

**TOWN OF STANTONSBURG**

DATE: June 13, 2016

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Bill Edmundson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 with the following Council members present: Councilman Ken Horne, Councilman Donnie Bass and Councilwoman Jackie Grice. Councilman Robert Watson was absent due to his work schedule. Town Manager Gary Davis and Town Clerk Debra Beamon were also present. Mrs. Joann Lucas, Mr. Joe Fontaine and Beverly Sherfey were the only public present. Mr. Davis reviewed the budget for those present. There were no questions from the public, so Mayor Edmundson declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Bill Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following Council members were present: Jackie Grice, Donnie Bass and Ken Horne. Councilman Dew arrived at 7:03 pm. Councilman Robert Watson was absent due to his work schedule. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis, Town Clerk Debra Beamon and Chief Orlando Rosarrio.

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

Mrs. Joann Lucas led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Dew began the meeting with prayer.

**A. Approve minutes for May 16, 2016 and Closed Session, May 19, 2016 and Closed Session and May 26, 2016 Budget Workshop.** Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the regular minutes and closed session minutes with corrections on page 1198 and the Budget Workshop. With a second from Councilwoman Grice, all members voted in favor of the motion.

**B. Financial Report:**

*Receipts \$315,144.61 Disbursements \$350,068.87 Difference \$(34,924.26)*

Notable disbursements: Police Dept. vacation accrued, Demolitions, Truck Body Purchased

**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: \$30,906.65**

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

**D. Public Present:** Joann Lucas thanked everyone who helped keep the Police Dept. Mr. Fontaine asked for an update on the status of the new officers. Chief Rosario stated he has 3 applicants ready to start once they complete the shooting range training and are cleared

by Training and Standards. He also stated that he has numerous applications for part-time officers.

**E. Town Managers Report:** At this time, Mr. Davis presented (3) utility extension requests. After reviewing each request Councilman Dew made a motion to grant all 3 requests. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion with all other Council members voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Davis presented the overtime report which showed May overtime being down from May 2015.

At this time, Mr. Davis presented Budget Amendment #2 for the Council's approval. After reviewing the Budget Amendment, Councilman Dew made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #2. ( see attachment) Councilman Horne seconded the motion with all other Council members voting favorably.

Next, Mr. presented the Proposed Budget for FY 2016-2017 as follows:

<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>\$776,150.00</b>	<b>Powell Bill</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
<b>Water/Sewer Fund:</b>	<b>\$770,900.00</b>		
<b>Electric Fund:</b>	<b>\$3,083,600.00</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,630,650.00</b>		

Mr. Davis is proposing a 1 ½ % COL raise for the Council, Mayor and all Town employees. The proposed budget does not include an increase in any rates or fees for the 2016-2017 FY. (see attachment) Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the Proposed Budget for FY 2016-2017 as presented. Councilman Bass seconded the motion with all other Council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Next, Mr. Davis presented the proposed Audit Contract with Carr, Riggs & Ingram for FY 2015-2016 for \$18,350.00. Mr. Davis informed the Council that, with the new GASB 68 requirements and the W/S Bonds, there is more time required to prepare the audit. Mr. Davis informed the Council that other small towns are paying about the same amount for their audits with the new GASB 68 requirements added to the audit. After a brief discussion, Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the audit contract for \$18,350.00 with Carr, Riggs and Ingram for FY 2015-2016 audit. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion with all members voting favorably.

**F. Fire Department Report:** N/A

**G. EMS:** N/A

**H. Appearance Committee:** N/A

**J. Councilman Horne:** Councilman Horne asked Chief Rosario if there was a chance that he would be able to organize a festival (Taste of Stantonburg) for this year. Chief Rosario informed the Council that he was told to contact the previous a festival organizer to retrieve any information or file that he may have on the festival. The former organizer told Chief Rosario that he took the file with him and that the Town could have the file for a

monetary fee. Chief Rosario informed the Council that the community is very interested in having a festival again this year and that he will go to work to try to put it together. After some discussion, the Town Clerk informed Chief Rosario that she will compile any information she has regarding the festival. (vendor information, contacts etc.) Councilman Bass suggested that Chief Rosario organize a committee to help with the festival since he has so much going on at this time with staffing the police department. Chief Rosario informed Mr. Bass that former Councilman Hubert Tyson has offered to help him with the planning of the festival. Councilman Horne informed the Chief that Kelly Best has offered to help also.

**K. Councilman Bass:** Mr. Bass asked Mr. Davis about the status of the demolition for the burned house on N. Main Street. Mr. Davis said the owner was contacted by both himself and the contractor that did the 2 demolitions on Main Street about possibly tearing down the dwelling. The owner would have gotten a good price since the contractor already had his equipment in town. The owner has never responded, so at this point, the Town will have to go through the same process with Wilson County to tear the house down.

Next, Mr. Bass asked Mr. Davis about the status of the Town's surplus equipment and vehicles. Mr. Davis stated that he has a solid bid on the Explorer and will have (2) pick-ups and old line truck to add to the surplus in the near future.

**L. Councilman Dew:** Mr. Dew informed the Council that he had replied to the letter from a customer that was upset about being cut off for non-pay. The customer was upset that they did not receive a second notice and also expressed concern that the Town does not currently accept debit/credit cards. The Town Clerk checked the reconnect policies of other small towns similar to Stantonsburg and they were the same as the Town of Stantonsburg. (see attachment) After some discussion, the Council instructed the Town Clerk to check into the fees and software cost to accept debit/credit cards. Mrs. Grice suggested the Town Clerk post a notice in the Town Hall asking customers to update their contact information.

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

At this time, Councilman Horne made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues and legal matters. Councilman Dew seconded the motion with all other members present voting favorably.

Mayor Edmundson declared the meeting back into open session at 8:10 pm. Councilman Horne made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion with all Council members voting in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Beamon  
Town Clerk, Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor