

**TOWN OF STANTONSBURG**

DATE: November 13, 2018

Mayor William Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following Council members were present: Powell Dew, Jackie Grice and Donnie Bass. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis, Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey and Police Chief Orlando Rosario. Councilwoman Coley Rhodes arrived at approximately 7:02 pm. Councilman Ken D. Horne arrived at approximately 7:19 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer:**

Councilman Donnie Bass led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilwoman Grice began the meeting with prayer.

**A. Approve Regular meeting minutes for October 08, 2018 (Open and Closed):**

Councilwoman Grice made a motion to approve the October 08, 2018 open and closed meeting minutes. Councilman Dew seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

**B. Financial Report:**

*Receipts \$426,925.80 Disbursements \$316,680.17 Difference \$110,245.63*

**MMB:** Councilwoman Grice 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: \$7,788.97**

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: N/A**

**E. Police Report:** Chief Rosario informed the Board that the Stantonburg Police Department is participating in No Shave November to raise awareness for cancer patients.

Chief Rosario stated that the annual Stantonburg Christmas parade will be held December 1, 2018 at 11:00 am. The Fike, Beddingfield and Hunt High School bands will be participating in the parade.

Chief Rosario informed the Board that the Stantonburg Police Department and the Stantonburg Fire Department hosted a movie night at the park on November 11, 2018. The Stantonburg Fire Department sold drinks and popcorn, with all proceeds going to either Shop With a Cop or to the Stantonburg Fire Department.

At this time, Chief Rosario informed the Board that the paperwork has been completed for an equipment grant totaling \$24,500. Chief Rosario stated that he is in the process of getting estimates from records management companies as part of this grant.

Chief Rosario stated that Officer Jackson was involved in a high speed chase on October 30, 2018. Once the vehicle entered Greene County the Greene County Sheriff's Department

became involved. There was an exchange of gunfire between the suspect and Green County Sheriff's Department Deputies. Chief Rosario informed the Board that in the midst of the gunfire the Stantonsburg Patrol car was hit in the windshield. This windshield has now been replaced.

Chief Rosario stated that there was a suspicious package placed at St. James Holy Church on November 4, 2018. The Stantonsburg Police Department contacted the SBI and the Wilson County Sheriff's Department to assist in the investigation. Chief Rosario informed the Board that it was a false alarm and that the package contained drum sticks.

**F. Parks & Rec:** Mayor Edmundson stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee has met and are in the process of getting estimates for additional items for the park. Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that they will submit a proposal to the Board for approval once completed.

**G. EMS: N/A**

**H. Appearance Committee:** Councilwoman Rhodes informed the Board that the Appearance Committee is still waiting on bids for Phase One work on the Seal Building.

Councilwoman Rhodes also stated that the Appearance Committee will soon be decorating the Stantonsburg sign for Christmas. This will include putting out mulch and pruning at the triangle.

Councilwoman Rhodes stated that the Appearance Committee is in the process of planning a Christmas in July fundraiser to help raise money to purchase more Christmas angels for December 2019. Councilwoman Rhodes hopes to have a Christmas tree lighting for the 2019 Christmas season.

The Appearance Committee also plans on moving the Stantonsburg sign at the stoplight on Main St. to the triangle on the eastern side of town.

Town Manager Gary Davis presented (4) utility extension requests. After reviewing each request, Councilwoman Grice made a motion to approve extension request #1. With a second by Councilman Dew, all Council members present voted favorably. Councilwoman Grice made a motion to deny extension request #2. Councilman Bass seconded the motion. Councilwoman Grice, Councilman Bass and Councilwoman Rhodes voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed with a 3-2 vote, with Councilman Dew and Councilman Horne voting against the motion. Councilman Horne made a motion to approve extension request #3. With a second by Councilman Bass, all Council members present voted favorably. Councilman Bass made a motion to approve extension request #4. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion. Councilman Bass, Councilwoman Grice, Councilwoman Rhodes and Councilman Horne voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote, with Councilman Dew voting against the motion.

**I. Town Managers Report:** Town Manager Gary Davis presented the overtime report for October 2018. October 2018 overtime was up with 80  $\frac{3}{4}$  overtime hrs compared to 69  $\frac{3}{4}$

overtime hrs in October 2017. Mr. Davis stated that the increase was primarily due to the Town's Electrical crew working on a right-a-way clearance project on Friday to avoid incoming rain.

At this time, Town Manager Gary Davis presented the Board with a Resolution authorizing the Town officials to execute documents to put the gas supply contract in place with PEAK. Councilman Dew made a motion to approve the PEAK Resolution. With a second by Councilman Horne, all Council members present voted favorably.

Town Manager Gary Davis requested the Board's approval to have the Town's Christmas party December 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm. After much discussion, the Board agreed to have the Town's Christmas party December 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm so that all Council members will be able to attend.

Mr. Davis asked the Board for direction on employee Christmas bonuses this year. Previously, the Town Board has given full-time employees a \$300.00 bonus and a \$150.00 bonus to part-time employees. Councilman Horne made a motion to grant full-time employees a \$300.00 Christmas bonus, with part-time employees receiving \$150.00 Christmas bonus. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

**J. Councilman Horne: N/A**

**K. Councilman Bass:** Councilman Bass asked Town Manager Gary Davis what the lighting timer is set for at the park. Mr. Davis stated that the timer has been set to come on at 5:45 pm and go off at 9:00 pm.

Councilman Bass asked if anything had been done to the ditch at 200 N Saratoga St. Mr. Davis informed the Board that the Town received permission from the property owner for access to the ditch and removed some debris and vegetation from the ditch.

**L. Councilwoman Rhodes:** Councilwoman Rhodes asked when election signs are suppose to be taken up and if that was the Town's responsibility. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that it is not the Town's responsibility. Councilman Dew informed the Council that the candidates legally have two weeks to take up the campaign signs.

**M. Councilman Dew:** Councilman Dew asked Town Manager Gary Davis when the glass will be removed from the Seal Building. Mr. Davis stated that between marking new utilities and cleaning debris they have not been able to remove the glass, but hoped to have it removed soon.

**N. Councilwoman Grice:** Councilwoman Grice thanked Town Manager Gary Davis for maintaining good water quality for the Town of Stantonsburg.

**O. Mayor:** Mayor Edmundson asked if there had been problems with recycle pick up. Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey stated that the Town Hall's recyclables did not get picked up a couple of

times in the month of October. Waste Industries was called and they came back out to pick them up.

At this time, Councilman Horne made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters and property acquisition. With a second by Councilwoman Rhodes, all Council members present voted favorably.

Mayor Edmundson declared the meeting back into open session at approximately 8:59 pm.

Councilman Horne made a motion to enter into an agreement with Verizon to install GPS devices on the Stantonsburg Police Department vehicles as a test pilot program. Councilman Dew seconded the motion. Councilman Horne, Councilwoman Rhodes and Councilman Dew voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed with a 3-2 vote, with Councilwoman Grice and Councilman Bass voting against the motion.

Councilman Dew 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 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha E. Bailey, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

