

**Stanley Town Council Meeting
Official Minutes
Monday, February 6, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Stanley Town Council was held on Monday, January 3, 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
Tug Deason, Recreation Director
Olivia Smith, Finance Director
Craig Roseberry, Public Works Director
Michael Hullett, Deputy Fire Chief

Call to Order:

Mayor Quinley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Invocation:

Council Member Bud Pate gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

All citizens present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Quinley advised the Council and audience that they should have expected a presentation from the Auditor, but his wife passed away unexpectedly and his presentation will be delayed until March.

Mayor Quinley requested that Bennington Woods Roads, item E be added under New Business. 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 January 3, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Rob McMinn 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. Town of Stanley Personnel Policy –Public Hearing

Mayor Quinley asked if there was a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Cathy Kirkland made the motion. Council Member Rob McMinn seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Manager Jenkins explained that the updated policy was completed with the assistance of Centralina Council of Government. The updated Policy incorporates all updated laws. He explained that the policy was outdated. Manager Jenkins stated he would be happy to answer any questions. Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Sparrow asked if Manager Jenkins had considered his recommended changes. Manager Jenkins stated that he did take into account Mayor Pro-Tem Sparrow's changes and that he was hesitant to make any changes due to the standardized practice of holding pre-disciplinary conferences. Mayor Quinley asked if there was a motion to approve the Personnel Policy as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Sparrow made the motion and Council Member Kerry Hart seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Quinley asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Kerry Hart made the motion and Council Member Bud Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Nuisance Ordinance – Public Hearing

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

Mayor Quinley explained that this topic came about as a result of many complaints received during last year's mowing season. Mayor Quinley explained that there was previously too much time required to be provided before abatement could be enforced and charged to the violator. Town Clerk Catherine Greder explained that the updated ordinance chapter shortens the time period from to 10 days and the height requirement from 8 inches to 5 inches. Mayor Quinley explained to the Council that they should remember these changes as they begin to receive inquiries regarding violations. Manager Jenkins explained that the fees will be able to be assessed to property taxes and that this will prompt owners to more quickly respond to violation notices. Council Member Cathy Kirkland asked if this applies to only grass. Town Clerk Catherine Greder responded that this applies to all nuisance violations. Council Member Rob McMinn asked about cars and junk. Town Clerk Catherine Greder confirmed, these items are included as well.

Mayor Quinley asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Cathy Kirkland made the motion and Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Sparrow seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

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

C. Creekwalk Stop Signs

Mayor Quinley explained that this topic came about during the last meeting. Mayor Quinley had a conversation with Mr. Roseberry and Manager Jenkins and discussed getting input from all Creekwalk residents and obtaining pricing for the signage.

Mr. Roseberry explained that the estimates he received were \$586.90 plus tax for decorative signs. Regular stop signs cost \$113.85 each. A decorative speed limit sign is \$543.90 and regular speed limit sign is \$87.85. Children at play signs cost \$543.90 and regular signs cost \$72.85. Decorative street name signs cost \$583.90 for one street name. This does not include a sign for the cross street. Regular street name signs are \$111.80.

Citizen Steve Denton has polled the residents. He has begun obtaining signatures on a petition and will bring that to the next meeting.

The Council discussed the costs and state requirements for signage. Mayor Quinley stated that the topic would be revisited during the next meeting.

New Business:

A. Recognition of Citizen, Forney Spargo's 100th Birthday

Mayor Quinley explained that we were contacted by Ms. Pate from Meals on Wheels regarding Mr. Spargo's birthday. Mayor Quinley and Manager Jenkins attended the ceremony honoring Mr. Spargo at Stanley Pentecostal Holiness Church.

B. Surcharges for Industrial Users

Mr. Roseberry explained that Two Rivers charges us, currently. He explained that unless we begin charging, we will be taking on these costs. We do not currently charge industrial users these surcharges. We have one customer that this would impact, they are aware of these fees. Council Member Rob McMinn questioned the charge percentage. Mr. Roseberry stated that this charge is standard across utility companies. Council Member Rob McMinn proposed adopting for 30-days, pending further review. Manager Jenkins requested approval through the new budget. Mayor Quinley proposed 90 days.

Mayor Quinley asked if there was a motion to adopt the surcharges for 90 days. Council Member Rob McMinn made the motion. Council Member Kerry Hart seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution to Declare Vehicles Surplus

Mayor Quinley informed the Council that the resolution was in their packet.

Mayor Quinley asked if there was a motion to adopt the resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Sparrow made the motion. Council Member Bud Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution to Approve Water Merger Study

Manager Jenkins explained that we are eligible to apply for a grant to do a study that may provide savings to the Town regarding our water contract. This request is to do a feasibility study.

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

E. Bennington Woods Roadways

Mayor Quinley explained that there is damage to roadways in Bennington Woods as a result of the construction traffic. Mr. Roseberry stated that he has had conversation with the contractor who has agreed to pay for damages. Mr. Roseberry stated that he has video of the damages areas. Mr. Roseberry stated that the contractor will be responsible for the next patch that they complete, an 8x8 area. Manager Jenkins explained that the Town has a previous verbal agreement with Mr. Huffstetler that he will repair the roadways.

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

Department Reports:

Finance Department: Mayor Quinley asked if the Council could receive the departmental reports with percentages. Manager Jenkins stated that they would be provided.

Public Works: Mr. Roseberry had no additional information to provide.

Recreation: Recreation Director Tug Deason addressed the Council. Mr. Deason thanked the Town for the ceremony last week, naming the new gym in his honor. Mr. Deason thanked the Town Clerk for her behind-the-scenes work for the ceremony.

Fire: Deputy Chief Hullett addressed the Council and went over reports for the month.

Deputy Chief Hullett stated that three firefighters are still mentoring at the schools. Jimmy Ingold was featured on the Gaston County Schools homepage.

Deputy Chief Hullett stated that the only update regarding radios is that County Police has announced they have selected the Viper system. Manager Jenkins informed the Council that we received a response from the County Commissioner, as a result of our resolution. The letter is addressed to Mayor Quinley and is the exact same letter, verbatim, that was sent to the Town of Dallas over a month ago. Manager Jenkins read the letter to the Council.

Manager's Report: Manager Jenkins stated following the monthly meeting for Phase II, Manager Jenkins, Mr. Roseberry and the representative from NCDENR walked the site. Manager Jenkins stated that the site looks good and the contractors and engineers have done a good job communicating with property owners in this phase. The Council reviewed photos of the site.

Council Comments: Mayor Quinley asked if there were any council comments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sparrow stated that the MPO meeting is cancelled.

Council Member Cathy Kirkland stated that the SABA has a new President. There was not a lot of business discussed at the last meeting. The meetings have good attendance.

Mayor Quinley stated that he, the Mayor Pro-Tem and Manager Jenkins attended the Montcross Chamber event the night prior.

Mayor Quinley asked when Gavel and Dorn would be doing their presentation. Manager Jenkins stated that Gavel and Dorn have solicited further assistance with the development of the Town's plan. Manager Jenkins stated that they are starting with other consultants and he will update the Council as possible.

Mayor Quinley asked about the plan for the budget season. Manager Jenkins stated that he has require the budgets be turned in by February 1st. The Finance Director and Joe will be plugging those numbers in immediately.

Mayor Quinley asked about the status of putting an AED in Town Hall. Manager Jenkins spoke with Chief Summey about relocating a unit from the Police Department to Town Hall.

Mayor Quinley stated that the facade of the Dover Building needs some repairs.

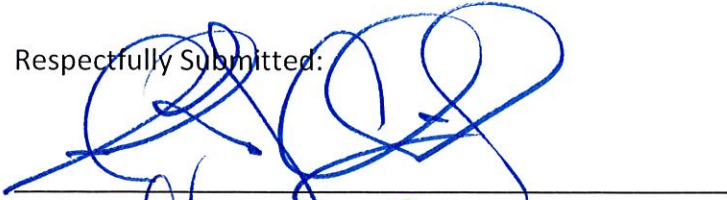
Mayor Quinley stated that he will be drafting a letter for a member of Troop 49.

Mayor Quinley asked where we stand with updating the Town's logo. The Manager and Clerk discussed that they had revisited the logo with the suggestion of the Magnolia. The Clerk is going to revisit the logo with some graphic design artists and provide something new to the Council.

Adjournment of regular meeting and enter closed session:

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

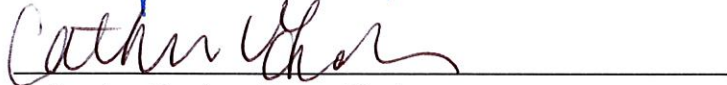
Respectfully Submitted:



Andrew Quinley – Mayor



Heath Jenkins – Town Manager



Catherine Greder - Town Clerk

