

## TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: July 16, 2018

Mayor William Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following Council members were present: Coley Rhodes, Powell Dew, Donnie Bass and Ken D. Horne. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis, Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey and Police Chief Orlando Rosario. Councilwoman Jackie Grice was absent.

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

Police Chief Orlando Rosario led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Dew began the meeting with prayer.

**A. Approve Regular meeting and Special meeting minutes for June 2018:** Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular and special meetings as written. Councilwoman Rhodes seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

**B. Financial Report:**

Receipts \$240,970.33 Disbursements \$300,989.29 Difference \$(60,018.96) **Notable Disbursements: Annual USDA payment of \$101,768.30**

**MMB:** Councilman Dew 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: \$15,860.79**

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

**D. Public Present: N/A**

**E. Police Report:** Chief Rosario informed the Board that there will be two bands playing at the Crepe Myrtle Festival. The Embers will be playing from 12:00-2:00 pm and the band Dakota Blue will be playing from 4:00-8:00 pm. Chief Rosario also stated that he has contacted East Coast Pyrotechnics and they will be shooting fireworks at approximately 8:00 pm the day of the festival. Police Chief Rosario informed the Board that they are trying to get hotdogs donated so that they can have a hotdog eating contest.

Chief Rosario also informed the Council that he has performed a 12 month evaluation for Officer Williams. Chief Rosario stated that Officer Williams has met and exceeded his expectations with the Stantonburg Police Department. Officer Williams will have met his 12 month probationary period July 20, 2018. Chief Rosario informed the Board that he will be requesting that the Board remove Officer Williams from probation and grant him the customary 5% probationary raise increase.

Chief Rosario also stated that the Stantonsburg Police Department has acquired a 1995 Humvee for free through the Federal Government. Chief Rosario informed the Council that this is strictly an emergency purpose vehicle.

Councilman Dew questioned Chief Rosario as to why some of the officers are clocking vehicles a mile outside of Town. Chief Rosario stated that he would look into the matter.

Town Manager Gary Davis presented (7) utility extension requests. After reviewing each request, Councilman Horne made a motion to approve extension request #1. With a second by Councilman Dew, all Council members present voted favorably. Councilman Dew made a motion to approve extension request #2. The motion died for lack of a second; therefore, the request was denied. Councilman Dew made a motion to approve extension request #3. The motion died for lack of a second; therefore, the request was denied. Councilman Horne made a motion to deny extension request #4. With a second by Councilwoman Rhodes, all Council members present voted favorably. Councilwoman Rhodes made a motion to approve extension request #5. Councilman Bass seconded the motion with all other Council members voting in favor of the motion. Councilman Dew made a motion to approve extension request #6 with the stipulation that it be in the drop box before 8:00 am on July 23, 2018. With a second by Councilman Horne, all Council members present voted favorably. Councilman Horne made a motion to approve extension request #7. The motion died for lack of a second; therefore, the request was denied.

At this time, Mr. Davis informed the Board that Henry Stroud paid his utility bills on July 12, 2018 and incurred \$20.00 in late fees. Mr. Stroud is requesting that the Council waive his late fees due to the fact that he recently towed one of the Stantonsburg Police Department's vehicles at no charge. Councilwoman Rhodes made a motion to waive the late fees for Henry Stroud on a one time basis due to Mr. Stroud's past payment history. Councilwoman Rhodes' motion also stated that the Town request Mr. Stroud send a bill to the Town for towing the Stantonsburg Police Department's vehicle. Councilman Horne seconded the motion with all other Council members voting in favor of the motion.

**F. Parks & Rec:** Mayor Edmundson stated that Ann Harper has been in contact with a playground equipment company and is expecting to get some quotes for some upgrades at the park, such as shelters to go over existing playground equipment. Mayor Edmundson informed the Board that the Parks and Recreation Committee is also in the process of applying for a grant.

**G. EMS: N/A**

**H. Appearance Committee:** Councilwoman Rhodes stated that the Appearance Committee has met several times regarding the Seal Building. The Appearance Committee plans to have a packet ready to pass out at the next Board meeting with recommendations for the next steps on the Seal Building.

**I. Town Managers Report:** Town Manager Gary Davis presented the overtime report for June 2018. June 2018 overtime was up with 109 ¼ overtime hrs compared to 58 ½ overtime hrs in June 2017.

Mr. Davis stated that the increase was primarily due to scheduled substation work, on-call expenses and several callbacks for electrical and Water Treatment Plant problems.

At this time, Mr. Davis informed the Board that the Town will be taking bids for the Sewer Rehab Project at 2:00 pm on August 9, 2018. Mr. Davis will likely have bids for the Board's approval at the August 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Mr. Davis presented a resolution that signifies approval of the tax reconciliation of the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Tax Settlement for the Town of Stantonsburg through June 30, 2018. Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the resolution for the tax reconciliation of the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Tax Settlement. Councilman Bass seconded the motion, with all members voting in favor of the motion.

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

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

**L. Councilwoman Rhodes:** At this time, Mrs. Coley requested that Town Manager Gary Davis perform a merit review on the Town of Stantonsburg employees for possible merit raises.

**M. Councilman Dew:** Councilman Dew inquired about the spending within the Stantonsburg Police Department. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that he felt the Police Department would stay within budget for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year since there are no major purchases scheduled.

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

**O. Mayor:** Mayor Edmondson informed the Board that he was still receiving complaints about the Town cutting grass early in the morning. Town Manager Gary Davis again stated that some properties, such as around businesses, have to be cut early to avoid traffic and pedestrians. However, Mr. Davis also stated that he would adjust the time of cutting as much as he can.

Mayor Edmondson inquired as to what has been done about the missed recycle pick-ups through Waste Industries. Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey stated that she had contacted the Operations Supervisor, Sammy Fernandez, for Waste Industries and informed him of the complaints of missed pick-ups. Mr. Fernandez had hoped to make it to the Board meeting, but was unable to attend. Mrs. Bailey informed the Board that Mr. Fernandez assured her that the missed pick-ups will be addressed.

Councilman Horne made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Rhodes seconded the motion. All other members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha E. Bailey, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

