

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: November 8, 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, Walt Bynum, Jackie Grice and Ken Horne arrived at 7:25 pm. Also present were Town Manager David Beaman, Deputy Town Clerk Patsy Godwin, Deputy Town Clerk in training 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. Approval of October 2021 Minutes:

Regular Session Minutes: All Council members voted to approve the regular session minutes.

Closed Session Minutes: All Council members voted to approve the closed session minutes.

B. Financial Report:

October: Receipts \$305,915.25 Disbursements \$173,041.74 Difference \$132,873.51

Mayor Pro-Tem Bass made the motion to accept the financial report. All were in favor, passed unanimously.

C. Invoices for Payment: After some discussion council member Grice made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. All were in favor, passed unanimously.

D. Departmental/Committee Reports:

- Police Report: Police Chief Rosario presented the monthly police report to the Town Council. There was discussion regarding the upcoming staffing and the NC Governor's Crime Commission aware letter received.
- Parks & Recreation Committee: Mayor Rhodes introduced Eartha Butler as the new chairperson. Ms. Butler did not have anything to present due to not enough members present.
- Appearance Committee: Linda Mooring reported that the signs for the cemetery and park have come in. She stated that the sign shop will installing the signs and will be coordinating with the Town Manager and the 811 locating service.

E. Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager, David Beaman, presented the following items:

1. Made the council members aware that he and Lonnie Smith passed their C-Well Certification.

2. Discussed the Electric Department Tree Truck. He stated that there were two companies approved to purchase from and that he is waiting on some information from the USDA. After some discussion it was decided to get a side-by-side comparison of the trucks and warranties from both companies. The council also asked if it was possible to get a demo. David to get information requested.
3. Discussed the heat at the library. He shared that the gas pack is not operatable. A new unit is needed for both air conditioning and heating. He will get quotes and email the council members.
4. Discussion of the Christmas Parade and Christmas Party – He shared that the Christmas Parade would be on December 11th at 4:00 pm and that the events committee is handling the planning. The mayor asked that all council members ride in the parade. Town Clerk Cindy Rhodes discussed the Christmas Party. It will be December 17th at 6:30 pm at Something Different in Wilson.
5. Requested a motion to execute a joint use agreement with City of Wilson Greenlight. After some discussion council member Harper made the motion to sign the agreement with Greenlight pending the information that David will be checking on. All were in favor, passed unanimously.
6. Request for Closed Session for employee review.

F. Public Present:

- Jane Lancaster – Ms. Lancaster came before the council and discussed the Christmas Parade. She also thanked Town Manager Beaman and Mayor Rhodes for all their hard work with the Crepe Myrtle Festival.

G. Councilwoman Grice: Had nothing to discuss in the regular session.

H. Councilman Bass: Asked about paving.

I. Councilman Bynum: Asked if we could get the town meeting information on the website.

J. Councilman Horne: Discussed the grass at the triangle not being weed eaten. He also asked about getting soccer goals back up.

K. Councilman Harper: Had nothing to report.

L. Mayor Rhodes: Discussed events surrounding the possibility of the elementary school being closed. She proposed we move our town meeting up in December to the 6th so that our council members could attend the Board of Education meeting on 13th. This would be to show a concerted effort to save our school. After some discussion the council agreed (with proper advertisement) to move our meeting to the 6th at 6:30 pm. The mayor went on to discuss the estimate she received for the renovation on the old Police Department building. After some discussion and questions council member Bynum made the motion to accept the proposal. All were in favor, passed unanimously. Mayor Rhodes moved on to discuss the Christmas Parade and people that have been contacted to be in

the parade. There was a question of who the Grand Marshall would be. After a brief discussion it was decided to have our teachers from the elementary school be the Grand Marshall.

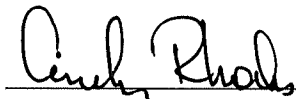
M. Closed Session:

Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to go into closed session for an employee review. Council member Bynum made the motion. All were in favor, passed unanimously. The council went into closed session at 8:15 pm.

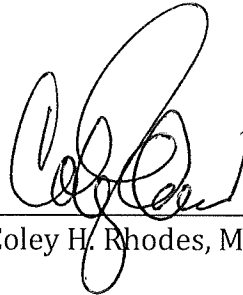
N. Open Session:

Open session resumed at 9:10 pm. Mayor Rhodes asked the council if anyone had additional items to discuss. Seeing none, Mayor asked motioned to give Town Manager David Beaman a 10% raise effective today, November 8, 2021. Council member Bynum made the motion, Council members Bynum, Bass and Harper voted yes. Council members Horne and Grice voted no. With no further business, Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Bynum made motion. All were in favor, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cindy Rhodes, Town Clerk



Coley H. Rhodes, Mayor