

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: May 16, 2016

Mayor Bill Edmundson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following Council members were present: Jackie Grice, Powell Dew, Jr., Donnie Bass and Ken Horne. Councilman Robert Watson was absent due to his work schedule. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis, Town Clerk Debra Beamon and Deputy Clerk Patsy Godwin.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer:

Mr. Brian Cleary led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Dew began the meeting with prayer.

A. Approve minutes for April 11, 2016, Closed Sessions, April 11, 2016, April 12, 2016, April 14, 2016 and April 15, 2016. Councilman Bass made a motion to approve the regular minutes and closed session minutes as written. With a second from Councilwoman Grice, all members voted in favor of the motion.

B. Financial Report:

Receipts \$227,380.63 Disbursements \$348,992.16 Difference \$(121,611.53)
Notable disbursements: Sewer Loan Payment \$99,682.31 Service Truck \$22,070.00

MMB: Councilman Horne 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: \$42,206.65

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

D. Public Present: At this time, Michael Dean, Beverly Sherfey, Jeanna Cleary, June Downing and Eusibio Montalso expressed their concerns about the status of the Police Department.

E. Police Report: The Council members reviewed the police report for April, 2016.

F. Fire Department Report: Brian Cleary reported that the Fire Department is still working on upgrades.

G. EMS: Mayor Edmundson reported to the Council that the EMS has received a matching grant for supplies.

H. Appearance Committee: N/A

I. Town Managers Report: At this time, Mr. Davis presented (3) utility extension requests. Councilman Dew made motion to grant all requests. With a second from Councilman Bass all other members voted in favor of the motion.

Next, Mr. Davis presented the monthly overtime report which was down from April 2015.

Mr. Davis requested the Mayor set a budget workshop for Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 6:30. All members agreed to the request.

Also, Mr. Davis requested the Mayor set a Public Hearing at 6:30 prior to the regular meeting on June 13, 2016 to present the proposed budget for FY 2016-2017. Mayor Edmundson called for a Public Hearing on the proposed budget for June 13th at 6:30.

J. Councilman Horne: Councilman Horne informed the public present that the Council is diligently seeking a candidate for the position of Chief of Police. He informed the public that a rumor is going around that the Town is still considering contracting the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Horne assured the public that the Town has voted to keep the Police Department and that there has been no further discussion to consider the Sheriff's Department. He stated that the Council works for the people and they are doing their best to hire the best person for the position of Police Chief.

K. Councilman Bass: N/A

L. Councilman Dew: N/A

M. Councilwoman Grice: N/A

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

Mayor Edmundson declared the meeting back into open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Godwin/ Deputy Clerk

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

