

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: June 11, 2018

Public Hearing

Mayor Bill Edmundson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 with the following Council members present: Councilman Powell Dew, Councilman Donnie Bass and Councilman Ken D. Horne. Councilwoman Coley Rhodes and Councilwoman Jackie Grice arrived at approximately 6:40 pm. Town Manager Gary Davis and Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey were also present. Mr. Davis reviewed the budget for those present. There were no questions, from the public, so Mayor Edmundson declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Bill Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:45pm. The following Council members were present: Jackie Grice, Donnie Bass, Coley Rhodes, Ken D. Horne and Powell Dew. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis and Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey. Fire Chief William McMurry was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer: Fire Chief William McMurry led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Ken D. Horne opened the meeting with prayer.

A. Approve minutes for May 14, 2018 and May 31, 2018 Budget Workshop.

Councilman Dew made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes and the Budget Workshop minutes. With a second from Councilman Bass, all members voted in favor of the motion.

B. Financial Report:

Receipts \$295,939.60 Disbursements \$239,155.51 Difference \$56,784.09

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

C. Invoices for Payment: Total: \$14,750.98

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

D. Public Present: N/A

E. Fire Department: William McMurray introduced himself to the Board as the new Fire Chief for the Stantonburg Moyton Fire Department. Fire Chief McMurry stated that the Fire Department has replaced a truck that was giving them a lot of problems. Mr. McMurry also informed the Board that the Fire Department has signed a Mutual Aid Agreement with Wayne County and Wayne County will be signing a Mutual Aid Agreement with

the Stantonsburg Moyton Fire Department. This will allow assistance to be provided on both sides as needed.

G. Police Report: N/A

H. Parks & Rec: Mayor Edmundson informed the Board that a state representative will be meeting with Ann Harper and himself June 15th at 10:30 to discuss grant possibilities.

At this time, Mr. Davis presented (4) utility extension requests. After reviewing each request Councilwoman Grice made a motion to grant extension request #1 and #3 and to deny extension requests #2 and #4. Councilman Dew seconded the motion with all other Council members voting in favor of the motion.

I. Town Manager’s Report: Next, Mr. Davis presented the Proposed Budget Ordinance for FY 2018-2019 as follows:

General Fund:	\$817,900.00	Powell Bill	\$25,000.00
Water/Sewer Fund:	\$1,262,700.00		
Electric Fund:	\$2,747,500.00		
Total	\$4,828,100.00		

Mr. Davis is proposing a 2 % COL raise for the Council, Mayor and all Town employees.

The proposed budget also includes a \$0.75 increase in the flat sewer rate, an increase in the sewer usage rate of .15 per 1,000 gallons. Town Manager Gary Davis in not proposing and increase in property taxes or General Fund fees this upcoming Fiscal Year. Water rates and electrical rates will also remain unchanged for the coming Fiscal Year. Councilman Bass brought it to the attention of the Town Manager that there was a typo on page 2, section B of the Water and Sewer Fund. Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the Proposed Budget Ordinance for FY 2018-2019 with the noted typo correction on page 2, section B of the Water and Sewer Fund. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion with all other Council members present voting in favor of the motion.

At this time, Mr. Davis presented Budget Amendment #2 for the Council’s approval. After reviewing the Budget Amendment, Councilman Horne made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #2. (See attachment) Councilman Dew seconded the motion with all other Council members voting favorably.

Mr. Davis presented the overtime report for May 2018. May 2018 overtime was up with 94 ½ hrs compared to 19 ¾ hrs in May 2018. Mr. Davis noted that there were 4 weeks in May 2017 and 5 weeks in May 2018. Mr. Davis also stated that the majority of the increase was primarily due to substantial substation work done on an off day, electrical callbacks and on-call hours.

Mr. Davis stated that the Town has submitted an update to its 2017 Local Water Supply Plan. Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Board that the state has approved the Town’s plan. Mr. Davis requested that the Board pass a Resolution for approving the Local Water Supply Plan for 2017. Councilman Dew made a motion to pass a Resolution for approving the Local Water Supply Plan for 2017. With a second by Councilwoman Grice, all Council members present voted favorably.

At this time, Town Manager Gary Davis requested that the Board pass a Resolution accepting a State Grant from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$915,000 for the Stantonsburg Sewer Replacement Project. Councilwoman Rhodes made a motion to pass a Resolution to accept a State Grant from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$915,000 for the Stantonsburg Sewer Replacement Project. Councilman Bass seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Davis presented the proposed audit contract with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2018 for \$21,000. Mr. Davis informed the Council that this represents a 2.94% increase for inflation. Town Manager Gary Davis highly recommended continuing the relationship the Town has with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC due to their familiarity with the Town's operation and staff. Councilman Dew made a motion to approve the audit contract for \$21,000 with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 audit. Councilman Horne seconded the motion with all members voting favorably.

J. EMS: N/A

K. Appearance Committee: N/A

L. Councilman Horne: Councilman Horne informed the Board that he received a complaint from a resident that received a letter stating that their grass was tall and needed to be cut. This individual informed Councilman Horne that they were unable to cut their grass because of the rain that we had received. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that the Chief of Police made a list of addresses with tall grass and the office staff was instructed to mail the letters.

M. Councilman Bass: Councilman Bass stated that the vacant house across from the park needs to have the bushes cut back due to the fact that someone can hide behind them. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that the Town would trim the bushes.

Councilman Bass stated that his recycle bin was not being picked up. Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Board that he will have the office staff call Waste Industries to file a complaint.

N. Councilwoman Rhodes: Councilwoman Rhodes informed the Board that there is a utility pole by the Baptist Church that is leaning. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that the pole has been tested and passed inspection.

Councilwoman Rhodes asked when the streets could be repaired. Town Manager Gary Davis stated that hopefully work will be done before the end of the next Fiscal Year.

At this time, Councilwoman Rhodes stated that the vines at the cemetery were growing back and needed to be taken care of before they get out of hand again. Mr. Davis stated that he would have the vines taken care of.

O. Councilman Dew: Councilman Dew asked Town Manager Gary Davis how things were going with clearing an acre at the Creek. Mr. Davis stated that it had been too wet to clear, but that it is on the schedule.

Councilman Dew asked Mr. Davis how things were going with the new well. Mr. Davis stated that they were working on the Preliminary Engineering Report.

At this time, Councilman Dew requested that the Appearance Committee meet to discuss the next step for the Seal Building.

P. Councilwoman Grice: Councilwoman Grice asked Town Manager Gary Davis when they could expect him to spray for mosquitoes. Mr. Davis informed the Council that he would be spraying soon.

Q. Mayor: Mayor Edmundson informed the Council that he had received a complaint about the Town cutting grass early in the morning. Mr. Davis stated that some properties, such as around businesses, have to be cut early to avoid traffic and pedestrians.

Mayor Edmundson informed the Board that the Town of Stantonburg's former Wastewater Operator, Ben Smith has passed away.

Councilman Horne made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bass seconded the motion with all Council members voting in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha Bailey
Town Clerk, Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

