

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: April 10, 2017

Mayor William Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The following Council members were present: Powell Dew, Jr., Donald Bass, Ken D. Horne, Coley Rhodes and Jackie Grice. Also present were Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey and Police Chief Orlando Rosario. Town Manager Gary Davis arrived at approximately 7:10 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer: Councilman Bass led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Dew opened the meeting with prayer.

A. Approve minutes for March 2017 Meetings: Councilwoman Grice made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 2017 regular and closed session meetings. With a second from Councilman Dew, all Council members voted in favor of the motion.

B. Approved Financial Reports for March 2017:

Receipts \$300,134.86 Disbursements \$212,660.99 Difference \$87,473.87

MMB: Councilman Horne made a motion, with a second by Councilman Bass, to approve the Financial Report for March 2017. All Council members voted in favor of the motion.

C. Invoices for Payment: Total: \$5,639.46

Councilman Dew made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. With a second by Councilwoman Grice, all Council members present voted favorably.

Mayor Edmundson presented the delinquent 2016 property taxes for approval to advertise. Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the delinquent taxes for advertising. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion with all other members voting in favor of the motion.

At this time, (5) extension requests were brought before the Board for their approval. Councilman Horne made a motion to grant extension request #1. With a second by Councilman Dew, all Council members voted favorably. Councilman Dew made a motion to grant extension request #2. With a second by Councilman Bass, all Council members voted favorably. Councilman Horne made a motion to grant extension request #3. With a second by Councilwoman Grice, all Council members voted favorably. Councilman Horne made a motion to deny extension request #4. Councilman Dew seconded the motion. Councilman Bass, Councilman Dew, Councilman Horne and Councilwoman Rhodes voted in favor of the motion passing the motion with a 4-1 vote. Councilwoman Grice voted against the motion. Councilman Dew made a motion to grant extension request #5. With a second by Councilman Horne, all Council members voted favorably.

At this time, Town Manager Gary Davis presented a resolution to apply for grant and/or loan funds to drill and construct wells outside the Central Coastal Plains Capacity Use Area. Mr. Davis informed the Town Council that if they do not drill additional wells, the reduction requirements on our existing wells will require the Town of Stantonsburg to reduce what the town sells to the County in the very near future. This would result in a tremendous loss of revenue for the Town of Stantonsburg. Councilman Dew made a motion to adopt the resolution to apply for grant and/or loan funds to drill and construct new wells. With a second by Councilman Horne, all Council members voted favorably.

D. Public Present: N/A

E. Police Report: The Council reviewed the monthly police report. Chief Rosario informed the Council that the Police Department hosted (11) Governor Highway Safety checkpoints in the month of March.

Chief Rosario informed the Town Council that he is in the process of getting bands set up for the upcoming Bicentennial Celebration.

Chief Rosario asked that a date be set for the Stantonsburg Christmas parade so that he will be able to book local high school bands. Councilwoman Rhodes made a motion to schedule the Stantonsburg Christmas parade for December 9, 2017 at 10:00 am. Councilman Bass seconded the motion with all other Council members present voting in favor of the motion.

Chief Rosario informed the Council that he applied for a grant for a K-9 vest and was awarded that grant, but he will need a copy of the dog's certification once the dog finishes training. Chief Rosario stated that Officer Williams and the K-9, Aaron, are doing so well in training that they will finish training two weeks early.

At this time, Chief Rosario informed the Town Council that the officers have been signed up to complete yearly annual in service training online to cut down on overtime.

F. Parks & Rec: N/A

G. Appearance Committee: Councilwoman Rhodes informed the Town Council that the Appearance Committee has replaced some dead shrubs and purchased some mulch and rocks.

H. Stantonsburg/Moyton Fire Dept.: N/A

I. EMS: N/A

J. Town Managers Report: At this time, Town Manager Gary Davis gave the overtime report. The overtime for March 2017 was 29 ³/₄ hours versus 26 ³/₄ hours in March 2016.

Mr. Davis informed the Town Council that he had received the drawings and specifications for stabilizing the façade of the Seal building from Bobby Joyner of Appian Consulting Engineers. Mr. Davis stated that he has asked Bobby Joyner to submit another proposal to help oversee and inspect this job as it unfolds. Mr. Joyner will also recommend several contractors that have done this type of work before. Mr. Davis informed the Council that he has added the Seal building to the Town's liability insurance.

K. Councilman Horne: N/A

L. Councilman Bass: N/A

M. Councilwoman Rhodes: Councilwoman Rhodes stated that she again talked with the railroad about the conditions around the tracks in town and they are looking into it. Councilwoman Rhodes informed the Council that there are holes in the pavement around the railroad tracks on Saratoga St. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that the DOT is responsible for that pavement and that he would contact DOT.

Councilwoman Rhodes expressed concern for the streets and sidewalks in Town. Councilwoman Rhodes stated that there is grass growing over sidewalks and in the middle of the street in some places. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that once the sewer project was done some of the streets would be paved. Mr. Davis also said that he would look into prison labor to help clean off some of the sidewalks.

At this time, Councilwoman Rhodes asked that something be done about the roof leaking on the building beside the Town Hall that the Town currently owns. Councilwoman Rhodes wanted to use this building to store things for the upcoming Bicentennial Celebration. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that he would look into getting a quote to have the roof fixed and/or replaced on the building.

Councilwoman Rhodes informed the Town Council that she received a quote from Harper Landscaping and Daniel King to replace crepe myrtles, put out mulch, redo the triangles, etc. Councilwoman Rhodes stated that she really wants to spruce things up for the Bicentennial. After much discussion, Councilwoman Rhodes made a motion to allocate an additional \$3,000.00 to go with the Appearance Committee's already budgeted \$3,000.00 to redo the triangles and much needed pruning. Councilman Bass seconded the motion with all other Council members voting in favor of the motion.

N. Councilman Dew: Councilman Dew asked Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey if she had researched the possibility of taking online bill payments. Mrs. Bailey informed the Council that she had spoken with Shane Ireland of Logics and he stated that it would be a one-time fee of \$2,000.00 and \$900.00 per year. Mrs. Bailey also stated that according to Mr. Ireland the customers would be able to view their billing history. After much discussion, Councilman Dew made a motion to approve the expenditures related to an online bill paying system. With a second from Councilman Horne, all other members voted in favor of the motion.

O. Councilwoman Grice: Councilwoman Grice inquired about the Piggly Wiggly as to whether or not the new owners were selling or if the final sale had fallen through. Town Manger Gary Davis informed her that the new owners are selling the property.

P. Mayor: Mayor Edmundson informed the Town Council that the Clinic in Stantonsburg had closed.

Mayor Edmundson asked Town Manager Gary Davis how things stood with the Town of Saratoga sewer investigation. Mr. Davis stated that we are still waiting for them to do the necessary paper work as part of their grant.

Mayor Edmundson stated that he had contacted the County Manager about the drainage ditches going out of town needing to be rehabbed.

At this time, Town Manger Gary Davis asked the Town Council for permission to purchase another zero turn mower. All Council members were in agreement.

Councilman Horne made a motion to adjourn. With a second from Councilwoman Grice, all Council members voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha E. Bailey, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

