

SPECIAL MEETING

March 18, 2021

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the business hours of the Town Hall.

Mayor Coley H. Rhodes called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the following Council members present: Walt Bynum, Ben Harper, Jackie Grice, Donnie Bass and Ken D. Horne. Also present was Town Manager David Beaman, Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey and Deputy Clerk Patsy Godwin. Jamie Bailey and Edwin Bynum were also present from the public.

Mayor Rhodes led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting with prayer.

At this time, Mayor Coley Rhodes stated that at the March 8th Board meeting a motion was made, and passed, stating that the Stantonsburg Town Hall's hours be changed to Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Mayor Rhodes informed the Council that there were comments by email suggesting that some Council members had changed their minds, requiring the Town Council to hold a special meeting to discuss the hours further. Town Manager David Beaman informed the Council that all work at the Town Hall is being completed and all residents are fully aware of the Town Hall business hours. Mr. Beaman stated that he supports keeping the normal Town Hall hours of Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Councilman Horne stated that he agrees with Town Manager David Beaman regarding the office hours staying the same. Councilwoman Grice also stated that as long as all work is being completed she is in agreement to keep the normal office hours. Councilman Bass stated that he voted against changing the Town Hall hours at the previous meeting. Councilman Bass informed the Board that he was in full support of opening the Town Hall back to the public and keeping pre-covid hours of business. Councilman Harper stated that he was not aware that the Town Hall had been operating on the current schedule for ten plus years and supports keeping the normal hours of Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. At this time, Councilman Horne made a motion to rescind the previous motion at the March 8, 2021 Board meeting regarding the Town Hall hours and keep the regular hours of Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Councilman Horne, Councilman Bass, Councilman Harper and Councilwoman Grice voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote, with Councilman Bynum voting against the motion.

Councilman Bynum made a motion to adjourn. All Council members voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha Bailey, Town Clerk

Coley H. Rhodes, Mayor