



**Stanley Town Council Regular Meeting
Official Minutes
Monday, January 10, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Stanley Town Council was held on Monday, January 10, 2022 at the Town Hall. The following elected officials and staff were present:

Steven Denton, Mayor	Heath Jenkins, Town Manager
Cathy Kirkland, Mayor Pro-Tem	Olga Grishin, Town Clerk
Bud Pate, Council Member	Craig Roseberry, Public Works (absent)
Kerry Hart, Council Member	Derek Summey, Police Chief (absent)
Leigh Anna Helms, Council Member	Tug Deason, Recreation Director
Rob McMinn, Council Member (absent)	Eric Hullet, Fire Department

Call to Order:

Mayor Denton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation:

Council member Pate gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

All citizens present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

An item was added to the agenda under Old Business – Resolution to approve automated meter project.

Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion to approve the revised agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland made a motion to approve the agenda, and Council Member Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to approve the December 6, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Helms made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Comments

Mr. Crisp asked the Town to send an email explaining the bidding process.

Appointment of Dana Baker to Stanley Total Living Center Board

Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion to approve the appointment of Dana Baker. Council Member Pate made a motion of appointment, and Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

Audit Presentation

Richard Hart, Manager from the Auditing Firm, presented 2021 audit summery. He went over the role of the external auditor. He broke it down into three categories: Actions (plan & perform procedures, obtain reasonable assurance, free from material misstatement), results (express opinion) and required communications (policy changes, estimates, journal entries). There are three significant audit areas: statement of activities (revenue, expenses, including payroll), statement of net position (cash, accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll and related liabilities), other items like capital assets, debt, deferred inflows and outflows, net position, related parties, and estimates. Local Government Commission required minimum threshold is 34%, the Town of Stanley is at 40.49% as of 2021. LGC performance indicators – quick ratio-water and sewer is 2.84 for the Town. LGC required minimum threshold is equal or greater than 1.00

LGC Performance Indicators – Water and Sewer

Performance Indicator	2021	Minimum Threshold
Operating Net Income (loss) excluding depreciation+ debt service principal	\$370,145	Greater than \$0
Unrestricted cash / Total expenses less depreciation + debt service principal	44.52%	Greater than 16% (2 months)

Audit Report –

- ✓ Submitted within five (5) months from fiscal year end.
- ✓ Budgeted tax levy for the General Fund had less than 3% uncollected
- ✓ Effective pre-audit process to avoid pervasive budget violations
- ✓ No statutory violation within Audit Report
- ✓ No issue with debt covenants

One Item Requiring Response to LGC:

- Currently listed on Unit Assistance List

Public Hearing:

Ordinance Approving Voluntary Annexation of Parcel 213458 and 176556 (Arbordale Phase 5)

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Helms made a motion to open the public hearing, and Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

No comments were received from the Council or Public.

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland made a motion to close the public hearing, and Council Member Jones seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to approve ordinance of voluntary annexation. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the ordinance, and Council Member Helms seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Approve the final high offer bid on Town owed property on Valley Street (Old Water Plant)

Mayor Denton noted that a legal ad was placed for a bid process. There were no offset bids received by the Town. The original and the highest bid was \$10,000 submitted by Mr. Dimmer. The Council did not accept the offer. The Council gave an instruction to the Town Manager to proceed with the sealed bidding process.

Resolution to Approve an Automated Meter Project

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Council Member Helms made a motion to approve the resolution, and Council Member Jones seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Discussion of Solid Waste Disposal Fees

The Town is looking into ways to decrease the rates for the waste disposal. It was discussed the possible rate increase for the Town's citizens as the Town can no longer absorb the cost.

Department Reports

The Finance report was presented.

The Public Works report was submitted.

The Recreation Department report was submitted.

The Fire Department report was submitted.

The Police Department report was submitted.

The Town Manager presented an update on a new welcome sign. An easement agreement is to be signed. Duke Energy was contacted to locate a power line at each of the signs to be lit at night.

Council Member Helms announced that the Beautification Committee would present their award “Best Christmas Decoration” at the next Council Meeting.
Council Member Helms reminded everyone about the annual cleanup at the Cemetery on February 26th. March 6th will be a make-up date.

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to go into a closed session pursuant to NC G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) involving a personnel matter. Council Member Helms made a motion, Council Member Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Council came out of the Closed session at approximately 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Jones made a motion, Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:

Steven Denton – Mayor

(OFFICIAL TOWN SEAL)

Heath Jenkins – Town Manager

Olga Grishin - Town Clerk