



**Stanley Town Council
Budget Work Session
Official Minutes
Monday, May 14, 2018**

The Stanley Town Council held a budget work session on Monday, May 14, 2018 at Stanley Middle School, following the regular meeting. 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

Heath Jenkins, Town Manager
Catherine Greder, Town Clerk
Olivia Smith, Finance Director
Craig Roseberry, Public Works Director

Budget work session two included the Water, Sewer & Streets budgets.

Council Member Pate began the meeting with a prayer.

Public Works Director Craig Roseberry started with the Streets budget. This budget is funded largely by Powell Bill funds. That figure remains approximately the same each year. Manager Jenkins explained that this is due to maintain the same number and mileage of streets.

Mr. Roseberry explained that the budget shows that he has not yet spent the totals in his approved budget from the current fiscal year. He explained that he does not spend his entire budget at the beginning of the year but does so over the course of the entire year to align with revenues.

Mr. Roseberry went over vehicle and equipment repair needs.

Mr. Roseberry explained the request for a new leaf truck, including the machine and truck. The request is for \$70,000.

Council Member Pate asked where the leaf debris is disposed. Mr. Roseberry stated that they do not currently pay for disposal, it is taken to Stanley Environmental or other areas where there is no charge for disposal.

Council Member McMinn asked if it was the truck that was going bad. Mr. Roseberry confirmed. It had been the clutch. He explained that they only have seasoned employees drive vehicles with a clutch to prevent additional wear and tear.

Mr. Roseberry stated that they were fortunate this year to stay ahead in leaf pickup. They run the route from start to finish to be fair to all residents. He stated that they continue to run the route throughout the year, but only once a month after the majority of leaves have been collected.

Olivia Smith explained that she had removed a line item to contracted services. The deleted line was previously for maintenance of railroad crossings.

Council Member McMinn asked where the line item for the graveyard maintenance is. Manager Jenkins and Mr. Roseberry explained that it did not have its own line item. The costs would have come out of the regular salary lines, fuel line, etc.

Council Member McMinn asked about capital outlay. The Finance Director explained that items over a certain amount are considered a capital expense and must be budgeted as such.

Manager Jenkins and the Council talked about storm water fees.

Manager Jenkins explained the CDBG and that the Town receives funds first and then disburses payment for invoices.

Council Member McMinn asked about the line item for Mount Holly water purchases. He questioned the amount expended thus far. The staff explained that more water is used in the summer as well as the billing from Mount Holly being behind. Council Member McMinn was calculating based on the current calendar date but the billing is behind and therefore does not reflect ten months of expense.

Mr. Roseberry stated that there are some broken hydrants. He stated they were broken by the Fire Department during testing. Mr. Roseberry stated that the hydrants that are not functioning are non-critical and that there is another hydrant within 200 feet of each broken hydrant. He stated that the requirement for testing is every five years and the fire department tests them every year. He stated that the hydrants that are out do not impact ISO ratings or insurance in any way, shape or form. He said five hydrants out of two hundred are not going to impact ISO. He stated that public works previously did the testing and the fire department came to a Council

meeting many years ago and stated that they could test them cheaper. Mr. Roseberry said that typically a fire department does test the hydrants, with training, but does not do repairs.

Mayor Denton asked if the hydrants would be repaired by the end of the year. Mr. Roseberry said that they would be repaired by the end of the year. He stated that delays were due to one company owner retiring and now a busy season for other contractors has caused delays. He stated that different companies will do repairs vs. installs.

Council Member McMinn asked what needs to be done to ensure those testing the hydrants are trained properly. Mr. Roseberry stated that the Council would need to talk to Chief Keller about the broken hydrants. Council Member McMinn asked how we could fix the issue. Mr. Roseberry said he would recommend hiring a contractor to do the testing.

Council and staff discussed the charges from Mount Holly and the problem with rates from Mount Holly to Stanley and down to the customer. Mayor Denton and Manager Jenkins have had two meetings with the Mount Holly Manager and Mayor. Mount Holly's Manager told Manager Jenkins that he would have his department heads prepare an executive summary. Council and staff discussed moving forward with a feasibility study for alternate resources.

Mayor Denton noted that he has asked the Manager and Public Works Director to purchase and install decorative trash cans on Main Street.

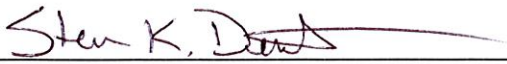
Council Member Kirkland asked how often staff cleans up downtown. Mr. Roseberry stated that they blow off sidewalks once per week. Catherine Greder mentioned that the employees were often cleaning when staff was arriving at the old Town Hall which would have been earlier than many of the businesses on Main Street open and therefore business owners may not see them cleaning up downtown, but they are doing so.

Mayor Denton asked the Council how they feel about a storm water fee. He stated that there have been a lot of storm water issues mentioned at recent meetings and the Town needs to think long-term about fixing some of these issues. Manager Jenkins stated that other municipalities utilize staff and council input to create a priority list and fund as many projects as they can, or as much of one large project as they can. He stated that at one time they did charge a storm water fee but no longer do.

Mr. Roseberry thanked the Council for their support. He stated he believes they have the best staff that they have had in some time and that they are getting more work done than ever before.

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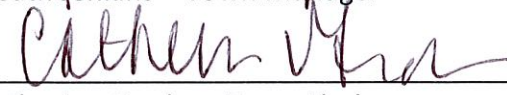
Respectfully Submitted:



Steven Denton – Mayor



Heath Jenkins – Town Manager



Catherine Greder - Town Clerk

