

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: September 13, 2021

Regular Meeting

Mayor Coley Rhodes called the regular monthly meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm. The following Council members were present: Donnie Bass, Ben Harper, and Walt Bynum. Ken D. Horne arrived at approximately 7:20pm. Council member Jackie Grice was absent from the meeting. Also present were Town Manager David Beaman, Deputy Town Clerk Patsy Godwin, 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 minutes for August 2021.

B. Financial Report:

August: Receipts \$390,625.94 Disbursements \$210,686.41 Difference \$179,939.53

C. Invoices for Payment: After some discussion Council member Bynum made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Requests for Personal Appearances:

- Michael McAllister came before the Council to present and discuss the asset inventory report for a sewer rehabilitation grant and the Town Hall renovation grant. Mr. McAllister discussed and explained the asset inventory sewer rehab grant process. He then began to discuss the Town Hall grant application and the feasibility study to be performed. While discussing it was decided to have Mr. McAllister work a new report for study for the Old Police Department. He also added some information about FEMA funds that have become available. He will write a letter of interest for the town. After all discussion was completed, Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion adopt the updated asset inventory for sewer rehab project. Council member Bynum made the motion. All were in favor, passed unanimously. Mayor Rhodes then asked for a motion to move forward with doing the feasibility study for the Town Hall. Council member Bynum made the motion. All were in favor, passed unanimously. Next, Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to adopt the resolution to fund the sewer rehabilitation project. Council member Bynum made the motion. All were in favor, passed unanimously.

E. Departmental/Committee Reports:

- Police Report: Police Chief Rosario presented the monthly police report to the Town Council. He also discussed a modification 100% grant the Police Department will be receiving. He then discussed Officer Rivera and wanting to promote him to Sergeant

and 2nd in command when he is unavailable. After some discussion, Town Manager David Beaman gave his blessing. Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to promote officer Rivera to Sergeant pending policy review. Council member Harper gave the motion. All were in favor, passed unanimously.

- Parks & Recreation Committee: No report was given.
- Appearance Committee: No report was given.

F. Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager, David Beaman, presented the following items:

1. Budget Amendment #2 – David explained the request to approve Budget Amendment #2 to allow backhoe purchase to be split between Electric Fund and Powell Bill Fund. This will allow the Electric Fund to retain \$49,000.00 to aid in the expansion of our system for the new subdivision expansion. Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept Budget Amendment #2. Council Member Bynum made the motion. All were in favor, passed unanimously.
2. Park Bathroom Cleaning and Town Hall Cleaning - Received a request from Helen Mackey to clean Park Bathrooms. David stated that he did not know what to charge. He also recommended that we should look at including Town Hall. After some discussion it was decided for David to call other companies to see how much they charge and bring back before the Council.
3. Consideration for ARP Payroll Bonus – David discussed giving all full-time employees a one-time bonus from the ARP funds for working during the pandemic. After some discussion Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to give all full-time employee a \$1500.00 bonus using the ARP funds. Council member Harper made the motion. All were in favor, passed unanimously.
4. Distribute iPads – After the meeting adjourned, David handed out iPads to all Council members present and explained their usage.

G. Public Present:

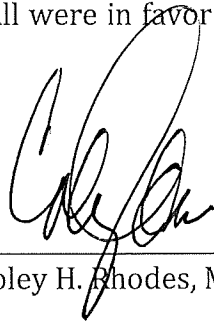
- Joy Grant came before the Council to follow up from a couple of months ago regarding doing line dancing classes. The question is are there any buildings available? After some discussion it was decided that right now there are no buildings available.
- Jane Thompson came before the Council to discuss complaints about the grass cutting in the waines field area in the new housing development. David will be working on getting the area cleaned up. Ms. Thompson also discussed the lighting situation on the street she lives on. There is no lighting, and it is very dark in the area and dangerous. After some discussion about the wires are underground, David gave her some options to help bring lighting to her yard.

H. Councilwoman Grice: Not present for meeting

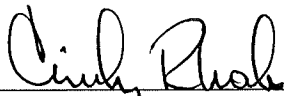
- I. Councilman Bass:** He asked about the Denver Dr. drainage? David stated that the ditch has been cleaned out. He also questioned paving. David stated he is waiting on getting the cost and compiling a list of streets that need to be done. After the festival he will start working on getting some paving done.

- J. Councilman Bynum:** He questioned where we stood on Greenlight. David stated we are still working on the contract.
- K. Councilman Horne:** He discussed areas around the town that are not being cut or week-eated. David said he would get with guys and discuss.
- L. Councilman Harper:** He questioned different properties around town needed to be cleaned up and/demolished. It was discussed that some areas are looking better, and some areas still need to be addressed. He also questioned signage around the town. Ms. Mooring, from the Appearance Committee, shared some photos of signage that will be going up around town. She stated that hopefully these signs will be up before the festival.
- M. Mayor Rhodes:** Had nothing to report.

With nothing further to discussed Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Bynum made the motion. All were in favor and the meeting at adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Coley H. Rhodes, Mayor



Cindy Rhodes, Town Clerk