

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: November 9, 2015

Mayor Bill Edmundson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following Council members were present: Jackie Grice, Powell Dew, Jr., Robert Watson, and Ken Horne. Councilman Bass was a couple of minutes late. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis and Town Clerk Debra Beamon. The public present were Steve and Kimberly Harrell, Marie Edmundson, Chief John Hunt and James Hinson.

A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer:

Councilman Dew led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Watson began the meeting with prayer.

B. Approval of Regular Minutes for Oct. 13, 2015 Meeting, Called Meeting Oct. 22, 2015 and the Closed Session, Oct. 22, 2015. Councilman Dew made a motion to approve the minutes for each meeting as written. With a second from Councilwoman Grice, all members voted in favor of the motion.

C. Financial Report:

Receipts: \$361,876.27 Disbursements: \$326,531.39 Difference \$35,344.88

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

D. Invoices for Payment: Total: \$20,128.51

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

E. Public Present: N/A

F. Police Report: Chief Hunt presented the police report at this time. Chief Hunt also informed the Town Council that he is trying a new route for the Christmas parade this year with it ending back at the end of Commercial Avenue. Next, Chief Hunt updated the Council on the status of the grant for the body cams. He is hoping the grant will be awarded in December.

G. Town Manager's Report:

1. Mr. Davis presented (1) extension request this month. After reviewing the request, Councilman Dew made a motion to grant the extension request as presented. Councilman Watson seconded the motion with all other members voting favorably.

2. Mr. Davis presented the October overtime report which was down from last year.

3. Mr. Davis informed the Council that he has had 2 demolition contractors look at the condemned properties and is waiting for the bids.

4. Next, Mr. Davis is also waiting for a quote from Buddy Holland Roofing on the roof at the Police Dept. A second proposal will be sought as well.

5. Mr. Davis reminded the Council members of the Special Joint Meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 7:00 in Black Creek .

6. At this time, Mr. Davis asked the Council's approval for Christmas bonuses for the Town employees. Councilman Horne made a motion to approve a Christmas bonus of \$300.00 for full time employees and \$150.00 for Part-Time Employees. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion. All other members voted in favor of the motion.

H. Parks & Rec: Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that the Parks & Rec Commission is in need of volunteers for the committee.

I. Councilman Horne: Councilman Horne asked Chief Hunt if there have been any problems at the park. Chief Hunt said there have not been any problems recently.

J. Councilman Watson: Councilman Watson questioned if the non-emergency number for the police dept. goes to the Officer's cell phone. He also asked the Town Clerk if the non-emergency number for Communications could be included in the messages on the Town Hall voice mail. She will check into this. Mayor Edmundson has contacted US Cellular to send a technician out to recommend possible upgrades to the phones at the police station.

K. Councilman Bass: Councilman Bass asked about the protocol for after-hours power outage emergencies. Mr. Davis explained that the Police have a list of ON-CALL employees and their phone numbers. They are supposed to call him or the on-call employee. Mr. Davis suggested that the non-emergency number for Communications could be printed on the utility bills.

L. Councilman Dew: Councilman Dew inquired about the progress on the property adjacent to the park. Mr. Davis informed him that the attorney has sent notices to the heirs and is ready to move forward with court proceedings..

M. Councilwoman Grice: Councilwoman Grice asked Mr. Davis if the Stantonsburg Baptist Church has made any progress on the sign for the church. Mr. Davis said he has not heard from Dr. Manning and that he is aware of the next step to take for the project.

N. Mayor Edmundson: Mayor Edmundson asked Mr. Davis if letters had been mailed by the attorney to the property owners on Main Street in Saratoga about obstructing the right of way. Mr. Davis said he has not heard from Mr. Rand, but he will contact him about this matter.

Next, Mr. Davis asked the Council if they wanted to add another street light to the end of W. Thompson Ave. because Mrs. Carla Davis has inquired about their decision. After some discussion, the Council agreed to first install an LED light which will be brighter.

The next item discussed was the request from D'Boys to refund their deposit. D'Boys presented proof that Mr. David Parrish is no longer associated with their business. Councilman Dew made a motion to refund their deposit due to a good credit history. Councilman Horne seconded the motion. All other Council members voted in favor of the motion.

Councilman Watson made a motion to adjourn. With a second from Councilman Horne, all members voted favorably. Adjourned at 7:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Beamon, Finance Officer/Town Clerk

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

