

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: May 10, 2021

Mayor Coley Rhodes called the regular monthly meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm. The following Council members were present: Jackie Grice, Donnie Bass, Ben Harper, Walt Bynum and Ken D. Horne. Also present were Town Manager David Beaman, Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey, Town Attorney Slade Rand, Sergeant Crystal Jackson and Police Officer Jose Rivera. Members of the Appearance Committee were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer: Mayor Rhodes led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting with prayer.

A. Approve minutes of last month's meeting, April 12, 2021: All Council members voted to approve the open and closed meeting minutes for March 2021.

B. Financial Report:

Receipts \$273,732.92 Disbursements \$240,921.91 Difference \$32,811.01

C. Invoices for Payment:

Councilwoman Grice made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. All Council members voted favorably.

D. Public Present: Steve Mooring stated that the trash was not picked up in Town that day and the Town just recently spent \$10,000 to repair the trash truck. Town Manager David Beaman stated that the Town did spend \$10,000 to replace the hydraulic ram, but this past week the power take off quit and the truck is currently being repaired at White's Tractor and Truck. Mr. Beaman informed the Council that the Town of Saratoga has graciously offered their trash truck so that the Town of Stantonburg can pick up trash on May 11, 2021.

Steve Mooring asked why Service Roofing was on the roof of the Town Hall recently. Town Manager David Beaman stated that there had been a leak in the Board room and some tiles had fallen when he came into work that Thursday morning.

E. Fire Department: N/A

F. Police Report: Police Officer Jose Rivera presented the monthly police report to the Town Council.

G. Parks & Rec: Mayor Coley Rhodes informed the Council that they have done some power washing out at the Stantonburg Park and the doors to the bathrooms have been

painted. Also, the Parks and Recreation Committee had ten Crepe Myrtles planted out at the park.

H. Town Manager's Report: Town Manager David Beaman requested that the Board set a budget workshop for May 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Councilwoman Grice made a motion to set a budget workshop for May 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. All Council members voted in favor of the motion.

Town Manager David Beaman asked the Council to appoint someone as Commissioner on the Electricities Non-Power Agencies Cities. Councilwoman Grice made a motion to appoint Town Manager David Beaman as the Commissioner on the Electricities Non-Power Agencies Cities and Mayor Coley Rhodes as backup for the Town of Stantonsburg.

Town Manager David Beaman asked for the Board's consideration of a Resolution to oppose SB 349 and HB 401 Legislation. This legislation would severely impact the Town's ability to regulate zoning. Councilman Bynum made a motion to approve the Resolution opposing SB 349 and HB 401 Legislation. All Council members voted in favor of the motion.

I. Appearance Committee: June Shingleton passed around a picture of the signs that the Appearance Committee plans to purchase for the Stantonsburg Cemetery and park. Linda Mooring stated that they hope to have a quote by May 11, 2021.

June Shingleton also informed the Council that the lights that were purchased for the shelter at the Seal Building have been shipped and should arrive any day.

J. Councilman Horne: N/A

K. Councilman Bass: Councilman Bass informed the Council that the Board needs to be thinking about what they would like to do with the old Stantonsburg Police Department building.

Councilman Bass asked if there were any plans to have a Crepe Myrtle Festival this year. Mayor Rhodes stated that there haven't been any plans made at this time. All Council members agreed to have the Events Committee begin planning a Crepe Myrtle Festival for 2021.

Councilman Bass also stated that he would like to see some streets paved in Stantonsburg.

L. Councilman Harper: Councilman Harper suggested having a movie night at the Stantonsburg Park once a month. Town Manager David Beaman stated that he would speak with Police Chief Rosario about coordinating some movie nights at the Stantonsburg Park.

M. Councilman Bynum: Councilman Bynum asked if there was an ordinance against having a trailer hooked up to the sewer of a house in Town. Town Manager David Beaman stated that he would look into it.

N. Councilwoman Grice: Councilwoman Grice stated that the Council recently approved a drug policy for Town employees, but did not discuss the consequences if an employee were to test positive for drugs. Councilwoman Grice requested that these consequences be discussed at the June 14, 2021 Board meeting. All Council members agreed.

Councilwoman Grice requested that some mulch be placed in the lot across from the Town Hall. Town Manager David Beaman stated that he would look into getting some mulch from the Wilson County landfill and placing it on the lot across from the Town Hall.

Councilwoman Grice stated that Lynn Lancaster owns the properties at 309 and 401 Saratoga St. and has expressed concern over a home that is falling down next to her property. Mrs. Lancaster stated that cats are living in the abandoned home and are getting under her rental properties and tearing up duct work. Town Manager David Beaman stated that the owner of the abandoned home has informed him that she has sold it to a real estate developer in Knightdale. Mr. Beaman informed the Council that he has drafted a letter asking the developer what their intentions are.

O. Mayor: Mayor Rhodes stated that the grant for Greenlight has been approved and will come to the Town of Stantonsburg. Mayor Rhodes also stated that she is still waiting for some information from Greenlight as to when the Town will get it.

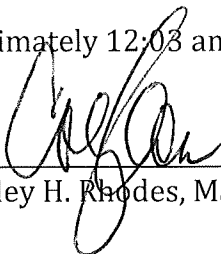
Councilwoman Grice made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters at approximately 7:40 pm. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Council went back into open session and Councilman Harper made the motion to make Town Manager David Beaman permanent without the customary 5% pay increase at this time and reevaluate his performance in three months. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote, with Councilman Horne voting against the motion. Councilman Bynum's vote was counted as a yes because he had to leave the meeting early without a formal excusal by the Board.

Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey announced her resignation, effective June 11.

Councilman Harper made a motion to adjourn. All Council members voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:03 am.



Coley H. Rhodes, Mayor