

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: April 08, 2019

Mayor William Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following Council members were present: Powell Dew, Coley Rhodes and Jackie Grice. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis and Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey. Councilman Bass arrived at approximately 7:08 pm. Councilman Ken D. Horne and Police Chief Orlando Rosario arrived at approximately 7:16 pm. Mike McAllister and Martin Amerson were present from the public.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer:

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

A. Approve Regular meeting minutes for March 11, 2019: Councilwoman Grice made a motion to approve the March 11, 2019 meeting minutes. Councilwoman Rhodes seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

B. Financial Report:

Receipts \$346,587.58 Disbursements \$417,120.40 Difference \$(70,532.82) (Primarily due to payments made to the Sewer Rehab and NCDENR/DWI)

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.

C. Invoices for Payment: Total: \$5,336.98

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

D. Public Present: Mike McAllister informed the Council that the Environmental Management Commission intends to modify the Neuse River rules to require facilities to purchase nitrogen credits based upon total nitrogen of 3.5mg/l effluent concentration converted to a mass-based equivalent in pounds per year at \$21.34/LB for a 30-year period. This rule would require acquisition of 200% of the needed credits for the 30-year period. Mr. McAllister stated that the Lower Neuse Basin Association has offered a counter proposal asking to cut this back to 10 years at 110%. Mr. McAllister informed the Board that he has written a letter to the NC Environmental Management Commission lending support to this proposal and is requesting permission from the Board to have Mayor Edmundson sign on behalf of the Town of Stantonburg. All Council members present agreed to send the letter to the Environmental Management Commission.

Mike McAllister also updated the Council on the progress of the Sewer Rehab Project. Mr. McAllister stated that the contractor has finished laying pipe and is currently putting in the last of the services and cleaning up.

At this time, Martin Amerson with Carr, Riggs and Ingram presented the 2017-2018 audit for the Town of Stantonburg. After careful review, Mr. Amerson stated that the Town's audit was very good and he commended the office staff for a job well done. Mr. Amerson informed the Board that the Town's audit has been approved by the Local Government Commission. Councilman Dew made a motion to accept the audit as presented by Carr, Riggs and Ingram for fiscal year 2017-2018. With a second by Councilman Bass, all Council members present voted favorably.

E. Fire Department: N/A

F. Police Report: Police Chief Orlando Rosario informed the Board that he has spoken with the Embers regarding the Crepe Myrtle Festival. The Embers informed Chief Rosario that they will not be available on the proposed date of September 21st, but will be available on September 7, 2019. Chief Rosario asked the Council to approve moving the Crepe Myrtle Festival to September 7, 2019 and have a rain date of September 14, 2019. The Council approved of these dates by consensus.

Chief Rosario stated that the new K-9, Dojo, has been purchased and that Southern Software will be in next week to begin installing the new records management system. Once these invoices have been paid, Chief Rosario stated that he will submit copies of the invoices for grant reimbursement. Town Manager Gary Davis brought it to the Board's attention that a decision was not made as to what the Town should do with Aaron; the Town's other K-9. Councilman Horne made a motion to retire Aaron and sell him to Officer Williams for the same price that the Town originally paid for him which was \$1.00. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion. Councilman Horne, Councilman Bass, Councilwoman Grice and Councilwoman Rhodes voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Dew did not vote. The motion was passed.

Town Manager Gary Davis presented (2) utility extension requests. After reviewing each request, Councilwoman Grice made a motion to approve extension request #1. Councilman Horne seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Horne made a motion to approve extension request #2 with the stipulation that it be paid by noon on the date requested. With a second by Councilman Dew, all Council members present voted favorably.

G. Parks & Rec: N/A

H. EMS: N/A

I. Appearance Committee: N/A

At this time, Town Manager Gary Davis presented Budget Amendment #1 to the Board. After careful review, Councilman Dew made a motion to accept Budget Amendment #1 as presented. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion with all other Council members present voting in favor of the motion.

J. Town Managers Report: Town Manager Gary Davis presented the overtime report for March 2019. March 2019 overtime was 77 ¼ hours versus 72 ¼ overtime hrs in March 2018.

Town Manager Gary Davis presented the Council with an updated Sewer Use Ordinance. Mr. Davis stated that this updated ordinance was prepared by Municipal Engineering Services and includes pretreatment requirements. Town Manager Gary Davis requested that the Board approve the updated Sewer Use Ordinance for the Town of Stantonburg as presented. Councilwoman Grice made a motion to the updated Sewer Use Ordinance as presented. With a second by Councilman Horne, all Council members present voted favorably.

K. Councilman Horne: N/A

L. Councilman Bass: N/A

M. Councilwoman Rhodes: Councilwoman Rhodes informed the Board that she recently attended Rural Day in Raleigh. Councilwoman Rhodes stated that she talked with Harry Brown about a bill that he pushed through the General Assembly last year regarding funding for broadband. Councilwoman Rhodes informed the Council that they will begin matching funding for small towns that are interested in broadband. Councilwoman Rhodes also stated that there is bill pending that will release Greenlight and allow them to expand services.

N. Councilman Dew: Councilman Dew brought it to the Board's attention that the Town is renting the old police station for \$50.00 per month. Councilman Dew suggested that the Council consider raising the rent for the use of this building.

O. Councilwoman Grice: N/A

P. Mayor: Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that he attended the Upper Coastal Plains Council of Government Broadband Taskforce meeting. At this meeting Mayor Edmundson was provided with a guidebook to becoming broadband ready. Mayor Edmundson stated that this taskforce is continuing to meet and become educated on aspects of broadband and high speed internet.

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 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha E. Bailey, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

