

**Town of Stantonburg**  
**Budget Legislative Public Hearing**  
**June 19, 2023**

Mayor Coley Rhodes called the Budget Legislative Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM. The following council members were present: Ken Horne, Donnie Bass, Walt Bynum, Ben Harper and Steve Mooring. Also present was Town Manager Brian Hawley, Town Clerk Alexis Whitley, Town Attorney Slade Rand, and a member of the public.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Councilman Bynum to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes opens the first legislative hearing for the Fiscal year 2023-2024 budget. Town Manager Hawley thanks the council for tonight, as it took a long time to get there. The fee/rate schedule that has already been voted on is attached.

**Public Hearing:** Michael Fuentes of 304 Denver Drive has some questions regarding the budget. Some of the salaries are a little high to him and he requested more information about how the salaries are being distributed. Town Manager Hawley elaborated on that information to answer Mr. Fuentes' questions and to clarify the salary amounts.

Mayor Rhodes declares that the public hearing is closed.

Mayor Rhodes made a motion to go back into open session and requested a motion to adopt the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget. Motion made by Councilman Bynum. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes declares the UDO legislative hearing open.

Town Manager Hawley sent out the UDO ordinance, planning board approved the 92 portion of the UDO and recommended the council's approval for that. Last minute adjustment such as a mining ordinance because of a sand mine coming. There are some things that are recommended that the planning board would like to take into consideration and propose to the council to update ordinances as we go.

Motion to adopt the UDO as presented effective immediately upon signing. Motion made by Councilman Mooring to adopt. Passed unanimously.

Town Hawley questions Slade Rand regarding going into closed session about a personnel matter.

Councilman Bynum made motion to go into closed session pursuant to section 143.318.11 (a). regarding personnel matters.

Councilman Harper made a motion to come back into open session.

Town Manager Hawley left the council with an engagement left from a Certified Forensic Examiner that came by and met with them. There is a scope that she has presented, and the cost is there. He wants to minimize the scope and reduce the cost before moving forward with the engagement letter.

Gary Pittman will be back in 2 weeks. They are finally getting to where they can organize things for 2022.

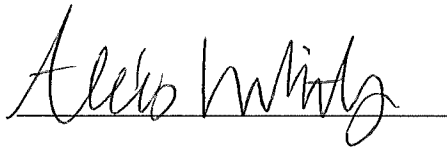
Councilman Bass questioned having a budget amendment, and Town Manager Hawley says we will before July 1.

Councilman Horne made motion to strike a previous conversation between Town Attorney Slade Rand and Councilman Mooring as they were under the assumption, we were in closed session still.

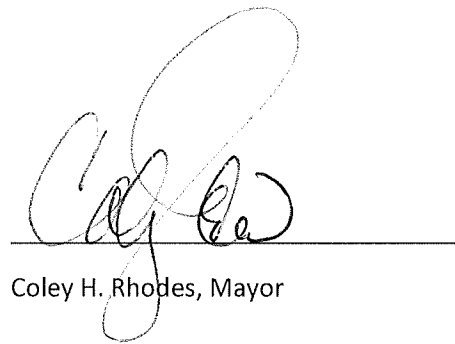
Mayor Rhodes made a motion to go from open session to closed session.

Councilman Mooring made motion we go back in to open.

Councilman Bynum made motion to adjourn.



Alexis Whitley, Town Clerk



Coley H. Rhodes, Mayor