

**TOWN OF STANTONSBURG**

DATE: September 10, 2018

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Bill Edmundson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 with the following Council members present: Councilwoman Rhodes and Councilman Ken D. Horne. Councilman Powell Dew arrived at approximately 6:33 pm. Town Manager Gary Davis and Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey were also present. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear citizen comments about a possible text change to the Town's Zoning Ordinance. Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Shingleton, who own property located at 7009 NC Highway 58 South, have requested that "short-term rental property" be added to the list of permitted uses in the Town's Residential-Agricultural Zone. There were no public present. Mayor Edmundson declared the Public Hearing closed at approximately 6:43 pm.

Mayor Bill Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:44pm. The following Council members were present: Coley Rhodes, Ken D. Horne and Powell Dew. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis and Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey. Councilman Donnie Bass arrived at approximately 6:50 pm. Councilwoman Jackie Grice and Chief of Police Orlando Rosario arrived at approximately 6:55 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer:** Councilwoman Rhodes led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Dew opened the meeting with prayer.

**A. Approve minutes for August 13, 2018 and August 23, 2018 Open and Closed meetings.** Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the open and closed meeting minutes for August 13, 2018 and August 23, 2018. With a second from Councilman Bass, all members voted in favor of the motion.

**B. Financial Report:**

*Receipts \$400,642.88 Disbursements \$288,178.90 Difference \$112,463.98*

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

**C. Invoices for Payment: Total: \$15,738.06**

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

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

**E. Fire Department: N/A**

At this time, Mr. Davis presented (7) utility extension requests. After reviewing each request Councilman Horne made a motion to grant all (7) utility extension requests. Councilman Dew seconded the motion. Councilman Bass, Councilman Horne, Councilwoman Grice and Councilman Dew voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed with a 3-1 vote, with Councilwoman Rhodes voting against the motion.

**F. Police Report:** Police Chief Rosario asked the Board if the Town of Stantonsburg's Crepe Myrtle Festival should be canceled due to the forecast of incoming hurricane Florence. After much discussion, Town Manager Gary Davis suggested waiting until Wednesday to make the decision. All Council members agreed.

Chief Rosario informed the Board that the Stantonsburg Police Department was prepared for hurricane Florence. Chief Rosario stated that the Police Department was equipped with batteries, water, blankets and sleeping bags.

**G. Parks & Rec:** Mayor Edmundson informed the Board that Ann Harper is in the process of preparing to apply for a grant for the park. Mayor Edmundson stated that an amount will be determined and brought to the Board for approval before the application process itself begins.

**H. Town Manager's Report:** Mr. Davis presented the overtime report for August 2018. August 2018 overtime was up with 90  $\frac{3}{4}$  hrs compared to 43  $\frac{1}{4}$  hrs in August 2017. Mr. Davis also stated that the majority of the increase was primarily due to weekend call and electrical callbacks/problems.

Mr. Davis stated that there was an issue earlier in the day regarding a plot at the Town of Stantonsburg Cemetery. Mr. Davis was contacted by Joyner's Funeral Home on the morning of September 10, 2018 requesting that he mark a grave for a burial. The family plot in question had six plots. Mr. Davis stated that when he went to mark the grave the gravestones appeared to indicate that there were five people buried leaving one available plot. This available plot already had a headstone with a gentleman's name on the headstone. Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Board that he and others probed the grave and it appeared they were hitting a vault. Mr. Davis then informed the family that it appeared that someone was buried on the wrong plot and the family of this individual would need to be contacted. Mr. Davis stated that once things had settled down he and another Town employee went back out to the cemetery to investigate further. It was then that Mr. Davis found that they were not hitting a vault and that there was an available plot for the individual. Mr. Davis stated that once he informed the family he agreed to pay for the funeral home to dig their grave because of the confusion and trauma caused to the family.

Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Board that the Town was prepared for the incoming hurricane. Mr. Davis stated that he will be staying at the Town Hall during the storm along with his family. This will enable him to handle any emergencies that come up and he will not have to worry about his family's safety.

**I. EMS:** N/A

**J. Appearance Committee:** N/A

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

**L. Councilman Bass:** N/A

**M. Councilwoman Rhodes:** N/A

**N. Councilman Dew:** Councilman Dew asked Town Manager Gary Davis if the Town had replaced the main meter. Mr. Davis stated that the meter has been replaced.

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

**P. Mayor:** Mayor Edmundson asked Town Manager Gary Davis if there was any new information regarding the Town of Saratoga sending their waste to the City of Wilson. Mr. Davis informed the Board that the Town of Stantonsburg sent a letter to the State and received no response. The Town of Saratoga did their preliminary Engineering Report for the sewer line and the Town of Stantonsburg filed comments with the infrastructure review section. Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Council that there were approximately twelve points made in the letter regarding things that the Town of Stantonsburg did not agree with. The Town of Stantonsburg is requesting responses as to why these things were reported.

Councilman Dew made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion with all Council members voting in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha Bailey  
Town Clerk, Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

