

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: September 11, 2017

Mayor William Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following Council members were present: Powell Dew, Ken D. Horne, Donnie Bass and Jackie Grice. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis and Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey. Councilwoman Rhodes and Police Chief Orlando Rosario arrived at approximately 7:05 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer:

Councilman Bass led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Horne began the meeting with prayer.

A. Approve minutes for August 14, 2017: Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

B. Financial Report:

Receipts \$363,445.14 Disbursements \$332,184.25 Difference \$31,260.89

At this time Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey presented quotes from several different banks with varying interest rates for renewing the Town's \$1,000,000 public funds CD. Mrs. Bailey informed the Council that she had tried to contact BB&T to make sure the quote given her of 1.4% interest for 12 months was correct, but was unable to contact someone before the close of business that day. After much discussion, Councilman Bass made a motion to renew the Town's \$1,000,000 public funds CD that matures on September 17, 2017 with BB&T, which requires splitting it into four accounts, with an interest rate of 1.4% for 12 months, providing the interest rate of 1.4% is correct. If the interest rate is incorrect, Councilman Bass further moves that the Town renew the CD with KS Bank for 1.19% interest for 18 months. With a second by Councilman Dew, all Council members present voted favorably.

MMB: Councilman Horne made a motion, with a second by Councilwoman Grice, to approve the Financial Report. All Council members voted in favor of the motion.

C. Invoices for Payment: Total: \$43,736.62

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

D. Public Present: N/A

E. Police Report: Chief Rosario presented the monthly police report and stated that they had a very productive month. He also informed the Council that things were moving right

along with the upcoming Bicentennial celebration. Chief Rosario stated that Mr. Richard Aycock of Aycock Farms has donated a 20x20 space in his field to allow East Coast Pyrotechnics to shoot off fireworks for the Bicentennial. Also, Chief Rosario informed the Council that the Fire Marshall has already approved the fireworks and they are good to go. Chief Rosario stated that the fireworks will be shot off at 10:00 pm September 15th.

Chief Rosario informed the Council that, in March of last year, he applied for a grant to update the Police Department's records management system and the last requirement to be considered for the grant is for the Finance Officer and the Chief of Police to attend a grant seminar. Once they attend one of the seminars in September, Chief Rosario will find out in October if the Police Department will be awarded the \$24,000 grant.

At this time, Chief Rosario asked the Board for their approval to allow Town Manager Gary Davis and himself to have a conversation about purchasing a new vehicle for the Police Department. Councilman Horne made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to get with the Police Chief on acquiring and new vehicle for the Police Department. With a second by Councilwoman Grice, all Council members present voted favorably.

Chief Rosario invited the Town Council members to come to the Bicentennial to have a meet and greet with local citizens and participate in the National Anthem.

F. Parks & Rec: N/A

G. EMS: N/A

H. Appearance Committee: Councilwoman Rhodes informed the Council that the sign at the triangle was being constructed as she spoke.

At this time, Mr. Davis presented (8) utility extension requests. After reviewing each request, Councilwoman Grice made a motion to grant extension request #1 with the stipulation that extension request #1 be paid no later than noon on the date requested. Councilman Horne seconded the motion with all other Council members present voting in favor of the motion. Councilman Horne made a motion to grant extension request #2 with the stipulation that it be paid by noon on the date requested. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion with all other Council members present voting in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Grice made a motion to grant extension requests #3, 4, & 5 with the stipulation that the one being requested for Friday September 22nd be paid by noon. Councilman Dew seconded the motion with all other Council members present voting in favor of the motion. Councilman Horne made a motion to deny extension request #6. Councilman Dew seconded the motion with all other Council members present voting in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Grice made a motion to grant extension request #7 and #8 with the stipulation that it be paid by noon on the date requested. Councilman Bass seconded the motion with all other Council members present voting in favor of the motion.

I. Town Managers Report: Mr. Davis presented the overtime report which showed August 2017 overtime down with 43 ¼ hours compared to 70 hours in August 2016.

Next, Mr. Davis presented a resolution that signifies approval of the tax reconciliation of the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Tax Settlement for the Town of Stantonsburg through June 30, 2017. Councilwoman Grice made a motion to approve the resolution for the tax reconciliation of the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Tax Settlement. Councilman Horne seconded the motion, with all members voting in favor of the motion.

Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Council that the Town of Stantonsburg was going to man a rest stop for the Cycle North Carolina bicycle race on Friday October 6, 2017 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Mr. Davis stated that they would need four to six volunteers to refill cups and Gatorade bottles. Mr. Davis informed the Council that Cycle North Carolina would supply all materials. The tents will be set up at the park near the restrooms and any volunteers would need to be there by 7:30 am. Mr. Davis stated that the only police assistance needed would be at the stoplight and Mr. Davis would get with Chief Rosario on that.

At this time, Town Manager Gary Davis stated that the computer and software at the Water Treatment Plant is in need of replacing. The current software is Windows XP and you cannot get maintenance on it anymore. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that he feels the Town could get the computer and software for around \$7,500. All Council members agreed to allow Mr. Davis to purchase the necessary computer and software needed for the Water Treatment Plant.

J. Councilman Horne: N/A

K. Councilman Bass: Councilman Bass asked Town Manager Gary Davis if the Town had officially handed over the Town taxes to Wilson County now. Mr. Davis stated that Wilson County is now handling the Town's taxes.

L. Councilwoman Rhodes: N/A

O. Councilman Dew: Councilman Dew asked Town Manager Gary Davis when the Town was going to receive bids on the Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Davis stated that it would be soon. The plans have been submitted to the state for review.

Councilman Dew asked for an update on the Seal Building. Mr. Davis informed the Council that he is still waiting for Bridgeview Contractors to get up with him with a tentative work schedule.

P. Councilwoman Grice: N/A

Q. Mayor: Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that he was made aware that there will be a grant fund for flood recovery from Hurricane Matthew. Mayor Edmundson is waiting to hear back as to whether the County is the one that has to apply.

At this time, Mayor Edmundson stated that he would like to get a group together to attend the public hearing in Snow Hill for the Duke Energy rate increase. This will be held on October 11th at 7:00 pm at the Greene County Court House.

At this time, Councilman Horne made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Councilman Dew 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. Councilman Bass seconded the motion. All other members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha E. Bailey, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

