

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: October 16, 2017

Mayor William Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following Council members were present: Powell Dew, Ken D. Horne, Donnie Bass, Coley Rhodes and Jackie Grice. Also present were Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey, Police Chief Orlando Rosario and the Town's electrical consultant, Kevin O'Donnell. Town Manager Gary Davis was absent due to health issues. Dan Whitley, Kim Bass and Sarisa Taylor were present from the public.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer:

Police Chief Orlando Rosario led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilwoman Grice began the meeting with prayer.

A. Approve minutes for September 11, 2017: Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the open and closed minutes as written. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

B. Financial Report:

*Receipts \$318,020.07 Disbursements \$365,976.03 Difference \$(47,955.96)
Notable disbursements: Insurance payment of \$35,049.00 and expenses for the Bicentennial.*

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

C. Invoices for Payment: Total: \$5,125.59

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

D. Public Present: Dan Whitley spoke to the Board asking they move to allow someone to open a beauty shop on his property and also to allow someone to open a vegetable stand by his cotton gin. Councilman Dew stated that Mr. Whitley would first need to have the requests reviewed by the Planning Board and then the Council could vote on it.

Mr. Whitley also informed the Council that the realty sign out at the Piggly Wiggly is obstructing the view for traffic pulling out of the parking lot of Highway 55.

At this time, Sarisa Taylor addressed the Council on behalf of the Stantonburg Elementary PTO. Mrs. Taylor stated that the PTO wanted to present the Board with the idea of asking participants for the Stantonburg Christmas Parade to make a minimum \$5 donation to the Stantonburg Elementary School PTO. Mrs. Taylor informed the Council that if the school is allowed to request monetary donations, they will assist with publicizing and soliciting participants for the Christmas Parade.

At this time, the Town's Electrical Consultant, Kevin O'Donnell, presented the Board with a Network Integrated Transmission Agreement. Mr. O'Donnell stated that this is a document that tells how the Town is going to operate its electrical system relative to Duke Progress' transmission system. Also, this agreement states that our power supplier will be NTE. Councilman Dew made a motion to sign the Network Integrated Transmission Agreement to enable the Town to move forward with transferring the Town's electrical source from Duke Progress to NTE. With a second by Councilman Horne, all Council members present voted favorably.

E. Police Report: Chief Rosario presented the monthly police report and stated that the month of October is the restitution month for the Governor Highway Safety Program.

Chief Rosario also informed the Board that he received a letter from Governor Roy Cooper stating that his grant application was approved for an updated records management system.

At this time, Chief Rosario asked the Council if it were possible to change the time of the Stantonsburg Christmas Parade from 10:00 am on December 9th, 2017 to 2:00 pm on the same date. This would allow local high school bands to be able to participate in the parade. All Council members agreed to changing the start time of the Stantonsburg Christmas Parade to 2:00 pm on December 9th, 2017.

Chief Rosario informed the Board that some of the police officers as well as himself had commemorative coins made for the Police Department. Chief Rosario then presented the mayor with one of the commemorative coins. The Stantonsburg Town Seal is on one side of the coin while the Stantonsburg Police Department badge is on the other side. The Police Department is also selling the coins for \$15.00 a piece. The proceeds will go to Shop with a Cop.

F. Parks & Rec: N/A

G. EMS: N/A

H. Appearance Committee: Councilwoman Rhodes presented the Council with a print out showing what the Appearance Committee had spent on the Stantonsburg town square and the triangle renovation. Councilwoman Rhodes stated that she would like to look into placing a sign at the small triangle on Highway 58 as you are coming into Stantonsburg from Snow Hill.

At this time, Mayor Edmundson presented (8) utility extension requests. After reviewing each request, Councilman Dew made a motion to grant all extension requests with the stipulation that any request for a Friday be paid by noon on that day. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion. Councilman Dew, Councilman Bass, Councilwoman Rhodes and Councilwoman Grice voted in favor of the motion passing the motion with a 4-1 vote. Councilman Horne voted against the motion.

Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey asked the Board for their approval to hold the annual employee Christmas party on December 7th, 2017 at 7:00 pm. The Council agreed to the date requested. The Board also agreed to having it at the Stantonsburg Community Building with Mrs. Marie Edmundson catering.

I. Town Managers Report: N/A

J. Councilman Horne: Councilman Horne reminded the Board that the Council usually contributes to the annual Town Employee Appreciation Luncheon in October. Councilman Horne stated that he feels this is something that should continue. All Council members agreed.

K. Councilman Bass: Councilman Bass asked Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey if the problems the Town had been having with the website were now resolved. Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey stated that the issues had been resolved.

Councilman Bass asked if there was any new information about the Seal Building. Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey stated that Town Manager Gary Davis had spoken with the contractor and it will be at least another 30 days before they can get started on stabilizing the Seal Building. This is due to rain slowing down other projects and getting them behind. Several Council members stated that they were concerned that the existing walls would fall before they were stabilized. Mrs. Bailey informed the Board that the gentlemen that were given permission to clean up brick had been stopped a couple of times from pulling on the walls. At this time, the Board agreed that these men should not be allowed to pick up anymore brick for the time being.

L. Councilwoman Rhodes: N/A

O. Councilman Dew: N/A

P. Councilwoman Grice: N/A

Q. Mayor: Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that there was a crew in town for a couple of weeks videoing the sewer lines. Mayor Edmundson stated that they had found quite a bit of cracks, slipped joints, holes and leaks.

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 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha E. Bailey, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

