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**Stanley Town Council Meeting  
Official Minutes  
Monday, March 7, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Stanley Town Council was held on Monday, March 7, 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  
Kerry Hart, Council Member  
Rob McMinn, Council Member

Jim Windham, Town Attorney  
Heath Jenkins, Town Manager  
Craig Roseberry, Public Works Director  
Tug Deason, Recreation Director  
Derek Summey, Police Chief

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***Call to Order:***

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

***Invocation:***

Council Member Cathy Kirkland gave the invocation.

***Pledge of Allegiance:***

All citizens present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Approval of Agenda:***

Mayor Quinley added Capital Project Budget for Gymnasium under New Business and asked for a motion to accept the March 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda. Council Member Kirkland 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 February 1, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Rob McMinn made a motion to accept the minutes and Council Member Kerry Hart provided the seconded the motion. A vote was held the motion passed unanimously.

**Citizen Comments & Presentations:**

- A. **Special Presentations** – The Mayor stated there were no Special Presentations.
- B. **Citizen Recognition** – The Mayor asked if there were any other citizen comments concerning the Agenda items. There were none

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

- A. **Appointment to the Stanley Total Living Center Board of Directors-**

The Community Pentecostal Holiness Church of Stanley submitted a letter requesting Tony Stewart be appointed to replace Dennis Queen. Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Sparrow made a motion to approve. Council Member Kerry Hart seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

- B. **Approval of 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget Schedule:**

The Mayor brought to the attention to the Council the calendars provided in the Council Agenda Packet to discuss the potential dates for the work sessions. The Mayor requested potential conflicts with dates in April. Council Member Hart stated Wednesdays were not good days for her. Council Member Rob McMinn has a conflict with the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016. The Mayor requested the Manager what schedule worked best for him. Manager responded the Manager and staff would accommodate whatever schedule the Council wished. Mayor responded with scheduling a meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016 and then another work session on May 2, 2016, following the regular Council meeting. The Manager commented that he would attempt to keep the agenda light so we would not be there too late. The Mayor stated that another work session would be scheduled if needed at a later date. The Mayor asked the Town Attorney if a vote was necessary for the budget schedule and the Mr. Windham responded no, a vote was not necessary.

- C. **Approval of Resolution to Proceed with Condemnation of Easements Related to Stanley Sewer Project, Phase II.**

The Mayor requested the Manager to explain Item C. The Manager reported that this resolution was necessary due to the timing of the project and potential dates we would bid the project. The Manager explained that he felt two of the three easements could be settled; however, one easement would need to be condemned due to the complexity of the estate involved with the Derr property.

Mayor Quinley asked for a motion and Council Member Rob McMinn made the motion and Council Member Bud Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

**D. Request to Approve Resolution In Support of Naming Stanley Middle School in Honor of Neb Hollis.**

The Manager noted two minor changes in the wording. One change is under the second Whereas, it states it should be "signed with the Cleveland Indians" not "drafted with Cleveland Indians". The second correction is under the 5<sup>th</sup> Whereas, should state "remained until 1985", and the third correction is concerning the portion of the resolution speaks to his membership in the Stanley Masonic Lodge, It should state, "for over 50 years".

The Mayor asked if any of the Council had questions involving this resolution. Council Member Hart asked if the mascot would remain the same. Manger Jenkins explained that it would not affect the mascot.

Council Member Rob McMinn asked if it was necessary to vote on the resolution tonight. He had some concerns over naming of the school without knowing more information about Mr. Hollis and about how the Community feels about the name change. Mayor Pro-Temp Danny Sparrow stated that it is only a recommendation to the School Board. Mayor Pro-Temp provided the dates of the progress of the design, etc. The Council was in consensus to table the issue until next month. Manager Jenkins asked the Council if they would like him to take any action regarding this issue. Manager Jenkins offered to put information out for public comment and input. Council McMinn agreed that we should seek further input from the Community.

**Citizen Comments:** Mayor asked for Citizen Comments, there were none

***Department Reports:***

**Public Works:** No report at this time.

**Finance:** No report at this time. Finance report has been added to Council Packet.

**Recreation:** No report at this time.

**Police:** Chief Summey presented information regarding the abuse of prescription medication and how this has impacted the Stanley Community. Chief Summey provided a hand out regarding this problem. Chief Summey presented that it is heavily documented that prescription medication has impacted Stanley. The handout provided information about the problem across the Country.<sup>1</sup> Chief Summey reported that Stanley Police would be participating in a program through North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition, to provide officers with Naloxone <sup>R</sup>. to officers on the street.

Naloxone<sup>®</sup> is an antidote for someone overdosing on opioids. Chief Summey reported the North Carolina is one of the leading states with reported overdoses by opioids. He reported that many of those who abuse the medications, like Oxycodone<sup>®</sup> and OxyContin<sup>®</sup>, also resort to using Heroin which is a street drug, all of which comes from the poppy plant and become abused. If those abusing these drugs overdose the only life-saving efforts available were at the hospital in an emergency room. Chief Summey reported that now his officers would be one of fifty other agencies across North Carolina that will be carrying Naloxone, auto injectors so Stanley Police officers can administer the life-savings drugs to those overdosing from opioids. Council Member McMinn asked if Naloxone was the same as similar products that utilize a spray. Chief Summey explained it was similar but this method was safer because it would be utilized just like an epi-pen. Chief Summey explained that most agencies after receiving Naloxone usually have a save within a month. Chief Summey stated that drug abuse and drug-overdoses cover all socioeconomic groups. Chief Summey reported that one in four teenagers have admitted to abusing some type of prescription medication. Chief Summey reported the Stanley Police also has a drop box where these drugs can be dropped off in a safe method to get these drugs out of the hands of teenagers. Chief Summey explained this was just another tool for law enforcement to save lives, that it is mostly white, middle age people that are overdosing on these types of medication and 90% of crime is driven by drugs and the affects thereof. Mayor Pro-Tem asked how the Naloxone<sup>®</sup> would be distributed. Chief Summey reported that each officer would have the kit in their front pocket. Mayor Quinley asked why only fifty departments are carrying Naloxone<sup>®</sup>. If you obtain a prescription from a doctor the kit would be over \$650.00. Chief Summey explained how the kit works and how the drugs will reverse the overdose immediately. Council Member Kirkland asked how to obtain more if needed and Chief Summey explained they would provide more anytime at no cost. Mayor Pro-Tem Sparrow asked how long the shelf life was for Naloxone<sup>®</sup>. Chief Summey explained a couple years and then they replace the kits with new ones and give the expired ones away, because they still work. Mr. Windham, the Town Attorney asked what were the signs of when to utilize these kits. Chief Summey reported there were several, including a family member will find them and they know they abuse medication. The victim may have a needle in their arm or other evidence will be presented to the officer when arriving on the call. Chief Summey offered to test the kit on Manager Jenkins and he respectfully declined. Mayor Quinley also declined. Council McMinn asked what Gaston County was doing to address the large number of overdose deaths related to prescription medication abuse. Chief Summey asked for clarification and Council Member McMinn if there are any programs. Chief Summey explained that many programs are out there. Some abusers go to Methadone<sup>®</sup> clinics. Chief Summey also explained that some of the drugs prevent the abuser from crushing the pills and some don't. Manager Jenkins explained that pharmaceutical companies were forced by the federal government to reformulate OxyContin<sup>®</sup> because of the large number of overdose deaths related to abuse by crushing the drugs.

Council Member Bud Pate commented that people have been educated about the dangers so why would people do it. Chief Summey explained that it is an escape from reality. Council Member Bud Pate went on to explain that it makes no sense to him. Chief Summey explained that another problem is the mixing of certain other medications with opioids cause overdose deaths. Manager Jenkins explained to about the accessibility of the drugs driving this problem and that hydrocodone has surpassed marijuana as the most abused drug among high school teenagers. Council Pate commented that while on a mission trip he heard that many people request for prescriptions from their doctor and then come back and sell it. Chief Summey explained that many on Medicaid can pay just a few dollars for 90 pills and then sell on the street for one dollar a milligram. Chief Summey went on to say that the line item in the budget called "special funds" is for buy money to purchase drugs in undercover operations. Chief Summey also covered the importance of having an investigator to help do these operations.

Chief Summey stated that Sgt. Abernethy had undergone quadruple bypass surgery and was doing well and was lucky to be alive and the Lord had been good to him. Chief Summey also reported that Chris Montgomery's wife has also been very sick and in the hospital. Chief Summey also asked if anyone had concerns from the public to please call him.

**Fire Department Report** - Mayor Quinley asked if there was a fire department report. Manager Jenkins explained he had received via email and he would forward to Council to save printing cost on color copies.

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 there will be a fund raiser at the Community Building to raise money to help Jim Abernethy cover some of his hospital and doctor bills related to his surgery and hospital stay. Tug Deason reported it will be \$5.00 for a hotdog plate. He further reported that it will go from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**Manager's Report** - Manager explained he didn't have much to add to his recent Weekly Manager's Report to Council. Manager reported that he had conducted one interview last week and several more this week for the Clerk position. Manager Jenkins reported that the one post on Facebook reached over 8,000 people according to the online reports. The Manager asked the Council had any questions.

Council Member Kerry Hart asked a question about tree trimming in Stanley. Manager Jenkins reported that we had to remove several trees from the local cemetery, at our cost. He explained that we didn't own the cemetery but paid those cost. Manager Jenkins reported that we remove trees if reported as a public safety issue.

Council Member Hart went on to say that the local power company had trimmed a tree and left it in pretty bad shape on Main Street. Manager Jenkins reported that he would be attending a meeting next week with Duke Energy to discuss some of these issues.

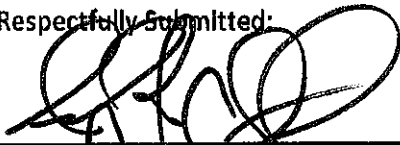
Council Member Kirkland reported she attending the Stanley Area Business Association Meeting at the Stanley Total Living Center and the program was from Charlotte Region and Catawba County Hospice that operate a facility similar to the Robin Johnson House. She further reported that they do a free camp at Camp Thunderbird for kids who have lost parents at Camp Thunderbird. The next meeting of SABA will be this Thursday at 12:00 p.m. at Stanley Total Living Center.


Mayor Quinley reported that two weeks ago there was meeting at the Brevard Station Museum and Rep. John Torbett was the host to discuss transportation and other Important topics. Mayor Quinley reported it was a good meeting. Mayor Quinley reported that he also had a code enforcement complaint he has shared with the Manager for follow-up, at 114 West Park Drive, Stanley, NC. Mayor Quinley asked if we ever heard from the fire department regarding complaints at the Citgo in Stanley about possible safety concerns. Manager Jenkins reported he did file a complaint with the fire chief but didn't ask for a full report back. Mayor Quinley asked for the Manager to follow-up on the burned home on Mauney Road and when it may come down. Manager Jenkins will follow-up with property owner. Mayor Quinley has concerns over the roads in Bennington Woods being damaged by the contractor finishing out the sub-division and hopes for more information at the next meeting.


***Adjournment:***

Mayor Quinley asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Council Member Kirkland made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Danny Sparrow seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Quinley adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Andrew Quinley - Mayor

  
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Heath Jenkins - Town Manager

  
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Heath Jenkins - Interim Town Clerk

