

**TOWN OF STANTONSBURG**

DATE: July 10, 2017

Mayor William Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following Council members were present: Powell Dew and Coley Rhodes. Councilman Donnie Bass, Police Chief Orlando Rosario and Officer Daughtry arrived at approximately 7:04 pm. Councilman Horne arrived at approximately 7:15 pm. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis and Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey. Mr. Reverend Hubert Tyson, Jr. and two other were present from the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer:**

Mr. Reverend Hubert Tyson, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Dew began the meeting with prayer.

**A. Approve minutes for June 12, 2017:** Councilman Dew made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilman Bass seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

**B. Financial Report:**

*Receipts* **\$266,975.99** *Disbursements* **\$417,989.53** *Difference* **\$(151,013.54)** Notable disbursements: Annual W/S Bond Payments for \$101,800.80 and the purchase of two new vehicles for \$49,746.00.

**MMB:** Councilman Dew made a motion, with a second by Councilman Bass, to approve the Financial Report. All Council members voted in favor of the motion.

**C. Invoices for Payment:** Total: **\$48,653.05** (Notable invoices include Workers Compensation insurance premiums for \$31,373.28)

Councilman Bass made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. With a second by Councilwoman Rhodes, all Council members present voted favorably.

**D. Public Present: N/A**

**E. Police Report:** The Council reviewed the monthly police report. Chief Rosario informed the Council that the Police Department hosted (2) Governor Highway Safety Checkpoints in the month of June. These checkpoints resulted in 21 charges, 2 drug charges and 1 recovery of a stolen weapon.

At this time, Mr. Davis presented (3) utility extension requests. After reviewing each request, Councilman Dew made a motion to grant all 3 requests with the stipulation that Extension Request #1 be paid no later than noon on the date requested. Councilman Bass seconded the motion with all other Council members present voting in favor of the motion.

**F. Parks & Rec:** N/A

**G. EMS:** N/A

**H. Appearance Committee:** Councilwoman Rhodes informed the Council that the Appearance Committee was meeting later in the week. Councilwoman Rhodes stated that the Appearance Committee is in the process of speaking with someone about fixing the Town of Stantonsburg sign.

**I. Town Managers Report:** Mr. Davis presented the overtime report which showed June 2017 overtime up slightly with 58 ½ hours compared to 39 ¾ hours in June 2016. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that this increase was due primarily to extra hours as a result of vacation absences and other issues. Mr. Davis noted that 12 of the overtime hours will be reimbursed by the Town of Sharpsburg as a result of work performed by the Town of Stantonsburg's Electrical crew on their system.

Next, Mr. Davis presented the proposed audit contract with Carr, Riggs & Ingram LLC for FY 2016-2017 for \$20,400. Mr. Davis informed the Council that this represents a 3% increase for inflation and a \$1500 increase for implementing the new GASB 73 requirements that relate to the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance. Town Manager Gary Davis highly recommended continuing the relationship the Town has with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC due to their familiarity with the Town's operation and staff. Mr. Davis feels that this relationship will also help smooth and ease the audit process this year as the Town completes the shift to the new Town Clerk and other staffing adjustments that have been made during the FY. Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the audit contract for \$20,400 with Carr, Riggs & Ingram LLC for the FY 2016-2017 audit. Councilman Dew seconded the motion with all members voting favorably.

At this time, Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Council that he had met with a representative from Cycle North Carolina, which is a large bicycle ride across the state of North Carolina. The ride this year starts in Jefferson, NC and ends in Swansboro, NC. Mr. Davis stated that Cycle North Carolina wants to do a rest stop in Stantonsburg sometime during the first week in October. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that Cycle North Carolina tries to publicize the towns that they are in and they usually have over a thousand riders. Mr. Davis feels that this will be good publicity for the Town of Stantonsburg.

Mr. Davis presented the Council with one bid from Bridgeview Contractors, Inc. for \$82,477 to stabilize the Seal Building. Mr. Davis stated that (6) packets were sent out to different contractors and only one presented a bid. After much discussion Councilwoman Rhodes made a motion to accept Bridgeview Contractors' proposal for \$82,477 and pursue preservation of the Seal Building. Councilman Bass seconded the motion. Councilwoman Rhodes, Councilman Bass and Councilman Horne voted in favor of the motion passing the motion with a 3-1 vote. Councilman Dew voted against the motion.

**J. Councilman Horne:** N/A

**K. Councilman Bass:** Councilman Bass reminded Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey that a CD was coming up for renewal in September of 2017.

**L. Councilwoman Rhodes:** Councilwoman Rhodes informed the Council that she is still in need of an ordinance book.

Councilwoman Rhodes asked about the status of the roof on the building next door to the Town Hall. Mr. Davis stated that the roof had been fixed. Councilwoman Rhodes informed the Council that she would like to put pictures of the Town in the building next door for the Bicentennial.

At this time, Councilwoman Rhodes stated that Harper Landscaping had not been weeding or landscaping at the (2) triangle areas. Councilwoman Rhodes made a motion to discontinue the contract that the Town has with Harper Landscaping. Councilman Bass seconded the motion. Councilwoman Rhodes and Councilman Bass voted in favor of the motion. Seeing that there was going to be a tie vote on the motion, Mayor Edmundson broke the tie and voted in favor of the motion.

**O. Councilman Dew:** At this time, Councilman Dew reminded the Council that there are three seats coming open in this year's election.

**P. Councilwoman Grice:**N/A

**Q. Mayor:** Mayor Edmundson asked Town Manager Gary Davis if the Saratoga Sewer had been videoed. Mr. Davis stated that it had been too wet to get the equipment in to video the sewer line.

Mayor Edmundson inquired as to how the street and curb clean up was coming along. Mr. Davis informed the Council that the Town had been weed killing and were also looking into prison labor. Town Manager Gary Davis also informed the Council that he had begun spraying for mosquitoes.

Mayor Edmundson took a moment to thank the Town for the beautiful flower that was sent to his sister's memorial.

At this time, Councilman Horne made a motion to go into closed session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Councilwoman Rhodes seconded the motion with all other Council members voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Edmundson declared the meeting back in open session. Councilman Horne made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Rhodes seconded the motion. All other members voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha E. Bailey, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

