

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: March 11, 2019

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer:

Police Chief Orlando Rosario led the Pledge of Allegiance and Fire Chief William McMurray began the meeting with prayer.

A. Approve Regular meeting minutes for February 12, 2019: Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the February 12, 2019 meeting minutes. Councilman Bass seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

B. Financial Report:

Receipts \$274,447.91 Disbursements \$256,853.37 Difference \$17,594.54

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

C. Invoices for Payment: Total: \$13,481.95

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

D. Public Present: N/A

E. Fire Department: Fire Chief William McMurray informed the Council that the State Fire Marshall will be coming in June to perform an inspection of the Stantonburg Moyton Fire Department.

Fire Chief McMurray also stated that beginning March 14, 2019 he will no longer be president of the Board at the Stantonburg Moyton Fire Department. Mr. Bobby Overman will be the new president of the Board for the Fire Department.

F. Police Report: Police Chief Orlando Rosario informed the Board that he would like to have the Crepe Myrtle Festival on September 21, 2019 from 8:00-5:00. Chief Rosario also stated that the Stantonburg Police Department will have a rain date of September 28, 2019. The Council approved of these dates by consensus.

Police Chief Rosario stated that the Town's K-9 vehicle was totaled after being damaged during Officer Williams' house fire. Chief Rosario informed the Board that the insurance company will be mailing a check in the amount of \$3,600 for the cost of the vehicle. Police Chief Rosario stated that he would like to purchase a used vehicle from

Spring Hope that is the same year, make and model as the previous K-9 vehicle. Chief Rosario has found that he will be able to purchase this vehicle, have it painted and striped, have the 2011 Charger striped and have a door popper installed for \$3,600. Councilman Horne made a motion to allow Chief Rosario to purchase a vehicle, have it painted and striped, have the 2011 charger striped and have a door popper installed in the amount of \$3,600. Councilman Bass seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Chief Rosario stated that the Stantonsburg Police Department has received approval from the NC Department of Public Safety to begin the acquisition of equipment related to the Police Department's 2017 Equipment Grant of \$24,500. At this time, Chief Rosario requested that the Council give him permission to purchase a records management system with Southern Software, Inc. This system would cost \$14,312 with an annual maintenance fee of \$1,300. Chief Rosario also requested permission to purchase a K-9 through Ventosa Kennels with the remaining grant funds in the amount of \$7,000. After much discussion, no move was made at this time.

G. Parks & Rec: N/A

H. EMS: N/A

I. Appearance Committee: Councilwoman Rhodes informed the Council that the Appearance Committee has purchased signs to be posted at the entrances to Town. Councilwoman Rhodes stated that once these signs are installed, the Appearance Committee will landscape around them and hopefully have them lit with the help of Town Manager Gary Davis.

Councilwoman Rhodes also informed the Board that the Appearance Committee is in the process of looking at replacing the trash cans in Town.

Town Manager Gary Davis presented (2) utility extension requests. After reviewing each request, Councilman Horne made a motion to approve extension request #1. Councilman Bass seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Rhodes made a motion to deny extension request #2. With a second by Councilman Horne, all Council members present voted favorably.

J. Town Managers Report: Town Manager Gary Davis presented the overtime report for February 2019. February 2019 overtime was down with 79 ³/₄ overtime hrs compared to 261 ¹/₄ overtime hrs in February 2018. February 2018 overtime hours were high due to weekend utility relocation for the DOT on bridge projects.

Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Council that the 2017-2018 audit has been submitted to and approved by the Local Government Commission. Mr. Davis stated that Martin Amerson of Carr, Riggs & Ingram will be at the April 8, 2019 meeting to review and answer any questions regarding the Town's audit.

Town Manager Gary Davis stated that there will be a progress meeting regarding the Stantonsburg Sewer Rehab Project on March 14, 2019 at the Town Hall. At this progress

meeting Town Manager Gary Davis hopes to get an update on when they will begin patching and paving. Mr. Davis informed the Board that the contractor is close to finishing on E. Greenwood Ave. This will leave only N Travis St. to complete the project.

Mr. Davis stated that Well #3 is still out of service, but that the State has approved installation of a submersible pump in lieu of a vertical turbine. Mr. Davis informed the Council that the Town is now waiting on the contractor to come and clean the well and install the new pump. Mr. Davis stated that the total cost of this well refurbishment will be \$17,050.

Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Board that the refurbishment of influent pump #2 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant has been completed. The Town has not yet received an invoice for this refurbishment.

K. Councilman Horne: Councilman Horne asked Town Manager Gary Davis if there was a time frame of when the Sewer Rehab Project would be completed. Mr. Davis stated that he would know more after the progress meeting on Thursday, but that he feels the project should be completed within the next month and a half.

L. Councilman Bass: Councilman Bass asked when the deadline was to spend the Police Department's 2017 Equipment Grant. Mayor Edmundson stated that the deadline is September 2019. After much discussion, Councilman Bass made a motion to use the Police Department's 2017 Equipment Grant to purchase a records management system with Southern Software, Inc. and a new K-9 for the Town of Stantonburg. With a second by Councilwoman Rhodes, all Council members present voted favorably.

M. Councilwoman Rhodes: Councilwoman Rhodes asked Town Manager Gary Davis when the remaining glass in the Seal Building will be removed. Mr. Davis stated that once the Sewer Rehab Project is completed, they should be able to finish removing all the glass.

Councilwoman Rhodes asked Town Manager Gary Davis when they would be spraying weeds. Mr. Davis stated that they were in the process of instructing the Town's new employee, Jacob Whitley, on how and where the spraying needs to be done. The weather should also be warm enough to begin spraying soon.

N. Councilman Dew: N/A

O. Councilwoman Grice: N/A

P. Mayor: Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that there is a website that advertises the option to pay your utility bill online. This website charges a fee and sends the customer's payment within 7-10 days. Mayor Edmundson has spoken with the Town's attorney, Slade Rand, about this website and has found that this website is servicing the majority of the smaller municipalities. Mayor Edmundson stated that this website is completely legal, but it does state on their website that the town of Stantonburg does not offer online bill pay, which is a false statement. Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that attorney Slade Rand will be making a presentation to the Attorney General regarding

this website. Mr. Rand also recommended that the Town publish some type of letter informing utility customers about this website.

Councilman Horne made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bass 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

