

**TOWN OF STANTONSBURG**

DATE: May 08, 2017

Mayor William Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The following Council members were present: Powell Dew, Jr. and Jackie Grice. Also present were Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey. Town Manager Gary Davis and Councilman Ken D. Horne arrived at approximately 7:04 P.M. Police Chief Orlando Rosario arrived at approximately 7:40 P.M.

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

**A. Approve minutes for April 2017 Meetings:** Councilman Dew made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 2017 regular and special meetings. With a second from Councilwoman Grice, all Council members voted in favor of the motion.

**B. Approved Financial Reports for April 2017:**

*Receipts \$263,337.17 Disbursements \$276,514.57 Difference \$(13,177.40) Notable disbursements: Annual loan payment for Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements for \$55,287.00.*

**MMB:** Councilman Horne made a motion, with a second by Councilwoman Grice, to approve the Financial Report for April 2017. All Council members voted in favor of the motion.

**C. Invoices for Payment: Total: \$16,867.78**

Town Manager Gary Davis noted that the invoice for payment to Computer Central was higher this month due to hardware needed to be able to accept online payments. At this time, Mr. Davis asked the Board if the Town would want to charge a convenience fee for online payments. The consensus was that no convenience fee be charged. Councilman Dew made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. With a second by Councilman Horne, all Council members present voted favorably.

At this time, (4) extension requests were brought before the Board for their approval. Councilman Dew made a motion to grant all (4) extension requests, under the condition that they be paid by noon on the requested extension date. With a second by Councilman Horne, all Council members voted favorably.

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

**E. Police Report:** The Council reviewed the monthly police report. Chief Rosario informed the Council that there have been several alarm calls at Stantonsburg Elementary. Each time an officer has patrolled the school and found nothing. The custodian at the school seems to think that birds are setting off the alarm.

Chief Rosario informed the Town Council that he has two bands lined up for the Bicentennial Celebration so far. The band, Spare Change, is scheduled to perform September 15, 2017 from 6pm-10pm and the Embers will perform September 16, 2017 from 1pm-4pm. Chief Rosario stated that, in order to spruce up the Town's appearance for the Bicentennial, a list has been made and given to Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey listing residences that have tall grass. The Chief has also spoken with the Stantonsburg Fire Department about painting the fire hydrants.

Chief Rosario also stated that he has contacted Beddingfield High School band about performing in the Stantonsburg Christmas parade and they have informed him that they will not be able to perform in the morning because of a prior engagement.

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

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

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

**I. EMS: N/A**

**J. Town Managers Report:** At this time, Town Manager Gary Davis gave the overtime report. The overtime for April 2017 was 39  $\frac{3}{4}$  hours versus 38 hours in April 2016. Mr. Davis stated that seven of these overtime hours will be reimbursed by the Town of Sharpsburg for work that Stantonsburg electrical department did for them on a Friday.

Mr. Davis presented Budget Amendment #1 to the Board. Town Manager Gary Davis noted that this Amendment did not increase the budget. Councilman Horne made a motion accept Budget Amendment #1 as presented. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion with all other Council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Town Manager Gary Davis requested a budget workshop be held May 25, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. All Council members present agreed.

Mr. Davis also requested a public hearing be held for the budget on June 12, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. Councilman Horne asked that once the public has been heard at the public hearing the Town Council be able to continue on into the regular meeting. All members present agreed.

**K. Councilman Horne:** Councilman Horne asked if the restrooms, wi-fi and cameras were in working order at the park. Mayor Edmundson stated that he wasn't sure about the restrooms, but the wi-fi and cameras were in good working order. Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Council that several petty crimes had been solved by using the cameras at the park.

Councilman Horne asked that new basketball nets be placed at the park. Mr. Davis stated that he would purchase several so that they would have replacements.

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

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

**N. Councilman Dew:** Councilman Dew asked what the status was on the Seal building. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that he has requested proposals from several contractors. At this time, Mr. Davis is waiting for those contractors to submit their bids.

Councilman Dew inquired about the demolition of burnt buildings and condemnations. Mr. Davis stated that they had been turned over to the attorney.

Councilman Dew asked if the Town had received an estimate for repairing the roof on the building next door to the Town Hall. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that Wade Farmer has looked at the roof, but has not submitted an estimate yet. Mr. Davis did inform the Council that the Waste Water Plant Lab has developed leaks and Wade Farmer is submitting an estimate for putting an "A" roof on this building.

Councilman Dew stated that a section of land by the cemetery that is not owned by the Town is overgrown. Councilman Dew asked if the Town was going to do anything about it. Mr. Davis stated that the Town will cut it and bill the owner as it has in the past.

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

**P. Mayor:** Mayor Edmundson took this time to commend Councilwoman Rhodes on how well the Town Square looks. All Council members agreed.

Mayor Edmundson informed the Town Council that Kevin O'Donnell has asked for an increase in his quarterly retainer fee. Councilman Horne made the motion to grant Kevin O'Donnell, the Town's energy consultant, an annual \$2,000.00 increase in pay. With a second by Councilwoman Grice, all Council members voted favorably.

Councilman Horne made a motion to adjourn. With a second from Councilwoman Grice, all Council members voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha E. Bailey, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

