

**TOWN OF STANTONSBURG**

DATE: July 12, 2021  
Regular Meeting

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, and Walt Bynum. Ken D. Horne arrived at approximately 7:25 pm. Also present were Town Manager David Beaman, Deputy Town Clerk Patsy Godwin, and Deputy Clerk Tammy Webb.

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

**A. Bruce Naegelen, NC Dept of Commerce/Rural Main Street Center:** Presented findings of the Town's Economic Development Assessment and proposed short term plan. Full copies of the assessment and plan were not available for Council Member's review and will be distributed for plan adoption at the August Meeting.

**B. Fire Department:** William McMurry, Fire Chief provided an update on fire department activities. Council Member Bynum inquired about current membership numbers, and Council Member Grice commended the smoke detector program.

**C. Police Report:** Police Chief presented the monthly police report to the Town Council. Council Member Bass inquired about current staffing levels. The department currently has one full time position vacant but is utilizing part time staff to fill in.

**D. Parks & Rec:** No one present. Mayor Rhodes provided an update on the trail grant award and informed the Council that there would be a photo opportunity with the check presentation.

**E. Appearance Commission:** Linda Mooring informed the Council that lights had been installed on the Seal Building. Council Member Grice asked when the regular meeting of the Appearance Commission was held; which is the first Monday of the month.

**F. Town Manager's Report:** Town Manager, David Beaman, presented the following items:

1. Resolution to Accept ARP Funds: Ben Farmer commented that some towns were turning down the money and that the final amounts were to be determined. Council Member Grice made a motion to approve the Resolution, all other members in favor.

2. The Audit Contract for the Town for FY 20-21 was presented for board approval. After some discussion, Council Member Harper made a motion to approve the contract, all other members in favor.

3. Budget Amendments Numbered 3, 4, and 5 for FY 20-21 were presented for approval. Council Member Grice moved to approve the amendments, all other members in favor.

**G. Councilman Horne:** Council Member Horne inquired about grass cutting at the parking area adjacent to the Town Park.

**H. Councilman Bass:** Council Member Bass inquired about the new well update. Drilling and well preparation are underway to determine flow rates. Inquired about garbage truck update. Informed that we would get the truck back this week. Council Member Bass also asked about a paving schedule and Town Manager Beaman informed him that we are awaiting sewer rehab grant applications to determine which areas could be paved without causing damages to new asphalt.

**I. Councilman Harper:** Council Member Harper asked if we could update the Town website. Town Manager Beaman informed him that it was on the list to get done, but staff is currently working on year end reporting and training would be needed from Computer Central.

**J. Councilman Bynum:** Council Member Bynum made a request to go into closed session.

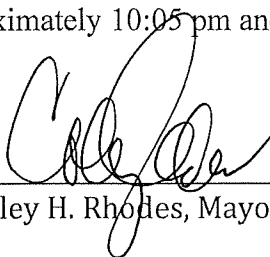
**K. Councilwoman Grice:** Council Member Grice inquired about the number of complaints received with the garbage truck being out of service and how the Town communicates when items are put out that are not normally picked up by the Town. Town Manager Beaman informed the board that form letters are kept on the garbage truck and left for homeowners who were abusing garbage routes.

Council Member Grice motioned to go into closed session, all members in favor.

Upon return to open session, no formal action was taken.

**L. Mayor:** N/A

A motion was made to adjourn at approximately 10:05 pm and all were in favor.

  
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Coley H. Rhodes, Mayor