



**Stanley Town Council Regular Meeting
Official Minutes
Monday, March 7, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Stanley Town Council was held on Monday, March 7, 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 Director
Chad Jones, Council Member	Derek Summey, Police Chief
Leigh Anna Helms, Council Member	Tug Deason, Recreation Director
Rob McMinn, Council Member (absent)	Kevin Haney, Finance Director (absent)
	Daniel Hendrix, Public Works
	Eric Withers (absent)

Call to Order:

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

Invocation:

Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

All citizens present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion to approve the 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 February 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Helms made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Council Member Jones seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Comments

Don Everhart, 1341 Mt Zion Church Rd, Stanley, commented on a rezoning matter of the parcel off Mariposa Rd. He wants to encourage new families to come to the community and get a quality education. He is supporting a rezoning and Charter School. The parcel across the street was approved for townhomes, it will bring 200 new families into the Town. The Town Would need more jobs and schools.

Eddie McGinnis, 302 General AS Johnston St, Stanley. Mr. McGinnis stated the only reason they were at the Council meeting that night was that the Planning Board was not in favor of the rezoning. He noted that there were not many people who liked charter schools. But Charter Schools encourage competition.

Jeremy Rumpf, 324 Louise Dr, Stanley, NC. Having school choices will draw people to Stanley.

Nicole Anthony, 442 Nawow Gauge St, Dallas. She is a mom of two kids. She talked about the transportation plans of the Charter School. The school works hard to meet all DOT and Town of Stanley requirements and concerns regarding traffic congestion and traffic patterns at the school off Mauney Rd. Some examples of these improvements have been a bus system adding additional locations for morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups. Community public charter school has made using the school lessons more convenient and attractive to families like hers, cutting down car traffic coming to school. They have stagger drop-off and pick-up times for car riders.

Ben Harkey, 407 W Central Ave, Mt. Holly. Mr. Harkey wanted to encourage the Council's approval of the rezoning. Even though the community has excellent public school systems, the educational options aren't always the best. His son has special needs, and they sought an alternative that would best fit him. They found it at the charter school.

Jeremy Webb, 6709 Bellingham D, Mt. Holly. Mr. Webb's child goes to the Charter school, and he loves it. Everyone is super helpful. He touched base on the land itself. The school was able to go out and secure that land that was not listed for sale. It is currently zoned as industrial. They are not actually taking away from the property that is listed for sale. He thinks that also plays into a factor for the Town if the Town ever rezones it because there is no guarantee that industrial would be able to be built if the individual chose not to sell it. It is also an undeveloped area in the Town, so it would bring more people to that area, with all the travel back and forth down the road. It would benefit business on that road as well.

Public Hearing:

A. Ordinance Approving Voluntary Annexation of the parcel #305540 off Mariposa Road (Autumn Brook Subdivision)

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

No comments were received.

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

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

New Business:

A. Approve the final high offer bid on Town owed property at 320 Fourth Street, Stanley (Old Water Plant)

The final higher offer bid received was in the amount of \$30,000.

Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion to accept the bid of \$30,000. Council Member Helms made a motion, and Council Member Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Approve 2022 Legislative Agenda Resolution

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

C. Resolution in Support of Municipal Gap Filling Partnership with Climavision to install a Radar Unit on Town of Stanley Water Tower

Manager Jenkins provided a brief explanation about the project. There has been some lobbying on behalf of the Centralina Council government for quite some time over concern of national weather services radar systems that are located in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and Raleigh, North Carolina. They are the closest to the Stanley area. They have identified, not just in this area, but across places in the United States, where there are gaps in the radar systems that the National Weather service depends upon to issue tornado warnings and identify that action on the radar system itself. This puts the people who live in the area at a disadvantage, they have to rely on spotters or rely on an investigation after the fact to see if it was a tornado or a severe storm that caused the damage. The Town has been approached by the Farmer Vision Company that has a relationship with the national weather service. They are going across the county and identifying these gaps, and they are constructing radar units that need to be put in place to fill in those gaps. They basically come in, sign a lease agreement with the Town, in our case with the city of Mount Holly together, and then they pay for the lease of the tower to place the radar unit there. The Town will also have direct access to that radar information from the local emergency management, and also the Town will have access to that data. They would turn around and have an agreement with the national weather service where they would sell the data to them, and that is the partnership that we would not be involved in. It is no cost to the citizens, but it provides better protection for everybody in case there is a severe weather or tornado.

Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion to approve a resolution in support of municipal gap filling partnership with Climavision. Council Member Pate made a motion, and Council Member Helms seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

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.

No Town's Manager report was presented

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Mayor Denton asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Pate made a motion, Council Member Jones 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