

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: August 9, 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 7:25pm. Also present were Town Manager David Beaman, Deputy Town Clerk Patsy Godwin and Tammy Webb, and various members of the public.

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

A. Approve prior month's minutes: All Council members voted to approve the open and closed meeting minutes for July 2021.

B. Financial Report:

*June: Receipts \$392,177.50 Disbursements \$536,623.40 Difference -\$144,445.90
Difference due to Journal Entries/Budget Amendments not being done to relieve cash.*

July: Receipts \$406,932.50 Disbursements \$143,196.10 Difference \$266,736.40

C. Invoices for Payment: After some discussion Councilwoman Grice made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. All Council members voted favorably.

D. Requests for Personal Appearances:

- Cindy Rhodes was sworn in as Town Clerk/Finance Officer by Barbara Aycock.
- Consultant Barbara Aycock came before the Council and gave an update on Town Hall matters.

E. Departmental/Committee Reports:

- Police Report: Police Chief Rosario presented the monthly police report to the Town Council and wanted to recognize officer Patrick Hewitt on completing Crisis Intervention Training.
- Parks & Recreation Committee: Eartha Butler came forward and thanked David for the 2021 Responsive Grant that was received for Parks and Recreation. The committee is looking at different pieces of equipment to purchase with the grant.
- Appearance Committee:
Linda Mooring came forward gave a brief discussion on ideas the committee has for the façade on the Seal Building.

F. Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager, David Beaman, presented the following items:

1. A request to adopt the Economic Development Assessment and Plan. Mr. Bruce Naegelen came and discussed the implementation policy at last month's meeting. Council Member Grice made a motion. All were in favor, passed unanimously.
2. The need to assign contacts for the CDs at KS Bank to have access to accounts. David stated that a form needs to be completed and the minutes approving the change needs to be sent to KS before we can get access. He recommended to have all office staff to have access. Council Member Bynum made the motion to approve. All were in favor, passed unanimously to have Town Manager David Beaman, Town Clerk Cindy Rhodes, Deputy Clerk Patsy Godwin, and Deputy Clerk in training Tammy Webb to have access.
3. A request to adopt the resolution for the County Tax Collection Settlement for last fiscal year. Council Member Grice made the motion to approve. All were in favor, passed unanimously.
4. Request for permission to attend UNC School of Government Municipal and County Administration Course. David stated that he is had been accepted and the cost is \$3750.00. All agreed for David to move forward and attend the class.
5. Request to approve Budget Amendment #1 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. This budget amendment will add revenue and expense line items for the Healthcare Foundation of Wilson Grant (Park Grant). Also, in this Budget Amendment we will be adding revenue and expense line items for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) fund. David informed the Council that we have received the first distribution of the ARP funds. Now we need to decide how to use the funds. Council Member Horne made the motion to approve the Budget Amendment. All were in favor, passed unanimously. David did point out that he included some information with recommendations on how utilize the money. A couple of his recommendations were to investigate getting some estimates for our storm water drainage infrastructure repair throughout the town. Also, to give the full-time employees a one-time bonus in the amount of \$1,500.00 as an appreciation for their hard work and dedication.
6. David discussed the Powell Bill distributions and some ways to better use the funds we receive. Potential uses are spot paving and to support the purchase of the new backhoe. After some discussion it was decided for David to get more information on what needs to be done for spot paving. Council Member Bynum made a motion to use Powell Bill funds half of the backhoe purchase. All were in favor, passed unanimously.

G. Public Present:

- James Hunt came forward and shared some concerns regarding the park and the walking trail. Council Member Harper mentioned that it was going to be paved.
- James Coover came forward and shared concerns flooding issues on Denver Dr. When it rains, he gets six inches of water in his garage and the water has washed out his swimming pool. He also stated that garbage not being picked up.

- Chris Taylor also came to discuss the flooding issues on Denver Dr. He shared that he has killed a couple of big snakes in his garage because it keeps filling up with water when it rains. He is concerned about the safety of his kids going out to play.
- Jessie Dixon also came to discuss the same flooding issues on Denver Dr.
- Susan Bynum came forward sharing that she has lived here for 4 ½ years. She wanted to share that she has noticed that the town is not being kept up. She stated that the Council needed to look at the community make a list of priorities that need to be done with a timeline to get these things done. It's time to take pride in our town again.

H. Councilwoman Grice: With COVID cases going back up, are we still having the festival? Mayor Coley stated that the last she heard was yes, the date being October 16th. She also asked if David received a proposal for use of the old police department whether purchasing or leasing. David stated no he had not.

I. Councilman Bass: Discussed the old police station and the record room and record retention. He also discussed old HVAC system and the mildew and the health hazards. David discussed some regulations on record retention and the what the State requires. It was discussed looking into a digital format for record retention.

J. Councilman Bynum: He mentioned the water retention behind the building. He also wanted to discuss the issues on Denver Dr. David stated he has been out there and assessed everything. He discussed the flooding issue and spoke with someone about getting a quote to work on the ditch. Hopefully, he will get that in a couple of days and start working on the area soon. Regarding the contractor who built the subdivision taking responsibility for their part causing the flooding and cutting the grass. David to reach again with letters to the contractor. There was some discussion about grass cutting and the fees we charge. David will work on getting some estimates from other towns and their fees and bring back to the council.

K. Councilman Horne: Asked if we could get some new nets for the basketball goals in the parks. They have been torn for a while. He also discussed grass behind the new police department needs to have the weed-eated and/or sprayed. He also discussed the sound in the board room and overflow room.

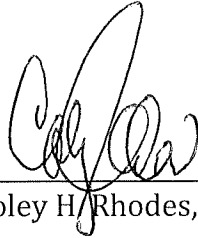
L. Councilman Harper: Discussed the mulch and tilling at the park and potholes on Saratoga St.

M. Mayor Rhodes: Discussed that she met with Mike McAlister about getting grants for the Town. Mike stated that would assess the buildings to see what can be done and will charge us a fee to do this. She asked the councils permission to proceed. She will get an estimate and email the council with the details. Mayor Rhodes also discussed ways we are getting information out to the community. She brought the idea of a message board and the location of where we could put one. She said that she would be willing to post and take care of the board. There was some discussion about what would go on the board, the sizes, and prices. The council agreed to be move forward. Mayor Rhodes also

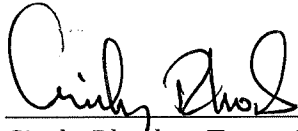
requested that Council Members go look at some houses that are eye sores for the town. There was also some discussion about the number of cats and dogs on Saratoga St.

The Council went in into closed session to discuss personnel matters at 9:00 PM. All other employees were asked to leave to the room

Upon return to open session Council Member Harper made a motion to adjourn at approximately 9:54 PM and all were in favor.



Coley H. Rhodes, Mayor



Cindy Rhodes, Town Clerk