

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

**January 23, 2020**

The Stantonsburg Town Council held a special meeting to interview two residents interested in the vacant Council seat and to approve a bid for a new test well. Mayor Rhodes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following Council members were present: Ken D. Horne, Donnie Bass, Walter Bynum and Jackie Grice. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis, Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey and Drew Wilson from the Wilson Daily Times. Ben Harper, Eartha Butler and Powell Dew Jr. were present from the public.

Councilman Bynum led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilwoman Grice opened the meeting with prayer.

At this time, Mayor Rhodes recognized that Mrs. Eartha Butler and Mr. Ben Harper were the two candidates that the Council will interview for the open Council seat. Mayor Rhodes stated that the Commissioners would have a chance to ask each candidate a question.

After an extensive interview with both candidates, Councilman Horne stated that Mr. Powell Dew has expressed interest in the vacant Council seat and suggested that the Council interview him as well. Mayor Rhodes stated that she was not aware of Mr. Dew's interest in filling the vacant Council seat and that Mr. Dew has not submitted the required resume. Councilman Horne informed the Council that he feels Mr. Dew's service serves as his resume. Councilman Bass also stated the fact that Mr. Dew ran for office showed that he was willing to serve on the Council and that should serve as his resume. Mayor Rhodes stated that it was very clear that the Board would be conducting interviews for the two candidates that had submitted resumes. Also, she stated that it would be unfair not to have Mr. Dew meet the same requirements as the other candidates. Councilman Bynum stated that if the Council starts breaking procedures, it will open up a can of worms. After much discussion Mayor Rhodes stated that the Town Board would follow the procedure that was set forth and that the Council would continue on with the next topic on the agenda.

Town Manager Gary Davis presented the Council with two bids to construct a new test well on Old Stantonsburg Rd. Bill's Well Drilling submitted a bid of \$195,800 and A.C. Schultes of Carolina submitted a bid of \$123,460. Mr. Davis informed the Council that the Town's engineer, Michael McAllister, is recommending the Town consider approving the bid with A.C. Schultes of Carolina. Town Manager Gary Davis also recommended the Town approve the bid with A.C. Schultes of Carolina. After much discussion, Councilman Bass made a motion to contract with

A.C. Schultes of Carolina to dig a test well for the Town. Councilman Bynum seconded the motion with all other members present voting favorably.

Mayor Rhodes asked if there were any objections to closing the meeting. Hearing none, Mayor Rhodes adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha Bailey  
Town Clerk/Finance Officer

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Mayor