

**TOWN OF STANTONSBURG**

DATE: June 10, 2019

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Bill Edmundson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 with the following Council members present: Councilman Bass and Councilwoman Grice. Councilman Dew arrived at approximately 6:33 pm. Town Manager Gary Davis and Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey were also present. There were no questions, from the public, so Mayor Edmundson declared the Public Hearing closed at approximately 6:40 pm.

Mayor Bill Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:41pm. The following Council members were present: Jackie Grice, Donnie Bass and Powell Dew. Councilman Ken D. Horne arrived at approximately 6:56 pm. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis and Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey. Fire Chief William McMurray, Chief of Police Orlando Rosario and Sergeant Crystal Jackson arrived at approximately 7:03 pm. Walt Bynum and Tommy Stanton were also present from the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer:** Mayor Bill Edmundson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Dew opened the meeting with prayer.

**A. Approve open and closed meeting minutes for May 13, 2019:** Councilwoman Grice made a motion to approve the minutes for the open and closed meetings as written. With a second from Councilman Dew, all members voted in favor of the motion.

**B. Financial Report:**

*Receipts \$287,297.88 Disbursements \$357,658.00 Difference (\$70,360.12)*

**(Primarily due to payment to the Sewer Rehab Project.)**

**MMB:** Councilwoman Grice 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: \$22,437.66

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

**D. Public Present:** Mr. Tommy Stanton asked the Council what the plan is for the Seal Building. Town Manager Gary Davis informed Mr. Stanton that there is a Phase 1 plan in place for the Seal Building that includes painting, replacing the shelter and doing something with the windows.

Mr. Stanton also asked the Town Council what the current status of the Stantonsburg EMS was. Mayor Edmundson informed Mr. Stanton that the Stantonsburg EMS is currently a renewed franchise and that there are eight members on roll that are certified. The EMS

vehicles have also been inspected and approved for use. Mr. Stanton then asked when the last time the Stantonsburg EMS answered a call. Mayor Edmundson stated that he could not answer that question.

**E. Fire Department:** Fire Chief William McMurray informed the Council that the Stantonsburg Moyton Fire Department recently had their ISO inspection. Mr. McMurray stated that the Stantonsburg Fire Department scored a six and that this score could possibly change to a five. Fire Chief McMurray explained to the Board that the lower the score is, the better it is for Town residents regarding the cost of their home owners insurance.

**F. Police Report:** Chief of Police Orlando Rosario informed the Council that the police report for May 2019 is the first monthly report with their new records management system. Councilman Horne requested that Chief Rosario include more information in the next monthly report.

**G. Parks & Rec:** Mayor Edmundson informed the Board that Johnnie Holmes will be placing a vending machine at the park under the main picnic shelter. Mayor Edmundson stated that Mr. Holms accepts full responsibility for any and all possible damages to the machine or its merchandise.

Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that the Parks and Recreation Committee are in the process of working on a design for a permanent stage to be placed at the park.

At this time, Mr. Davis presented (1) utility extension request. After careful review, Councilman Dew made a motion to grant extension request #1. Councilman Bass seconded the motion with all other Council members voting in favor of the motion.

**H. Town Manager’s Report:** Mr. Davis presented the overtime report for May 2019. May 2019 overtime was down with 58 hrs compared to 94 ½ hrs in May 2018.

At this time, Mr. Davis presented Budget Amendment #2 for the Council’s approval. After reviewing the Budget Amendment, Councilwoman Grice made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #2. (See attachment) Councilman Dew seconded the motion with all other Council members voting favorably.

Next, Mr. Davis presented the Proposed Budget Ordinance for FY 2019-2020 as follows:

<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>\$835,700.00</b>	<b>Powell Bill</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
<b>Water/Sewer Fund:</b>	<b>\$771,800.00</b>		
<b>Electric Fund:</b>	<b>\$2,669,400.00</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,276,900.00</b>		

Mr. Davis is proposing a 3 % COL raise for the Council, Mayor and all Town employees. The proposed budget also includes a \$1.00 increase in the solid waste fees for in-town and out-of-town customers. Town Manager Gary Davis is also proposing a \$1.00 increase in the flat sewer rate and an increase in the sewer usage rate of .25 per 1,000 gallons. The

Town of Saratoga's sewer usage rate would also increase .10 per 1,000 gallons for all gallons up to their permit limit. Water rates and electrical rates will remain unchanged for the coming Fiscal Year. Also, Town Manager Gary Davis is not proposing an increase in property taxes for the upcoming Fiscal Year.

At this time, Councilman Dew expressed a concern that he has regarding the Stantonsburg EMS. Councilman Dew stated that for several years the Council has requested information related to the Stantonsburg EMS. This information includes their finances, their hours, their manpower and the number of calls that they have answered. Councilman Dew stated that this information has yet to be made available to the Board. Taking this into consideration, Councilman Dew made a motion for the Town of Stantonsburg to continue to support the Stantonsburg EMS at the current level of \$6,000 per year, payable in quarterly installments. The motion included that, in exchange for these quarterly installments, the Stantonsburg EMS will submit a quarterly report on their monthly activities for that quarter. Once the report from the Stantonsburg EMS has been presented to the Council, the quarterly funds may be released. Councilman Dew also stated that, if the Stantonsburg EMS fails to report their activity, they forfeit their quarterly installment. After some discussion, Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion. All other members voted in favor of the motion.

Councilman Dew made a motion to approve the Proposed Budget Ordinance for FY 2019-2020 as presented. Councilman Horne seconded the motion with all other Council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Council that he has received the annual bill for the rent on the playground from the Whitley's, and within the packet, was a letter dated May 31, 2019. This letter stated that there is property located between the Stantonsburg playground and Main St. that is 1/3 acre +/- that is often used for parking. Mr. Davis informed the Council that Mr. Whitley would like to offer this land for rent to the Town of Stantonsburg for parking at the playground for an additional \$311.25 per year. After much discussion, Mayor Edmundson suggested that the Council delay action on this request until the Parks and Recreation Committee is able to discuss the matter. All Council members agreed.

Mr. Davis presented the proposed audit contract with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2019 for \$21,630. Mr. Davis informed the Council that this proposal represents a 3% increase for inflation. 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. Councilwoman Grice made a motion to approve the audit contract for \$21,630 with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 audit. Councilman Horne seconded the motion with all members voting favorably.

Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Council that the roof was peeled back on the building next to the Town Hall in the recent storms. Wade Farmer was able to roll it back out and secure it to try and reduce damage with the rain in the forecast. Mr. Davis stated that he has put in a claim with the insurance company and he is waiting for the adjuster to come out and look at it.

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

**J. Councilman Horne:** Councilman Horne stated that the asphalt that has been laid in Town seems to be soft. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that there are a couple of places that need to be touched up, but that some of that has to do with the high temperatures when the asphalt was laid.

**K. Councilman Bass:** Councilman Bass asked if there would be any more paving. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that after the Town has addressed the sewer issues on certain streets, there would be more paving.

Councilman Bass asked if the problems at the culvert near the Stantonsburg Fire Department were being addressed. Mr. Davis stated that it was a State road and that the State is addressing it.

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

**M. Councilman Dew: N/A**

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

**O. Mayor:** At this time, Mayor Edmundson passed out a sample survey for the Council to review. This survey is to determine if there is interest in high-speed internet. After careful review, Councilman Dew suggested to add a contact and to list who to return the survey to. All Council members agreed that with a few additions and corrections, the survey looked satisfactory.

Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that Dr. Philip Perkins will be the new doctor at the Stantonsburg Clinic beginning the first week of July 2019. Mayor Edmundson stated that the hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Dr. Perkins will offer any service that an urgent care would provide.

Councilman Horne made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Dew seconded the motion with all Council members voting in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha Bailey  
Town Clerk, Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

