

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: November 11, 2019

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer: Chief of Police Orlando Rosario led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Horne opened the meeting with prayer.

A. Approve regular and closed meeting minutes for October 15, 2019: Councilwoman Grice made a motion to approve the minutes for the open and closed meetings as written. With a second from Councilman Bass, all members voted in favor of the motion.

B. Financial Report:

Receipts \$478,329.38 Disbursements \$285,537.79 Difference \$192,791.59 (Primarily due to a final reimbursement payment from the Stantonsburg Sewer Rehab Project.)

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: \$11,531.78

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

D. Public Present: N/A

E. Fire Department: Fire Chief William McMurray informed the Council that the Stantonsburg Fire Department had their ISO inspection and scored a level 5. Mr. McMurray stated that beginning January 1, 2020, this new score will help lower the insurance rates for commercial properties in Stantonsburg.

Fire Chief William McMurray also stated that on December 14, 2019, the Stantonsburg Fire Department will be having their annual toy drive at the Dollar General. Mr. McMurray informed the Board that these toys will go to local children in need.

F. Police Report: Police Chief Orlando Rosario informed the Council that the Fike, Beddingfield and Hunt High School bands are all scheduled to participate in the Stantonsburg Christmas parade on December 7, 2019 at 11:00 am. Chief Rosario stated that line up for the parade will begin at 10:00 am at the Stantonsburg Elementary School.

G. Parks & Rec: N/A

At this time, Mr. Davis presented (5) utility extension requests. After careful review, Councilwoman Grice made a motion to grant extension request #1. Councilman Bass seconded the motion with all other Council members voting in favor of the motion. Councilman Horne made a motion to grant extension request #2. Councilwoman Rhodes seconded the motion with all other Council members voting in favor of the motion. Councilman Horne made a motion to approve extension requests #3, 4 and 5. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion. Councilwoman Rhodes, Councilwoman Grice and Councilman Horne voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed with a 3-2 vote with Councilman Dew and Councilman Bass voting against the motion.

H. Town Manager's Report: Mr. Davis presented the overtime report for October 2019. October 2019 overtime was down with 51 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs compared to 80 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs in October 2018.

At this time, Mr. Davis informed the Council that the Town is having trouble with Well #5, which is located behind the Stantonsburg Community Building. Mr. Davis stated that they have taken the well out of service and that AC Schultes will be pulling the pump and videoing the well to help diagnose the problem. Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Council that this initial work will cost \$2,450.00.

Mr. Davis informed the Council that the Town is waiting to hear back from land owners regarding the new well project.

Town Manager Gary Davis asked the Board for direction on employee Christmas bonuses for this year. Previously, the Town Board has given full-time employees a \$300.00 bonus and a \$150.00 bonus to part-time employees. Councilman Dew made a motion to grant full-time employees a \$300.00 Christmas bonus, with part-time employees receiving a \$150.00 Christmas bonus. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

I. Appearance Committee: N/A

J. Councilman Horne: N/A

K. Councilman Bass: N/A

L. Councilwoman Rhodes: N/A

M. Councilman Dew: At this time, Councilman Dew passed out a letter that he had written addressed to the Town Council. (See attached.) Councilman Dew congratulated the newly elected officials and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Stantonsburg. Councilman Dew also stated that if he could be of any assistance to the Town Board or citizens of Stantonsburg, he was more than willing to help.

N. Councilwoman Grice: N/A

O. Mayor: N/A

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 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha Bailey
Town Clerk, Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor