

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: May 9, 2022

Regular Meeting

In the absence of Mayor Coley Rhodes, Mayor Pro-Tem Donnie Bass called the regular monthly meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm. The following Council members were present: Donnie Bass, Ben Harper, Steve Mooring, Ken Horne arrived at 7:10pm, and Walt Bynum was not present. Also present were Town Manager David Beaman, Town Clerk Cindy Rhodes, and various members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer: Mayor Pro-Tem Bass led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting with prayer.

A. Approval of March 2022 Minutes: Regular Session, Closed Session and the Ordinance Workshop were approved as written. Councilman Horne was not present at this time.

B. Financial Report:

April Receipts \$258,202.35 Disbursements \$253,352.48 Difference \$4,849.87

C. Invoices for Payment: After some discussion Councilman Harper made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. All were in favor, motion passed unanimously. Councilman Horne was not present for this vote.

D. Departmental/Committee Reports:

- Police Department Report: Police Chief Rosario reviewed the police report and had nothing further to include. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the sale of the Deuce and a half and the purchase of the 2008 Expedition from the Fire Department. It was decided to have Town Manager David Beaman follow the purchase and procurement procedures and advertise for more bids.
- Parks & Recreation Commission: Ms. Eartha Butler stated the commission did meet on May 5th and they did have a quorum. They have been having an issue with attendance, but they did have a new commission member come, Ms. Jackie Grice. Ms. Butler stated at the April Council meeting Ms. Grice was interested in joining the commission. Mayor Rhodes was good with Ms. Grice joining the commission. With that in mind, Ms. Butler asked the Council for a motion to accept Ms. Grice as a new member. Councilman Harper made the motion to accept Ms. Jackie Grice as a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission. All were in favor, motion passed unanimously. The Commission did vote to start meeting every other month starting on June 6th. Also, to move forward with purchasing the sanitizer stations for the park. Councilman Horne stated the Town needs to look at putting up barriers separating parking from the park. Town Manager David Beaman to look getting a few quotes. Ms. Butler added the library is doing great and they had 230 people pass through last month.

- Appearance Commission: Linda Mooring shared with the Council the Appearance Commission has been having an issue with attendance as well. She asked the Council could investigate getting some new members. She discussed some ideas on finishing out her budget.
- Events/Planning Committee: No one was present.
- Stantonsburg/Moyton Fire Department: William McMurray, Jr. came before the Council and shared his report. He discussed the types and number of calls the Fire Department has received. He also stated they have 29 active members on the roster.

E. Public Present:

- Carla Davis, 306 W. Thompson Ave: Ms. Davis thanked the Council and Mr. Beaman for all that has been done regarding her neighbor at 304 W. Thompson. She added that this neighbor now has five dogs in the front yard, and they bark all night. They are very large dogs and get out of their pen roam the neighborhood. Also, this neighbor is not taking good care of these dogs and she asked if there anything the Town can do regarding this concern. Mr. Beaman stated he would check the Town ordinances and get back to her.
- Kelly Best, 3023 Sandpit Rd: Ms. Best owns a rollback company. She stated she has been on an emergency rotation list for 3 or 4 months and has not had a call. She added other companies have been called out a couple of times since she was added. Ms. Best asked if the Town could investigate this. Councilman Horne stated we would check with Chief Rosario. Mr. Beaman to talk with Chief Rosario.

F. Old Business:

- Councilman Mooring questioned if we have heard from the LGC regarding the Town's audit response letter. Mr. Beaman stated we have not heard back and as soon as we do, he will share with the Council.
- Councilman Mooring questioned the status of the curb and gutter work. Mr. Beaman gave an update on the work being done. He stated we are still working on the sidewalk. The tractor from Wilson we were going to use for the curb and gutter is in the shop to be repaired. He discussed a couple of options and will have more information at the next meeting.
- Councilman Mooring asked for an update on Greenlight. Mr. Beaman discussed where they are and hopefully by December everything will be up and running.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Bass questioned the paving and patching. Mr. Beaman stated he needed another month to get his presentation ready. As of now he is looking at patching Saratoga St.
- Council Harper asked if the July 4th Celebration. Mr. Beaman gave an update on fireworks contract and location, sponsorship, advertising, food trucks, bouncy houses for the kids, and parking.

G. Town Manager's Report: Town Manager, David Beaman, presented the following items:

- Requested Approval of Pole Attachment Agreement with Charter. Mr. Beaman stated the previous contact was old and this is a renewal. The attorney has

reviewed, and it is ready for approval. Councilman Harper made the motion to accept the pole attachment agreement with Charter Communications. All were in favor, motion passed unanimously.

- Discussed proposed meeting agenda changes – Consent Agenda, Departmental Reports provided with Town Manager Packet. Mr. Beaman explained what a consent agenda is. There was some discussion, and the consensus of the Council was not to change meeting agenda.
- Requested approval to transfer from CD account at KS Bank. Mr. Beaman discussed purchase of the transfer was for the bucket truck, which the Council had approved to purchase in a previous meeting. After some discussion Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the transfer pending confirmation of transfer fee. All were in favor, motion passed unanimously.
- Requested Approval of Budget Amendment #5 – After some discussion Councilman Harper made the motion to approve budget amendment #5. All were in favor, passed unanimously.
- Discussed 911 Costs – Mr. Beaman discussed the 911 calls and the formula of how the Town get charged. Councilman Mooring suggested requesting from the call center a detailed listing of all our calls.
- Discussed Town Maintained Properties – Mr. Beaman provided a list of the properties the Town maintains and delinquent invoices. His recommendation is to cancel grass cutting in the areas, except for the Community Building, or charge more. Councilman Mooring recommended to cancel all non-Town owned properties grass cutting and focusing on the Town property only. There was more discussion where Councilman Harper was concerned about the Community Building as well as other properties. More discussion ensued and Council Mooring made the motion to discontinue maintaining all properties not owned by the Town. The vote was 2 yes (Councilman Mooring and Pro-Tem Bass) and 2 no (Councilman Harper and Councilman Horne). This decision was tabled until the next regular meeting. Councilman Harper suggested to find out if the cemetery property owners want us to continue cutting with the price increase by the next meeting. Mr. Beaman will also get some quotes from commercial mowers to bring for next meeting.
- Discussed reducing Garbage Routes to Once Weekly on Monday – Mr. Beaman shared 18 weeks of tonnage costs being hauled out of town to the transfer station. He also shared a list of his considerations and his thoughts of picking up garbage only on Monday's. After some discussion Mr. Beaman suggested, if approved, we implement on June 6th picking garbage up on Monday only. This will give us time to let the community know via a note on the bills, social media, website, and a One-Call to town residents letting them know of the change. Councilman Horne motioned to change town garbage collection to once per week on Monday unless it is noted a holiday starting on June 6th, with the proper notification. All were favor, motion passed unanimously.
- Discussed the vacant property at 418 S. Main Street. There has been an offer made on that for \$6,000.00. He gave a brief history on the property and asked the Council for their consideration on the property. After some discussion Councilman Horne

stated to move forward with advertising the property, get bids and decide with the full Council present. Mr. Beaman stated he would get the process moving.

- Requested to have the 2002 Ford Ranger truck and the 1995 Deuce and a half be made surplus to be to sell by negotiated bid process. Councilman Harper made the motion to designate the 2002 Ford Ranger truck and the 1995 Deuce and a half as surplus for public bid. All were in favor, motion pass unanimously.
- Discussed Sand Pit Rd from Hwy 58 to the end of the new subdivision. He has talked to DOT, and they are offering the maintenance of this road to be turned over the Town. After some discussion the consensus of the Council was this is not a good idea at this time.

H. Councilman Mooring: Had nothing to discuss.

I. Mayor Pro-Tem Bass: Reminded everyone about the Budget/Ordinance Workshop on the May 23rd.

J. Councilman Bynum: Was not present.

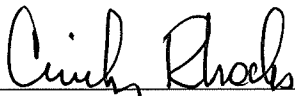
K. Councilman Horne: Had nothing to discuss.

L. Councilman Harper: Had nothing to discuss.

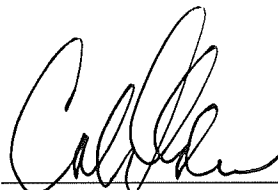
M. Mayor Rhodes: Was not present.

There being no further business Mayor Pro-Tem Bass as asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Harper made the motion; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cindy Rhodes, Town Clerk



Coley H. Rhodes, Mayor