



**Stanley Town Council Meeting
Official Minutes
Monday, February 5, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Stanley Town Council was held on Monday, February 5, 2018 in Tug Deason Gymnasium. The following elected officials and staff were present:

Steven Denton, Mayor
Cathy Kirkland, Council Member
Rob McMinn, Council Member
Kerry Hart, Council Member
Bud Pate, Council Member
Danny Sparrow, Mayor Pro-Tem

Jim Windham, Town Attorney
Heath Jenkins, Town Manager
Catherine Greder, Town Clerk
Derek Summey, Police Chief
Olivia Smith, Finance Director
Will Keller, Fire Chief
Tug Deason, Recreation Director

Call to Order:

Mayor Denton called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Denton asked for a motion to approve the agenda. 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 Denton asked for a motion to accept the January 8, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Sparrow asked that the correction be made to show he was present. Council Member Kerry Hart made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction and Council Member Rob McMinn seconded the motion. A vote was held the motion passed unanimously.

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

Old Business:

A. Master Plan and Design Guidelines Presentation from Auggie Wong

Mr. Auggie Wong returned to present the final draft of the Master Plan to the Town Council. Mr. Wong explained that once the Master Plan is adopted, they will begin writing grants. Council Member McMinn asked about the overlay zoning. Mr. Wong confirmed that the proposed overlay is just for that area. The Council was very pleased with the Master Plan. Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion to accept the Master Plan.

Council Member Cathy Kirkland made a motion to accept the Master Plan and Council Member Bud Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

A. Budget Amendment Three – Off Duty Pay

Finance Director, Olivia Smith, explained that the budget amendment will account for off-duty paid to officers working shifts at the gymnasium. Manager Jenkins explained that this was discussed with the Recreation Director and Chief of Police and there was a strong feeling that police presence is needed during basketball season. Mayor Pro-Tem Sparrow asked if this was for both basketball and baseball. Manager Jenkins and Recreation Director Tug Deason explained that the current amendment is just for basketball at the gym.

Council Member Kerry Hart made a motion to approve the budget amendment and Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Sparrow seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments:

1. A representative, Bob Mahovsky, for Christ's Lutheran Church addressed the Council, staff and audience regarding concerns over responsibility for mowing of the cemetery. Mr. Mahovsky stated that he lives outside the Town limits and attends church at Christ's

Lutheran. A copy of Mr. Mahovsky's reference materials and presentation discussion is available for review at the Office of the Clerk. In sum, Mr. Mahovsky requested that the Council continue mowing the cemetery until he could establish alternate funding via fundraisers or other contributions. Furthermore, Mr. Mahovsky requested that the Town manage the funds collected, coordinate and publicly support fundraising for cemetery maintenance. Mayor Denton explained that he is not in favor of directing the Council to manage fundraising for the cemetery maintenance. Mayor Denton explained that he does not want the Town coordinating efforts for private property. Mayor Denton offered to make a contribution of his personal funds to show support as a leader of the Town. Mayor Denton asked Manager Jenkins how long the Town had been maintaining the cemetery. Manager Jenkins explained that the last major discussion was in 2008 and the Town has been maintaining the cemetery long before this date. Mr. Mahovsky explained that boy scouts and other organizations also shared in previous care of the cemetery. Mr. Mahovsky explained that his church does not have the funds to maintain the cemetery and they would go out of business. Mayor Denton asked when a certified letter was sent to the church. Manager Jenkins stated that a certified letter was sent on November 8, 2017 to both churches that have potential ownership of the property. The letter advised both churches that the Town would no longer maintain the cemetery, effective December 31, 2017. Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion to uphold the letter that was issued in November. Council Member McMinn asked if Mr. Mahovsky had requested until May to coordinate fundraising efforts. Mr. Mahovsky stated that a fundraising effort would make sense around Memorial Day. Mr. Mahovsky proposed that the relatives of those buried in the cemetery should be able to contribute annually to a fund for cemetery maintenance. Mr. Mahovsky asked about the cost of maintaining the cemetery. Manager Jenkins deferred to the Public Works Director, Craig Roseberry who explained that on average, mowing is approximately \$300 per time and over the course of the time the Town has been mowing the cemetery, it has cost the town tens of thousands of dollars or more. Mr. Mahovsky pushed for Town involvement in fundraising. Mayor Denton stated that the Council would like additional time to discuss the matter.

2. Dr. Claude Williams addressed the Council regarding a request for funding support for an effort sponsored by the United in Action Churches of Stanley. June 8, 2018 there will be a healthcare event for those who are not in a position to help themselves.
3. Amanda Lamb – 105 Bennington Drive – Ms. Lamb and her neighbor, Sandy Hegler of 107 Bennington Drive addressed the Council regarding a speeding issue in Bennington Woods. Ms. Lamb and Ms. Hegler requested speed bumps, signs and police assistance in addressing the issue. Manager Jenkins stated that the Police Chief and Public Works Director met with him regarding the concerns that the Town received. He explained that the signs have to be put up by the Town, or the state if on a state-maintained highway. Chief Summey responded and stated that it is difficult for a police officer to sit in the

neighborhood and issue speeding tickets because there is no where that the office can sit to where he/she is not immediately seen by drivers. Chief Summey and the Public Works Director stated that the Town policy does not allow for speed bumps when there is no outlet. Manager Jenkins stated that he would review the need with the department heads and follow up with the Council.

Department Reports:

Finance Department: The financial reports were provided to the Council. Finance Director, Olivia Smith explained the summary page and attachments. A request for an update on the audit was made to which Manager Jenkins stated that a letter from the auditor states that they are working on financial statements and he and the Finance Director have not yet had a sit-down with the auditor to review the report.

Public Works: Mr. Roseberry had no further report.

Recreation: Mr. Deason had no further report.

Fire: Chief Keller provided the Council with his report.

Police: Chief Summey had no further report. A call log was provided to the Council.

Manager's Report: Manager Jenkins stated that he had nothing further than was provided or would be discussed in closed session.

Council Comments: Council Member McMinn asked for an update on the zoning ordinance. The Town Clerk, Catherine Greder explained that she had a conference call with CCOG and is waiting for a proposal and hopes that CCOG will provide a better service to the Town to get this project moving and completed. Council Member Kirkland asked if we had revisited discussion to relinquish the ETJ. Manager Jenkins stated that this had been a discussion in the past but with current annexation law, there is nearly no chance of annexing anything at the far side of the ETJ. Manager Jenkins stated that after we protect within the limits, we should revisit this and determine which parts of the ETJ the Town would want to relinquish.

Mayor Denton stated that he and Manager Jenkins attended a presentation regarding the Charlotte Douglas International Airport and many improvements and renovations that are currently underway.

Council Member Kirkland stated that the new American flags on Main Street look great. Manager Jenkins explained that Don Ritter and his family purchased those and put them up a few months ago.

Mayor Denton explained that Paige Denton established the beautification committee and they will report back to the Council on next steps.

Adjournment of regular meeting to go into Closed Session:

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

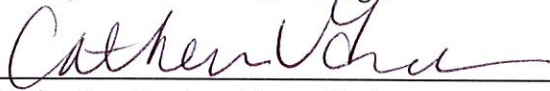
Respectfully Submitted:



Steven Denton – Mayor



Heath Jenkins – Town Manager



Catherine Greder - Town Clerk

