

**TOWN OF STANTONSBURG**

DATE: January 19, 2017

Mayor William Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The following Council member was present: Councilwoman Grice. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis, Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey, and Colely Rhodes of the Appearance Committee. Police Chief Orlando Rosario and Officer Daughtry arrived at approximately 7:05. Councilman Ken D. Horne arrived at approximately 7:11.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer:** Melissa Shadding led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilwoman Grice opened the meeting with prayer.

**A. Approve minutes for December 2016 Meetings: N/A**

**B. Financial Report:**

*Receipts \$321,318.16 Disbursements \$242,816.73 Difference \$78,501.43*

**MMB: N/A**

**C. Invoices for Payment: Total: \$16,738.51**

**D. Public Present:** There were approximately 5 members of the public present.

At this time, Mayor Edmundson made the public aware that due to a lack of a quorum of Council members, the Council would not be able to perform any official business.

Melissa Shadding addressed the Council with a concern of not having a street light in front of her home. Mrs. Shadding informed the Town Council that her children's bikes were almost stolen from her home a couple of days prior to the meeting. She believes lack of lighting in the street by her home contributed to this crime. Mrs. Shadding is asking that a street light be placed near her residence to help deter any other robberies in her area.

**E. Police Report:** The Council reviewed the monthly police report. Chief Rosario informed the Council that the Police Department had been having some issues with break ins in the 100- block of West Commercial, S. Yelverton, W. Thompson and W. Julian. Chief Rosario stated that he has a good idea of who is involved in the crimes. It is just a matter of proving it. The Police Department has gotten the community involved by letting them know that the Police Department is here and any information they can provide may be very helpful. Chief Rosario

stated that they have looked into adding some lighting and moving some cameras around Town. The Police Department is also communicating with landlords.

Chief Rosario also wanted to inform the Town Council that the Shop with a Cop went well and they were able to raise a little over \$1,200.00. The Stantonsburg Police Department took 6 kids to Wal-Mart and spent \$200.00 on each child for Christmas.

Chief Rosario stated that he had received an email from Sandra Holland of Lee Chrysler/Dodge of Wilson informing him that a new police vehicle would take about 8 weeks to order and that it can be ordered with a P.O. number.

**F. Parks & Rec: N/A**

**G. Appearance Committee:** Mrs. Colely Rhodes stated that she had nothing new to report from the Appearance Committee.

**H. Stantonsburg/Moyton Fire Dept.: N/A**

**J. EMS: N/A**

**I. Town Managers Report:** The Town Manager stated that the overtime for December was up slightly. It was 35 hours versus 27 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours for the year before.

**K. Councilman Horne:** Councilman Horne asked that the Town workers replace the basketball net at the park on one of the goals. Councilman Horne also asked that the Town revisit the number of times that they pick up trash.

**L. Councilman Bass: N/A**

**M. Councilman Dew: N/A**

**N. Councilwoman Grice:** Councilwoman Grice asked the Town Manager what the Town can do to assist the public with more lighting on their street. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that the Town's policy is that a light be placed at every intersection. Mr. Davis informed the Council that it would take Board action to have something done in this area since it would conflict with existing policy.

**O. Mayor:** Mayor Edmundson stated that the Upper Coastal Plains Council of Government meeting the focused on what they call Kidonomics. It was an early childhood development initiative. Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that studies were

presented that reveal that 80% of a child's brain is developed by age 5. Mayor Edmundson suggested that anytime the Town has a chance to contribute to childhood development, the Town needs to do so.

At this time, Mayor Edmundson asked if there was an update on the Saratoga sewer extension. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that he has turned in the Town of Stantonsburg's portion of the extension paperwork. The Town of Saratoga will submit it to the state and have their attorney draw up a legal document to take possession of the manhole off Highway 222 and to outline their other obligations regarding this agreement.

The Council members present agreed to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha E. Bailey, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

