

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: October 11, 2021

Regular Meeting

Mayor Coley Rhodes called the regular monthly meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm. The following Council members were present: Donnie Bass, Ben Harper, Walt Bynum, Ken D. Horne, and Jackie Grice. Also present were Town Manager David Beaman, Deputy Town Clerk Patsy Godwin, and various members of the public.

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

A. Approve prior month's minutes: All Council members voted to approve the minutes for September 2021.

B. Financial Report:

October: Receipts \$305,915.25 Disbursements \$173,041.74 Difference \$132,873.51

C. Invoices for Payment: After some discussion council member Horne made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. All were in favor, passed unanimously.

D. Departmental/Committee Reports:

- Police Report: Police Chief Rosario presented the monthly police report to the Town Council. There was discussion regarding the upcoming festival and staffing.
- Parks & Recreation Committee: Eartha Butler came before the council and reported on what was discussed during the recent meeting.
- Appearance Committee: No report was given.

E. Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager, David Beaman, presented the following items:

1. Clerk Certification Institute - David requested approval to send Cindy Rhodes through UNC School of Government's Clerk Certification School. Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to approve the request to send Cindy Rhodes through Clerk Certification School. Council member Grice made the motion. All were in favor, passed unanimously.
2. Resurfacing/Pavement Patching - David had a map in his packet for the council to review. He asked for the council to look at it and be thinking about areas we would like to begin projects.
3. Request for Surplus Equipment Declaration - David requested to have some of our equipment to be sold by private negotiation and sale. He discussed the equipment needed to be declared surplus. After some discussion Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to declare the Ford Crown Victoria and John Deere 310 Backhoe for surplus. Council member Grice made the motion. All were in favor, passed unanimously.

4. Approve Changes to Ordinance for Appearance Commission to become the Appearance and Downtown Commission –David explained the suggested changes as well as the purpose for these changes. David added that a public hearing would need to be held for the public to know that changes are being made to the ordinance. After some discussion council member Grice made the motion to set the public hearing November 8th at 6:30 pm, before the regular scheduled meeting at 7 pm. All were in favor, passed unanimously.
5. Additional Updates:
 - Electric Department Tree Truck Safety Inspection – David explained that the truck passed inspection but needs multiple repairs. He is waiting to get the quote on the costs of these repairs.
 - Substation Repairs – David discussed the Black Creek substation transformer issues and repairs that need to be done.
 - Festival Update – David discussed the vendors and bands that are scheduled to participate and that everything is coming together very well. Council member Grice questioned if there could be any political campaigning done during the festival. After some discussion it was decided this should be a family day. David asked if the council would like to make a motion that no vendor space would be rented for political campaigning. Council member Bynum made the motion to not extend our festival to political candidates for party. All were in favor, passed unanimously.
 - David made the council aware that Deputy Clerk Patsy Godwin has set a retirement date of December 29, 2021.
 - David mentioned the Christmas Parade that we need to start planning. He has talked to Chief Rosario about contacting some of the local bands to see when they may be available to participate. Hopefully to bring a date to the next meeting.
6. Request for Closed Session to discuss personnel matters and property acquisition.

F. Public Present:

- Powell Dew – Mr. Dew came before the council to discuss some concerns regarding the website.

G. Councilwoman Grice: Questioned David about the rainwater issue on Denver Dr. David stated that the ditch has been cleaned out. She also questioned if Ms. Barbara Aycok was still doing consultant work with us. David stated that yes, she is coming about once a week. She also asked if there anymore interest in the old police department building. David stated that there had not been anymore interest and suggested we wait to have the different committees make decisions on how the building could be used. She then asked if David had started his class with the School of Government. He answered yes and that things were going well. She asked David about his water certification, he stated that he takes the test on the 28th. She then initiated a discussion about extensions.

H. Councilman Bass: Asked about the difference types of surfaces and if there were any restrictions with the Powell Bill regulations. David stated we can look at different options.

I. Councilman Bynum: Asked about the volunteer who offered to clean the park. Mayor Rhodes stated that Ms. Helen Mackey wants to clean the park. David stated that the goal is to have the same person/company to clean the park and Town Hall. We need to get some quotes to see what this cost will be. Council member Bynum also stated that Dr. Whitley had contacted him regarding if the town would be interested in the corner lot in front of the community center. After some discussion it was decided that David would investigate getting more information on the size of the lot and the council would think about possible uses.

J. Councilman Horne: Discussed the grass at the triangle not being weed eaten. He also asked about the big car/truck by the railroad track. David stated that he had talked to a man named Phil at the railroad and that they are looking into getting it moved. David stated that he would continue to follow up with them.

K. Councilman Harper: Had nothing to report.

L. Mayor Rhodes: Had nothing to report.

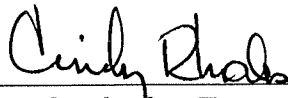
M. Closed Session:

Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to go into closed session personnel matters and property acquisition. Council member Grice made the motion. All were in favor, passed unanimously. The council went into closed session at 8:05 pm.

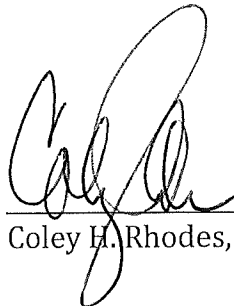
N. Open Session:

Mayor Rhodes asked the council if anyone had additional items to discuss, seeing none, Council member Harper motioned to adjourn, all were in favor approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cindy Rhodes, Town Clerk



Coley H. Rhodes, Mayor