

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: May 14, 2018

Mayor William Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following Council members were present: Jackie Grice, Powell Dew and Donnie Bass. Police Chief Orlando Rosario and Officer Crystal Jackson arrived at approximately 7:19. Councilman Ken D. Horne arrived at approximately 7:48. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis and Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey. Mike Aquesta, Jane and Willie Thompson were present from the public.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer:

Mike Aquesta led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilwoman Grice began the meeting with prayer.

A. Approve Regular meeting and Closed Session minutes for April 2018:

Councilwoman Grice made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular and closed session meetings as written. Councilman Bass seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

B. Financial Report:

Receipts \$362,709.77 Disbursements \$205,767.15 Difference \$156,942.62

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

C. Invoices for Payment: Total: \$91,178.94

Councilman Bass 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, Mike Aquesta presented the Town of Stantonburg, North Carolina Wastewater Asset Inventory and Assessment Report. Mr. Aquesta stated that this report was an inventory of the Town of Stantonburg's Wastewater Treatment Plant, lift stations and sanitary sewer system assets and what needs to be replaced over time. Mr. Aquesta sat down with Town Manager Gary Davis and the Town's other wastewater operators and did this inventory of assets and prioritized equipment to be replaced or updated. The Town also had quite a few sewer lines videoed and found problems, particularly with the clay sewer lines. Mr. Aquesta prepared a budget and figured out that the Town could do one of the ten sewers every year for the next ten years for \$50,000 each. Town Manager Gary Davis feels that the cost for the sewers will be able to be paid out of the fund balance. Mr. Aquesta stated that there are other things at the WWTP and pump stations that will probably need to be purchased with grants and/or loans. For example, the Town of Stantonburg is still using gas as a backup disinfectant at the WWTP. The gas is

much more dangerous and Mr. Aquesta is suggesting that the Town change over from gas as a backup to liquid chlorine. Mr. Aquesta also informed the Board that, more than likely, the state will change the Town's permit limit for the WWTP over the next 10 years. At that time, the Town may have to put in tertiary filters. Mr. Aquesta recommended an increase in sewer rates by approximately 2.5% in FY 2018-2019 in order to provide the revenue needed for the sewer rehabilitation projects. These rate increases are not required, but are suggestions. Councilman Dew made a motion to accept the Town of Stantonsburg, North Carolina Wastewater Asset Inventory and Assessment Report as presented. With a second by Councilman Bass, all Council members present voted favorably.

At this time, Jane and Willie Thompson of 311 Denver Dr. addressed the Board. Mrs. Thompson stated that they have an issue with the grass not being cut in the new Wainesfield Subdivision. According to Mrs. Thompson, every year when the weather gets warm, she has to come to the Town Hall and get someone to call Ralph Hodge to cut the grass. Mrs. Thompson informed the Board that the grass is very high and she is concerned about snakes and other small animals living in the tall grass. Chief Rosario stated that he would contact Ralph Hodge himself and inform him of the Town ordinance regarding tall grass. Chief Rosario also informed Mr. and Mrs. Thompson that he would start passing out citations for the tall grass if it is not taken care of.

E. Police Report: Chief Rosario informed the Board that the Police Department had a very good month. Chief Rosario stated that most of the narcotics that they have recovered have been from out of town and not within Stantonsburg.

Chief Rosario also informed the Council that the Crepe Myrtle Festival will be held September 15, 2018 from 12:00-8:00 pm.

F. Parks & Rec: Mayor Edmundson stated that Ann Harper has gotten information concerning placing shelters over the existing playground equipment. These shelters would help protect from the sun and rain. Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that Mrs. Harper will have a meeting with the equipment representative in the near future.

Town Manager Gary Davis presented (10) utility extension requests. After reviewing each request, Councilwoman Grice made a motion to approve extension requests #3, 9, and 10. With a second by Councilman Dew, all Council members present voted favorably. Councilman Dew made a motion to approve extension requests #1, 7 and 8. Councilman Bass seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Bass made a motion to deny extension requests #2, 4, 5 and 6. With a second by Councilman Dew, all Council members present voted favorably.

G. EMS: N/A

H. Appearance Committee: N/A

I. Town Managers Report: Town Manager Gary Davis presented the overtime report for April 2018. April 2018 overtime was up with 72 ½ hrs compared to 39 ¾ hrs in April 2017. Mr. Davis stated that the increase was primarily due to weekend on-call hours for water and sewer. The increase in overtime hours was also due to several callbacks for electrical problems.

At this time, Mr. Davis asked the Board to declare some old gates and chain link fence as surplus and allow him to sell by private sale and negotiation. Councilman Dew made a motion to allow Town Manager Gary Davis to sell some old gates and chain link on behalf of the Town of Stantonsburg. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Town Manager Gary Davis presented a Resolution for the NC Local Government Debt Setoff Program. Mr. Davis informed the Council that this is a program through the NC Department of Revenue. With this program if an individual receives a refund from the NC Department of Revenue and owes the Town money, it will be subtracted from the refund and paid to the Town of Stantonsburg. Mr. Davis stated that this program is free. Councilwoman Grice made a motion to adopt the Resolution for the NC Local Government Debt Setoff Program. With a second by Councilman Bass, all Council members present voted favorably.

Mr. Davis requested the Mayor set a budget workshop for Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 7:30 pm. Mayor Edmundson called for a budget workshop for Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Also, Mr. Davis requested the Mayor set a public hearing at 6:30 pm prior to the regular meeting on June 11, 2018 to allow public comments on the proposed budget for FY 2018-2019. Mayor Edmundson called for a Public Hearing on the proposed budget for June 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

At this time, Mr. Davis stated that he has received a quote of \$4,400 to seal the wall shared with the Masonic Lodge and a quote of \$1,600 to repair the shelter. Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Board that the Seal Building rafters have already been closed up.

J. Councilman Horne: N/A

K. Councilman Bass: Councilman Bass stated that the only concern he had was the tall grass in some of the yards in Town. Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Board that some of the yards had already been addressed and that letters would be sent out to others if necessary.

L. Councilwoman Rhodes: N/A

M. Councilman Dew: Councilman Dew inquired about cleaning up around the boat ramp. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that Town has already begun working on the clean up at the creek.

At this time, Councilman Dew asked if there was an update for the Stantonsburg EMS. Mayor Edmundson stated that both of the EMS vehicles are out of service at the moment and they are in the process of getting estimates for the repairs.

N. Councilwoman Grice: Councilwoman Grice asked if there had been any recent complaints about Waste Industries. Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey stated that there had been complaints and that Waste Industries had been notified. Mrs. Bailey also stated that a supervisor from Waste Industries had recently visited the Town Hall and was made aware of the complaints.

Councilwoman Grice informed the Board that she had received complaints about individuals washing personal vehicles at the Fire Department in front of the bay. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that the Stantonsburg Fire Department pays their own utilities and they are not paid by the Town of Stantonsburg.

O. Mayor: Mayor Edmondson proposed that the Stantonsburg EMS be added to the Town's wifi transmitter. Mayor Edmondson stated that any costs would be paid by the Stantonsburg EMS. All Council members present agreed with the request.

Mayor Edmondson asked Town Manager Gary Davis to give an update about the Town of Saratoga sending their waste to the City of Wilson. Mr. Davis stated that Mike McAllister, the Town's Engineer, called Mayor Hawkins to set up a meeting to discuss possibly changing Saratoga's mind about sending their waste to Wilson. The Town of Saratoga was supposed to get back up with Mr. McAllister with a date to meet and Mr. McAllister never heard back from anyone. The following Monday an individual from the Town of Saratoga called Mr. Davis informing him that he was suppose to be at a meeting that morning in Saratoga at 10:00 am. It was 10:15 am when the call was made. Mr. Davis stated that he rushed to the meeting and realized that Mr. McAllister had not been notified about the meeting either and was not in attendance. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that, after much discussion, representatives for the Town of Saratoga stated that the Town of Stantonsburg was invited to meetings to discuss the matter, but never showed up. Mr. Davis said that neither Mike Aquesta, Mike McAllister nor himself ever received notification of any such meetings being held. Mr. Davis informed the Town of Saratoga that the Town of Stantonsburg had upgraded its WWTP, spent a lot of money on inflow and infiltration problems and had fixed many of the problems that had been plaguing them in the past. After much discussion, Mr. Davis was informed that the Town of Saratoga still planned to send their waste to the City of Wilson. Mr. Davis stated that he, the Mayor and Mike Aquesta would be meeting soon to discuss this issue further.

Councilman Horne made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion. All other members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha E. Bailey, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

William H. Edmondson, Mayor

