

**Stanley Town Council Meeting
Official Minutes
Monday, July 10, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Stanley Town Council was held on Monday, July 10, 2017 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
Catherine Greder, Town Clerk
Derek Summey, Police Chief
Olivia Smith, Finance Director
Will Keller, Fire Chief

Call to Order:

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

Invocation:

Council Member Kerry Hart gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

All citizens present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Quinley added D. Signs and Bedding to Old Business. Mayor Quinley asked if there were any other additions, clarifications or deletions. There were none. Mayor Quinley asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Cathy Kirkland made a motion to accept the agenda and Council Member Kerry Hart seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Quinley asked for a motion to accept the June 5, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Sparrow made a motion to accept the minutes and Council Member Bud Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments & Presentations: Mayor Quinley asked if there were any citizen comments related to the agenda items. There were none.

Old Business:

A. Public Hearing – Voluntary Annexation of Springfield Baptist Church

Mayor Quinley asked if there was a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Kerry Hart made the motion and Council Member Rob McMinn seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Manager Jenkins explained that this had been a discussion many times before and that the Church has signed the necessary documents. Mayor Quinley asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

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

Mayor Quinley asked if there was a motion to approve the annexation. Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Sparrow made the motion and Council Member Rob McMinn seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Logo

Mayor Quinley explained that the logo is Stanley specific because of the significance of the long-leaf magnolia here. Council Member Bud Pate shared that he would like to see more veins in the leaves. Council Member Rob McMinn stated that he liked the logo. Mayor Pro-Tem Sparrow stated that he liked the bigger bloom in the first version of the logo and the leaves of the second version with the veins in the leaves. Council Member Rob McMinn stated that he would like to see “A Friendly Place” underneath the logo. The Clerk will request the revisions from the artist and have the revisions for the Council.

C. Phase II Project Schedule

Mayor Quinley requested an updated schedule for the Phase II Sewer Project at the last Council Meeting. Manager Jenkins provided the scheduled to the Council and explained that there have been some delays as a result of the many storms we have experienced this summer. Manager Jenkins commended the Public Works Director on

his efforts to work through some issues with pump stations. Manager Jenkins explained that rock quantities are over, but the project is being closely managed. He stated that Phase II has gone much more smoothly than Phase I.

D. Welcome to Stanley Signs

Mayor Quinley asked that the Welcome to Stanley signs be made to look better and more consistent. Manager Jenkins stated that he would address this matter.

New Business:

A. Special Events and Fireworks Regulations and Permitting

Manager Jenkins explained that there was a breakdown in communication during a recent request for a firework show. Manger Jenkins explained that it is important to have a policy in place with clear expectations for each department involved and regulations that will promote safety during any such events. Manager Jenkins explained that this rough draft is for the Council to review this month and provide feedback. Mayor Pro-Tem Sparrow asked what cost would be associated with the permit. Manager Jenkins stated that \$50-100 would be reasonable. Council Member Rob McMinn asked if there should be a charge to cover fire coverage at a special event. Manager Jenkins explained that yes, the applicant should be responsible for the police and/or fire coverage expenses. Mayor Quinley asked that the Council take the next one-two weeks to review the application and let Manager Jenkins know if they have any questions or suggestions. Mayor Quinley explained that the Council would review this again next month.

B. Brunch Bill

Mayor Quinley explained that the Gazette approached him via email. He replied and copied Manager Jenkins. The Town only has one business that serves alcohol and they are not open on Sunday. Mayor Quinley explained that there is nothing stopping the Town from looking at this down the road, but right now the Brunch Bill would not apply to us.

Citizen Comments: Mayor Quinley asked if there were any comments. There were none.

Department Reports:

Finance Department: The financial reports were provided to the Council.

Public Works: Mr. Roseberry is on vacation.

Recreation: Mr. Deason was not present as his new grandson was born. Council Member Kerry Hart gave an update on baseball tournaments.

Fire: Chief Keller addressed the Council and stated that the Department had eight calls for service during the last major thunderstorm. They had a house fire and were faced with down power lines and other obstacles in responding. The homeowner did have insurance and the fire is still under investigation. The Fire Marshal stated that this was a very unusual fire. Chief Keller

believes it was lightning related. Chief Keller stated that there were additional calls during the house fire and there was a back log because there was no one to respond. Mayor Quinley asked what other kind of calls typically come in during a storm. Chief Keller explained that calls vary from trees blocking the roadway, power lines down, etc. Chief Keller stated he plans to have a year-end fiscal report to the Council.

Police: Chief Summey addressed the Council. He provided the report to the Council. Chief Summey also stated that they are targeting speeding, drugs and other items by utilizing license checks and being seen in the community. Chief Summey stated that National Night Out will be in the Valley Street area.

Council Member Cathy Kirkland asked Chief Summey if they have a cage car. Chief Summey explained that Officers place offenders in the front seat so they can keep an eye on them. If it becomes a concern, our Officers will call the County and request a cage car.

Council Member Bud Pate asked about the drug problem around Ridge and Valley. Chief Summey stated that the Police Department is working diligently to clean up these areas and has been working with the Town Clerk to work these and other areas from the Code Enforcement side. Chief Summey thanked the Clerk for her work specifically on one property on Third Street. Mayor Pro-Tem Sparrow asked if the text alerts were still active. Chief Summey explained that one of the Officers is working on an app for the Department. Council Member Kirkland asked if there was an update on radios. Manager Jenkins explained that at the Manager Meeting, it was discussed that the project isn't moving forward at this time because there is not enough funding.

Manager's Report: Manager Jenkins stated that he did not have any additional information beyond his written report.

Manager Jenkins asked for clarification on the Council's direction concerning Mr. Hacker's property next to the Lutheran Church. Mayor Quinley stated his concern was the price. Manager Jenkins explained that the buildings have historical significance. Manager Jenkins asked the Department of Commerce about any grant funds. Mayor Quinley asked for that information before the Council makes a decision. Council Member Bud Pate shared his concerns about the building's safety. Council Member Cathy Kirkland stated that she would be upset to see the buildings be torn down.

Council Comments:

Council Member Rob McMinn asked about the status of the Ordinance update. The Town Clerk shared that she has reached out to the Gazette and asked for public hearing advertisements to create a complete list of ordinance updates.

Council Member Cathy Kirkland asked about code enforcement. The Town Clerk explained that we have seen some success but had to wait for the new fiscal year to have the funds to abate many of the problem properties.

Council Member Bud Pate asked who abated the property on Third Street. Manager Jenkins explained that the Town of Stanley abated the property and will assess to taxes. The Town Clerk explained that she has contacted the County and they have begun the foreclosure process.

The Council asked about some individual properties. The Town Clerk explained that there are close to 100 properties with active code enforcement files. The Town Clerk further explained that many of the properties with violations are owned by the same few people and the mailing addresses are different and therefore the owners are not occupying the homes.

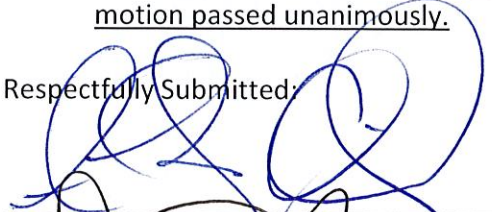
Council Member Rob McMinn asked about the camper that may be occupied. Manager Jenkins stated that he is still working on.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sparrow asked Public Works to take a look at the people dumping items in front of vacant property so they aren't billed for the removal. Mr. Ritter stated that he would look into this.


Adjournment of regular meeting:

Mayor Quinley asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Council Member Kerry Hart made the motion. Council Member Bud Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:



Andrew Quinley – Mayor



Heath Jenkins – Town Manager



Catherine Greder - Town Clerk

