

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: February 13, 2018

Mayor William Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following Council members were present: Coley Rhodes, Donnie Bass and Powell Dew. Councilman Horne arrived at approximately 7:04. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis, Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey and Electrical Consultant Kevin O'Donnell. Councilwoman Grice was absent due to sickness. Police Chief Orlando Rosario arrived at approximately 7:27.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer:

Councilwoman Rhodes led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Dew began the meeting with prayer.

A. Approve open and closed meeting minutes for January 18, 2018: Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the minutes for the open and closed meetings as written. Councilman Dew seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

B. Financial Report:

Receipts \$338,496.89 Disbursements \$263,262.39 Difference \$75,234.50

MMB: Councilman Bass 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: \$17,927.08

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

D. Public Present: At this time, Electrical Consultant Kevin O'Donnell presented the Council with a comparison of a bill from Duke Energy in February 2015 to the bill with NTE for January 2018. Mr. O'Donnell stated that both of these months were very cold in comparison. When the bills are broken down, it shows the cost in kWh for Duke to be \$0.0891 versus \$0.0836 with NTE. Mr. O'Donnell explained to the Council that there will be an energy imbalance on the transmission bills until Duke Energy gives them the specs for real time meters so that they can be installed.

E. Police Report: Chief Rosario presented the monthly police report for January and informed the Board that he has applied for another equipment grant. Chief Rosario also stated that he was notified by the Wilson County 911 Center that they will be switching

their radios over to a Viper System in March 2018. This will cause the Stantonsburg Police Department to have to get new radios.

F. Parks & Rec: N/A

Mayor Edmundson presented (10) utility extension requests. After reviewing each request, Councilman Horne made a motion to grant extension request #1 with the stipulation that it be paid by noon on the date requested. With a second by Councilman Bass, all Council members present voted favorably. Councilman Horne made a motion to approve extension request #2 with the stipulation that it be paid by noon on the 23rd of February. Councilman Bass seconded the motion. Councilman Bass, Councilwoman Rhodes and Councilman Horne voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed with a 3-1 vote, with Councilman Dew voting against the motion. Councilman Dew made a motion to approve extension request #3 with the stipulation that it be paid by noon on the 23rd of February. Councilman Horne seconded the motion. All other members voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Horne made a motion to grant extension request #4 with the stipulation that it be paid by noon on February 23rd. With a second by Councilman Dew, all Council members present voted favorably. Councilman Horne made a motion to approve extension requests #5-8 as stated and amend requests #9 and #10 to be paid by noon on the 23rd of February. With a second by Councilwoman Rhodes, all Council members present voted favorably.

G. EMS: N/A

H. Appearance Committee: N/A

At this time, the Board was presented with an ordinance directing the Building Inspector to demolish the building located at 306 N. Main St. in Stantonsburg. Mayor Edmundson stated that a Public Hearing was held February 12, 2018 and no one from the public attended. Councilman Horne made a motion to adopt the ordinance directing the Building Inspector to demolish the property at 306 N. Main St. in Stantonsburg. With a second by Councilman Bass, all Council members present voted favorably.

I. Town Managers Report: Town Manager Gary Davis presented the overtime report for December and January. December 2017 overtime was up with 49 hrs compared to 35 hrs in December 2016. Mr. Davis stated that this increase was due primarily to new weekend call personnel and problems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. January 2018 overtime was up with 155 hrs compared to 35 ¼ hrs in January 2017. Town Manager Gary Davis noted that January 2018 was a 5-week period with January 2017 being a 4-week period. Also, Mr. Davis stated that 50 ¼ hrs of overtime will be reimbursed by NCDOT for work being performed on the Red Hill Rd Bridge Project. This overtime increase was also due to calls during the extreme cold weather and blower issues at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Town Manager Gary Davis stated that in December 2017, the Board had a request from Clara Narvaez for a special use permit for the purpose of locating a beauty shop at her existing residence at 7028 NC Hwy. 58 N. Mr. Davis informed the Board that the Planning Board met February 6, 2018 to discuss the proposed special use permit for Mrs. Narvaez and voted 4-0 in favor of recommending that the Council issue said special use permit to Clara Narvaez for this home occupation. Councilman Dew made a motion to approve the issuance for special use permit for a beauty shop at 7028 NC Hwy. 58 N. Stantonsburg. Councilwoman Coley seconded the motion. All other members voted in favor of the motion.

Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Board that he has received a request for permits for 5 new residential dwellings in the Wainsfield Subdivision. Mr. Davis also stated that repair wise 2018 has not been a good year. Blowers have had to be replaced at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the bucket truck has developed a leak and will require major repairs totaling approximately \$12,000.

J. Councilman Horne: Councilman Horne inquired about the utility request from Matthew Robbins to have a pole in his yard relocated. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that the pole had been moved closer to the road.

K. Councilman Bass: N/A

L. Councilwoman Rhodes: Councilwoman Rhodes inquired about what other buildings the Town owns. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that other than the buildings that the employees occupy, the Town owns 110 Commercial Ave. and the Seal Building.

M. Councilman Dew: N/A

N. Councilwoman Grice: N/A

O. Mayor: Mayor Edmundson informed the Board that he had received a letter from the Masonic Lodge stating that the Town is responsible for damage to their building. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that the Masonic Lodge Building suffered significant water damage in October 2016 when a hurricane came through. Mr. Davis informed the Board that the Town did not own the building until April 2017. Also, the building's shelter was damaged by a gentleman getting brick at the Seal Building. Mr. Davis stated that the Masonic Lodge is requesting that the Town reimburse them for the damages to the building, storage fees and utilities. Mayor Edmundson stated that he has made contact with one of the Masons to try and sit down and talk about the situation.

At this time, Mayor Edmundson asked the Board if they had thought about the grant opportunity with Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments for planning and technical assistance. Councilman Horne stated that this is not something he feels the Town is in need of at this time. Councilwoman Rhodes also agreed stating that she thinks the Town will be able to do the planning needed.

Mayor Edmundson informed the Board that Mr. Dan Whitley passed away February 12, 2018. Mayor Edmundson asked that the Council be thinking of ideas to honor Mr. Dan Whitley in some way for his service and contributions to the Town of Stantonburg.

Councilman Horne made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bass seconded the motion. All other members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha E. Bailey, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

