

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: December 14, 2020

Mayor Coley Rhodes called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00pm. The following Council members were present: Jackie Grice, Donnie Bass, Ben Harper and Walt Bynum. Councilman Ken D. Horne arrived at approximately 7:05 pm. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis, Town Manager David Beaman and Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey. Chief of Police Orlando Rosario and Police Officer Nicholas White arrived at approximately 7:15 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer: Mayor Rhodes led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting with prayer.

A. Approve minutes of last month's meetings, November 2020: All Council members voted to approve all meeting minutes for November 2020 except the closed session minutes provided by Mayor Rhodes. Councilwoman Grice and Councilman Bass will provide Mayor Rhodes and Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey with key points that they wish to have included in those closed session minutes. These closed session minutes will again be brought before the Board for their approval at the January Board meeting. All Council members agreed.

B. Financial Report:

Receipts \$314,402.21 Disbursements \$416,278.43 Difference \$101,876.22
Notable disbursements: Purchase of a new line truck.

C. Invoices for Payment:

Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. All Council members voted favorably.

D. Public Present: N/A

E. Fire Department: N/A

F. Police Report: Chief of Police Orlando Rosario presented the police report to the Town Council.

Chief Rosario informed the Council that Statewide Sheetmetal & Roofing is scheduled to begin repairs on the Stantonburg Police Department roof December 17th, 2020.

Also, Chief Rosario stated that the Stantonburg Police Department will be having the annual Shop With a Cop December 19, 2020 at 9:00 am at Wal-Mart. Chief Rosario invited any Council members who wished to attend to come out and help shop with the kids for Christmas. Chief Rosario also gave special thanks to all who have donated this year to Shop With a Cop.

G. Parks & Rec: N/A

H. Town Manager's Report: Town Manager David Beaman presented the Council with a proposed Facebook Policy for the Town of Stantonburg. After careful review, Councilwoman Grice made a motion to table the Facebook Policy until the January Board meeting to give the Council time to investigate it further. Councilman Horne, Councilman Harper, Councilwoman Grice and Councilman Bass voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote, with Councilman Bynum voting against the motion.

Mr. Beaman requested the Board's approval to contact Attorney Brian Pridgen regarding 308 N Saratoga St. and 303 N Main St. Town Manager David Beaman stated that the buildings on these properties are in much need of repair. Mr. Beaman informed the Council that Mr. Pridgen would contact the owners about the needed repairs and if the owners have not complied within the allotted number of days, Mr. Pridgen will proceed with condemnations. After much discussion, Councilman Horne suggested that the Town reach out to the owners first and, if they do not comply, then the Town should contact Attorney Brian Pridgen. Councilman Horne also asked that the owners of the old Rex Best property and the old slaughter house by the cemetery be contacted as well. All Council members agreed.

Mr. Beaman informed the Council that there was an annexation of the industrial property at Sandpit Rd. and Highway 58 back in 2001. Town Manager David Beaman stated that the annexation maps and documents were not recorded with the Register of Deeds. Mr. Beaman also stated that in the process of having this corrected an error in the legal description was found. Mr. Beaman stated that Attorney Brian Pridgen has revised the Annexation Ordinance with the correct legal description and he is asking that the Council approve the revised document so that it can be recorded with the Register of Deeds. At this time, Councilman Bass pointed out a typographical error in the revised document. Councilman Bynum made a motion to adopt an Annexation Ordinance for this deed correction with the noted correction. All Council members voted favorably.

Town Manager Gary Davis requested that the Council consider the adoption of a Title VI Policy and Procedures. Mr. Davis stated that this is something that the DOT is now requiring and the Town must have this Title VI Policy and Procedures in place by January 4, 2021. Attorney Brian Pridgen has put this simple policy together for the Board's approval. Town Manager Gary Davis recommended that the Council adopt this resolution of the Title VI Policy and Procedures. Councilman Horne made a motion to adopt the Title VI Policy and Procedures. All Council members voted favorably.

At this time, Town Manager Gary Davis presented the Council with the meeting dates and holiday schedule for 2021. Councilman Harper made a motion to approve the meeting dates and holiday schedule as presented for the year 2021.

Town Manager Gary Davis presented (6) utility extension requests. After careful review, Councilwoman Grice made a motion to grant all extension requests for the date they have requested. All Council members voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Davis asked the Board to declare a 2000 International Commander Telelect line truck and a 1999 Ford F-150 as surplus and allow the Town to dispose of them by means of private negotiation and sale. Councilwoman Grice made a motion to allow Town Manager

Gary Davis to sell a 2000 International Commander Telelect line truck and a 1999 Ford F-150 on behalf of the Town of Stantonsburg. All Council members voted in favor of the motion.

At this time, Mr. Davis made the Council aware that the Town will soon begin refurbishment of Town Well #4.

At this time, Mayor Coley Rhodes presented the Board with a quote from Computer Central for ipads and the setup for the Town to provide video of Board meetings. Mayor Rhodes stated that the majority of this material will be paid for by the \$10,000 Cares Act Grant that the Town has been awarded. The Town will have to pay approximately \$1,500. Councilman Bynum made a motion to go ahead with the purchase of the material from Computer Central. All Council members voted favorably.

I. Appearance Committee: N/A

J. Councilman Horne: Councilman Horne stated that one of the rims on the basketball goals at the park needs to be repaired and the nets need to be replaced. Also, Councilman Horne asked that the sanitation department be reminded to dump the trash cans at the park.

K. Councilman Bass: Councilman Bass asked Town Manager Gary Davis what the status was on the EMS building. Mr. Davis stated that the deed for the EMS building has been recorded and now belongs to the Town.

L. Councilman Harper: Councilman Harper informed the Council that Courtney Keen has requested that some type of handrail be placed by the sidewalk in front of the barber shop for elderly residents. Town Manager David Beaman stated that he would look into installing a handrail.

M. Councilman Bynum: Councilman Bynum took this time to commend the Appearance Committee and all those who contributed to the Christmas decorations around Town.

N. Councilwoman Grice: Councilwoman Grice asked that the Stantonsburg Fire Department be contacted and request that they give a quarterly report at the Town of Stantonsburg Board meetings.

At this time, Councilwoman Grice stated that she was very upset to find out through an email on Saturday about an event that was to be held in Stantonsburg by the Events Committee. Councilwoman Grice stated that this event should have been made known to the Board sooner and been approved by the Board. After some discussion, Councilman Bynum made a motion that anything that is held on Town property or uses the Town's name will need approval from the Council. All Council members voted in favor of the motion.

O. Mayor: N/A

At this time, Councilman Horne made a motion to go into closed session to discuss land acquisition and legal matters.

Once back in open session, Councilwoman Grice made a motion to adjourn. All Council members voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha Bailey, Town Clerk

Coley H. Rhodes, Mayor