 call center for the Council to review.

F. Parks & Rec: Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that the mulch for the play area at the park has been ordered.

Town Manager Gary Davis presented (8) utility extension requests. After reviewing each request, Councilwoman Rhodes made a motion to grant extension requests #6, #7 and #8 with the stipulation that the requests for Friday be paid by noon on that day. Councilwoman Rhodes' motion also included denying extension request #5. Councilman Horne seconded the motion. All other members voted in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Grice made a motion to grant extension requests #1-4 with the stipulation that the requests for Friday be paid by noon on that day. With a second by Councilman Horne, all Council members present voted favorably.

Public Hearing

Mayor Bill Edmundson called the Public Hearing to order at 7:30 with the following Council members present: Councilwoman Jackie Grice, Councilwoman Coley Rhodes, Councilman Powell Dew, Councilman Donnie Bass and Councilman Ken D. Horne. Town Manager Gary Davis and Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey were also present. There were several others present from the public. Mayor Edmundson informed the Board that this hearing was being held to hear comments about the possible issuance of a special use permit to Clara Narvaez for the purpose of locating a beauty shop at her residence. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that Mrs. Narvaez's plan is to locate a separate building at her existing residence. The public present had no comments or concerns. There were no objections or questions from the Board. At this time, Mayor Edmundson declared the Public Hearing closed.

G. EMS: N/A

H. Appearance Committee: Councilwoman Rhodes informed the Board that the Appearance Committee had decorated the new Stantonsburg sign at the triangle for Christmas.

At this time, Mayor Edmundson asked Electrical Superintendant Tom Goff to address the Board regarding the light pole that Matthew and Lisa Robbins have requested be moved. Mr. Goff stated that he informed Mr. Robbins' father that the Town could move the pole closer to the road at no charge, but unfortunately, to completely get rid of the pole, would require installing at least four to five more poles. Mr. Goff explained that the pole in question is a span guy and could not be removed without adding these other poles. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that, according to policy, the homeowner is responsible for any

costs to move poles if it is a matter of aesthetics. After much discussion Mr. Robbins agreed to try and work something out with Town Manager Gary Davis and Electrical Superintendent Tom Goff.

I. Town Managers Report: Mr. Davis presented the overtime report which showed November 2017 overtime up with 71 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs compared to 55 hrs in November 2016. Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Council that they will likely continue to see some increase in overtime due to new personnel being on weekend call in the water and sewer department.

Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Board that employee Hank Reid Jr. has completed his 6-month probationary period of employment with the Town of Stantonsburg. Mr. Davis recommended that Hank Reid Jr. be made a permanent full-time employee with the customary 5% pay increase retroactive to the November 16th through November 22nd pay period. Councilman Dew made a motion to promote Hank Reid Jr. to permanent full-time employment with the customary 5% pay increase retroactive to the November 16th through November 22nd pay period. With a second by Councilwoman Grice, all Council members present voted favorably.

J. Councilman Horne: Councilman Horne thanked everyone that took part in the Town's annual Christmas party. Councilman Horne also thanked Town Manager Gary Davis for all of his hard work and service to the Town of Stantonsburg over the past year given the difficulties he was facing personally. Mr. Davis thanked Councilman Horne for his kind words.

K. Councilman Bass: Councilman Bass asked if there was any word as to when work would be started on the Seal Building. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that work should hopefully begin sometime in January 2018.

L. Councilwoman Rhodes: N/A

M. Councilman Dew: Councilman Dew thanked Town Manager Gary Davis for his hard work and dedication to the Town of Stantonsburg.

N. Councilwoman Grice: N/A

At this time, the Town Council reviewed the holidays and meeting dates for 2018. After much discussion Councilman Ken D. Horne made a motion to accept the meeting and holiday schedule for 2018 with the exception that the January 8th meeting be moved to January 16th. With a second by Councilman Bass, all Council members present voted favorably.

O. Mayor: Mayor Edmundson stated that it had been brought to the Board's attention at a previous meeting that the realty sign at the empty grocery store building is blocking the view for traffic pulling out of the Highway 55 parking lot. Mayor Edmundson asked that

this be taken care of. Also, Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that a basketball goal at the park is in need of repair. At this time, Mayor Edmundson stated that NTE has confirmed that the Town of Stantonburg will be on line for electrical service with them on January 1, 2018.

Councilman Horne made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion. All other members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha E. Bailey, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

