



**Stanley Town Council Meeting
Official Minutes
Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Stanley Town Council was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 in the Stanley Town Hall Council Chambers. The following elected officials and staff were present:

Andrew Quinley, Mayor
Danny Sparrow, Mayor Pro-tem
Bud Pate, Council Member
Cathy Kirkland, Council Member
Rob McMinn, Council Member
Kerry Hart, Council Member

Jim Windham, Town Attorney
Heath Jenkins, Town Manager
Tug Deason, Recreation Director
Catherine Greder, Town Clerk

Call to Order:

Mayor Quinley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation:

Council Member Rob McMinn gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

All citizens present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Quinley requested that high grass be added to the agenda as item I.

Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Sparrow made a motion to accept the agenda and Council Member Bud Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Quinley asked for a motion to accept the August 1, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Kerry Hart made a motion to accept the minutes and Council Member Rob McMinn seconded the motion. A vote was held the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments & Presentations:

- A. Citizen Comments** – Mayor Quinley asked if there were any citizen comments, there were none.

Old Business:

- A. Precinct 43 Polling Place Change** – Mayor Quinley asked if Manager Jenkins would cover this topic. Manager Jenkins stated that there were logistical issues with the Community Building serving as the polling place. Manager Jenkins stated that the polling place was changed to Christ's Lutheran Church after staff and Council discussions determined the Church would be a better fit. Mayor Quinley asked for clarification from Manager Jenkins and Town Clerk Catherine Greder if this would be posted on social media, the Town website and the Community Building. Council Member Kirkland asked if a notice could be posted in the office of Town Hall. Town Clerk Catherine Greder responded that she would do so. Council Member Kerry Hart recommended creating an announcement on the water bills to send to residents. Manager Jenkins stated that a note could be sent on the October bills. Manager Jenkins then stated that he could do a Blackboard call. Mayor Quinley stated that he did not want to do a Blackboard call. Recreation Director Tug Deason stated that he could place a banner in the yard of the Community Building. Mayor Quinley agreed. Council Member Rob McMinn asked if the Board of Elections would staff the Community Building on Election Day to direct voters to the proper location. Manager Jenkins stated that we could ask the Gazette for help with a press release.

New Business:

A. Request for Approval of Subdivision for Parcel 212514

Manager Jenkins addressed the Council regarding the application to subdivide parcel 212514. He stated that this is in the Town's ETJ and that the applicant currently owns the parcel in question and a neighboring parcel. The request is to subdivide parcel 212514 with the existing home and approximately one acre of land, which will be sold as-is and the remaining land of parcel 212514 would remain with the current owner. Manager Jenkins stated that the Planning Board has recommended to the Council to approve the subdivision and as the Zoning Administrator he also recommends approval of the application.

Mayor Quinley asked for a motion to approve the subdivision of parcel 212514. Council Member Rob McMinn made the motion and Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Sparrow seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Water System Asset Inventory and Assessment Resolution (AIAG)

Manager Jenkins stated that the Rural Water Association came and asked if the Town of Stanley would be interested in this program. The program automatically updates and

changes to the system in real-time. Manager Jenkins stated there is no cost to the Town for this application.

Mayor Quinley asked if there was a motion to approve the resolution. Council Member Cathy Kirkland made the motion. Council Member Kerry Hart seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution to Approve Financing Terms

Manager Jenkins stated that the law did not require that the Council approve this resolution but given the amount of money being financed, he wanted to bring this before the Council. He stated that this is to finance \$136,000 at 1.97% and he recommends that at that rate, the Council move forward.

Mayor Quinley asked if there was a motion to approve the resolution. Council Member Bud Pate made the motion. Council Member Rob McMinn seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rob McMinn then asked if this was for three vehicles. Manager Jenkins clarified that this financing is for four vehicles plus installation of equipment.

D. Gaston County Image Campaign

Manager Jenkins stated that local restaurants are promoting the GO Campaign in the upcoming month. Manager Jenkins also stated that the Town's invoice for participation came down from last year. Manager Jenkins stated that this amount is already included in the budget. Mayor Quinley asked if any of the restaurants in Stanley are participating. Manager Jenkins stated that he was not sure and if the restaurants are not chamber members, they may not know about the campaign.

Council Member Rob McMinn asked if there were any goals put in place to determine if the Town's contributions were justified. Manager Jenkins stated that when the campaign started, there was 100% participation from all municipalities. Manager Jenkins stated that we did not want to be the one town that did not participate. He also stated that the way that the money is paid, Stanley, Bessemer City, Cramerton and Dallas have one vote collectively. Mayor Quinley questioned the other municipalities having more votes. Council Member McMinn asked how we can get two votes. Council Member McMinn stated that it did not make sense if we *did* give the same money, we would still only get one vote. Manager Jenkins stated that there has only been one vote thus far that was very important and he felt that the right decision was made. Manager Jenkins also stated that he was very pleased with the GO Campaign video and the way it showcased Harper Park. Council Member Rob McMinn stated that he would like to see more town participation. Manager Jenkins stated that we are going to be hanging GO Campaign banners between Town of Stanley banners on Main St. Manager Jenkins stated that he has not felt slighted one time at meetings. Mayor Quinley asked if there were Council members from any other town involved. Manager Jenkins stated that the steering committee is all managers. Manager Jenkins stated that voting has been a fair process

and larger municipalities were outvoted when it came to the logo. Council Member McMinn stated that marketing to people in Town does not bring new people to Town, but marketing outside of Town would bring new people into Town. Manager Jenkins stated that the first phase of the GO Campaign was marketing Gaston County to Realtors in other counties, particularly Mecklenburg county.

E. Community Development Block Grant/State Reserve Project Resolutions

Manager Jenkins stated that last year the Town applied for the Community Development Block Grant and we did not receive the grant. Manager Jenkins stated that this process is very competitive and there were many applicants last year. We received our score sheet back and it stated that we should have plugged in a higher number.

Manager Jenkins introduced RJ Mozeley with McGill and Associates. RJ Mozeley addressed the Council stating that to be eligible for the CDBG program, the project must serve residents below low-moderate income. He stated that the State took over the CDBG program 18-24 months ago and implementing a system to use funds for infrastructure projects across the state. The Town of Stanley scored 53 or 54 points last time. RJ Mozeley stated that our efforts since last year will allow the Town to be awarded more points, in the 80 range this year. RJ Mozeley stated that this is a strong score.

RJ Mozeley stated that many other applicants will have also revised their applications but he does not believe that many other applicants will have been able to add 30 points.

Manager Jenkins stated that he had also met with the State, RJ Mozeley and Craig Roseberry and the Director reviewed Stanley's application and gave us ideas where the Town could improve our score for this year. Manager Jenkins also stated that Craig has done a great job with the documentation that is needed for back-ups, spills, etc.

RJ Mozeley stated that they have been trying to create a paper trail to support the application. RJ Mozeley also stated that he is working to get our application submitted which is due on September 30, 2016.

Mayor Quinley asked if Manager Jenkins needed the Council to approve the resolutions.

Mayor Quinley asked if there was a motion to approve the Resolution to Apply. Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Sparrow made the motion. Council Member Kerry Hart seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed unanimously.

F. Water and Sewer Asset Management Resolution

The discussion for item F was included in the discussion of item E.

Mayor Quinley asked if there was a motion to approve the Water and Sewer Asset Management Resolution. Council Member Cathy Kirkland made the motion. Council Member Bud Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Quinley asked what the turn-around time for the application would be. RJ stated that the

Code of Ordinances. Mayor Quinley asked that staff begin the research to change the code to reflect quicker turnaround and deter repeat offenders. Manager Jenkins stated that he would be happy to get more information to the Council regarding the changes. Mayor Quinley asked if Public Works employees keep a file of violations they see. Manager Jenkins explained that they report clear violations to Town Hall for review. Manager Jenkins also stated that there is a Code Enforcement Complaint Form online. Manager Jenkins also stated that the Police Department watches for violations and Chief Summey reports these to Manager Jenkins. Manager Jenkins explained that the County now has a paralegal that does foreclosures in-house.

Citizen Comments: Ms. Cope presented the Council with a CD that holds information on veterans buried at Christ's Lutheran Church Cemetery. She then presented Dominic and Salvador who presented the Stanley Cemetery annex to the Mayor. Ms. Cope stated that the boys are doing this is part of their Eagle Scout Project. Manager Jenkins took a moment to recognize the boys and tell them that the skills they are learning now will help them throughout their entire lives.

Ms. Cope stated that on October 15, 2016 at 8 am, any volunteers that would like to take part in cleaning and repairing the tombstones at the cemetery may join the scouts and the Beta Club from Stanley Middle as well as students from East Gaston, and various church members. On October 22, 2016 there will be a dinner Fundraiser to raise money for tombstone repairs. Ms. Cope stated that she would bring tickets to Town Hall for staff to sell.

Manager Jenkins also mentioned that Town Hall has the Stanley History books available for purchase when the museum is closed. They are currently on special for \$18 and would go up to \$20.

Department Reports:

Finance Department: Mayor Quinley stated that the finance reports are in the Council's agenda packet.

Public Works: Manager Jenkins stated that Public Works Director Craig Roseberry has included a report in the agenda packet.

Recreation: Recreation Director Tug Deason stated that the gym is preparing for sheetrock. Manager Jenkins recognized Mr. Deason for his patience and dedication to the gymnasium project. Mr. Deason stated that basketball starts in January and the gym would be ready by the first of the year. He also explained that they have selected different flooring after seeing the original flooring in person and finding that the new option would be of higher quality. He stated that the flooring that was originally planned to be used and was viewed at another location needed repairs after a few years. Mr. Deason stated that the new floors will be stained with Stanley on both ends of the court and the logo in the middle.

Manager Jenkins stated that he was putting Recreation Director Deason on the spot with his question, but wanted to know what conversation has occurred regarding the Kiser Gym. Mr. Deason stated that the Optimist Club has approached him because they need the building for their events. He stated that he has recommended the Optimist Club go to their Board and propose \$5,000 a year for 10 years. He stated that they would need their own people to look at it. Mayor Quinley questioned if the Town could give the gym to the Optimist Club. Council Member Rob McMinn stated that he had the same thought and that they would be solely responsible for the building. Mr. Deason stated that he had no problem giving the gym to the Optimist Club. Mayor Quinley stated that if the Town did \$5,000 a year and at the end it did not work out, the Town would be stuck to it. Mr. Deason explained that if we received \$5,000 per year, at the end of 10 years, that would be another \$50,000 toward the gymnasium cost.

Manager Jenkins stated that there was controversy over keeping the gym at Kiser previously. Mayor Quinley stated that he was in favor of using money where we can. He stated that he is fine trying to sell it to the Optimist Club and if they do not want to buy it, give it to them. Council Member Rob McMinn stated that he was not sure we should sell something that was given to us. Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Sparrow and Council Member Cathy Kirkland expressed that the Town has put a lot of money into the Kiser Gym. Manager Jenkins stated that he did not believe there was a scenario where someone could finance the purchase of the gym. Recreation Director Deason explained that the Town would be the bank in this scenario.

Police: Manager Jenkins explained that Chief Summey was out sick today so he did not have a report.

Fire: Mayor Quinley stated that the Fire Department reports were included in the agenda packet.

Clerk's Report: Mayor Quinley asked if the Town Clerk had anything to share. Catherine stated that since Manager Jenkins and Recreation Director Tug Deason would never brag on themselves, she would like to mention that they were each recognized as Homegrown Heroes by the Gaston County School System.

On Friday, the Charlotte Hornets mascot, Hugo, went to Kiser Elementary School with the "Book Bus" and the children really enjoyed the assembly.

Council Comments:

Council Member Cathy Kirkland stated that the Stanley Area Business Association meeting would be on Thursday.

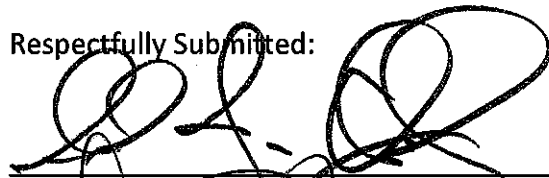
Council Member Kerry Hart stated that she met with the Brevard Station Museum and Council Members would be running the museum on Saturdays from 10-2. She also stated that she has volunteered to open the museum on weekdays for student fieldtrips.

Mayor Quinley stated that the Brevard Station Museum books are now available. Council Member Kerry Hart stated that the museum would have a booth at Country Fest where they would honor the sale price of \$18.

Adjournment of regular meeting and enter closed session:

Mayor Quinley asked if there was a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Council Member Kerry Hart made the motion and Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Sparrow seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

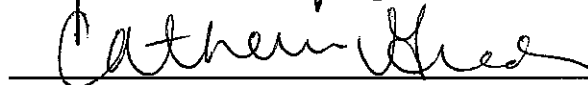
Respectfully Submitted:



Andrew Quinley – Mayor



Heath Jenkins – Town Manager



Catherine Greder - Town Clerk

(OFFICIAL TOWN SEAL)