



**Stanley Town Council Meeting
Official Minutes
Monday, May 7, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Stanley Town Council was held on Monday, May 7, 2018 at Stanley Middle School. 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
Olivia Smith, Finance Director
Will Keller, Fire Chief
Derek Summey, Police Chief
Craig Roseberry, Public Works Director

Call to Order:

Mayor Denton called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Denton asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy 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 Denton asked for a motion to accept the April 9, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Rob McMinn made a motion to accept the minutes and Council Member Kerry Hart seconded the motion. A vote was held the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to accept the April 24, 2018 Recessed Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland made a motion to accept the minutes and Council Member Danny Sparrow seconded the motion. A vote was held the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments & Presentations: Mayor Denton recognized Mark Cramer from the Greater Gaston Development Corporation. Mr. Cramer addressed the Council and stated that the Steering Committee has been working on a strategic plan relating to the airport, across Gaston County. Mr. Cramer recognized Manager Jenkins for his great work as a member of the Steering Committee. Mr. Cramer stated that there will be a drop-in kickoff of the strategic plan on May 30th from 1-4pm and from 5-8pm to meet the consultants, members of the Steering Committee and see the plan they have put together. Mr. Cramer stated that he will send an email invitation that will include the location, as they are still working on the details. Mr. Cramer thanked the Council for their support of the project. Mr. Cramer reminded the Council to vote tomorrow.

Mayor Denton asked if there were any other citizen comments or presentations. There were none.

Old Business:

There were no Old Business matters to discuss.

New Business:

A. Nomination of Judy Billings to Board of Adjustments

Mayor Denton asked the Clerk to address this item. Catherine Greder explained that it has been a challenge to have a quorum because many members travel or have other commitments. She further explained that Ms. Billings has a wealth of knowledge and would be an asset to the Board. Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion to nominate Judy Billings to the Board of Adjustments. Council Member Kerry Hart made the motion. Council Member Bud Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Budget Amendment – Survey for Town Hall Phase II

Olivia Smith explained that this was a survey conducted for the second phase of the new Town Hall and was not originally budgeted. Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion to approve the Budget Amendment. Council Member Danny Sparrow made the motion. Council Member Rob McMinn seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Appoint Members to Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee

Mayor Denton explained that Councilman McMinn has been involved with providing input for the Zoning Amendments and asked if Councilman McMinn would serve on the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee. Councilman McMinn agreed to serve. Mayor Denton asked for a motion to appoint Councilman Rob McMinn to the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee. Council Member Kerry Hart made a motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland seconded the motion. Councilmember McMinn did not vote and all other members were in favor. The motion passed.

Citizen Comments:

Mayor Denton asked if there were any citizen comments.

Ms. Burrell – 407 S Buckoak – shared with the Council that she has drainage issues that cause flooding in her yard. She stated that a former Town Manager had stated there would be help provided, but there was not. Ms. Burrell stated that she gets water on the back and sides of her home. She stated that she needs someone to come look and see what can be done. Ms. Burrell stated that she would be glad to buy the pipe. Mayor Denton asked Ms. Burrell to stay after the meeting to have a discussion with the Public Works Director and himself.

Sonya Purser – 406 Thompson Street – Ms. Purser shared that she lives behind the funeral home and that she also has drainage problems. She stated that she previously had sewage problems. Ms. Purser asked if the Mayor had come out to look. Mayor Denton stated that he had been out but not during the rain. Mayor Denton asked Ms. Purser to also stay and have a conversation with he and the Public Works Director.

Daniel Mattar – 404 S Buckoak – Mr. Mattar stated that he also has problems with water drainage. He stated that has a gully between his house and the neighbor behind him. He stated there is a large drain pipe here. He explained that the water flow during a heavy rain is eroding his backyard. He stated that no contractor will come address the issue because they may crack the pipe. Mr. Mattar requested that someone come address the issue and provide him with probable, permanent solutions. He stated that the drainage ditch also collects trash. He explained where the water comes in on both sides of his home. Mayor Denton asked Mr. Mattar to also stay and discuss his issues with the Public Works Director.

Mayor Denton asked if there were any other citizen comments. There were none.

Department Reports:

Finance Department: Mayor Denton explained that the financials were provided. He asked if the Council had any questions. There were none.

Public Works: Mr. Roseberry had no further report.

Recreation: Mr. Deason was not present due to baseball games.

Fire: Chief Keller provided reports.

Police: Chief Summey had no further report.

Manager's Report: Manager Jenkins addressed the Council and went over highlights from his Budget Message. The Manager's Budget Message is available by contacting the Town Clerk. Manager Jenkins covered revenue projections, ad valorem tax projections, that there will be no recommendation for a tax increase, the recommendation of a \$10 increase in tag fees and that the increase can fund street improvements to our Downtown, a recommendation to employ two

additional school resource officers with funding assistance from the County, recommendation to purchase two vehicles for the new SRO's and one command vehicle for the Fire Department.

Council Member McMinn asked what revenue the Town will lose as a result of equipment being removed from the DSM building. Manager Jenkins explained that there would definitely be an impact and he would get the information from the Tax Department. Manager Jenkins explained that the building is listed for over \$7 million and there has been recent interest.

Council Member McMinn asked if the County funds the benefits and vehicles for the SRO's. Manager Jenkins explained that they do not, they provide a flat contribution. Council Member Kirkland asked if this would put three resource officers in Town. Manager Jenkins explained that it would. Manger Jenkins explained that communication is the greatest concern without having a Stanley Police Officer in our schools if an emergency occurs. Manager Jenkins explained the importance of having a dedicated Police Officer in each school, full-time, getting to know the students. Mayor Denton asked what these officers would do during the summer. Manager Jenkins explained that crime is higher in the summer months and that these officers could work traffic, drugs, and so on. Council Member McMinn asked if the Town did not place an officer in the schools if the County would place an officer in the school. Chief Summey stated that the Commissioners have funded officers in the schools through the remainder of the school year. Chief Summey explained that this is off-duty, optional shifts for these officers. Mayor Denton asked for clarification on if the County was guaranteeing funding or an officer. Chief Summey explained they are guaranteeing the funding, not necessarily the body of an officer.

Manager Jenkins stated that the budget includes a cost of living increase of 3% for full-time employees. Manager Jenkins also explained that Catherine Greder is working on an adjustment to the healthcare plan offered to employees that could potentially cut the Town's expenses while still allowing the Town to make the employee whole on the change. Manager Jenkins explained that both phases of the Two Rivers Utility project were completed. The final phase is being closed out. He stated that the Town will be reimbursed \$1 million over the course of 10 years with the first years being a \$150,000 reimbursement and is used to help pay the long-term debt of the project. Manager Jenkins explained that the Town was awarded a grant for \$50,000 to do a study to determine a more feasible alternative to our current water source which is overpriced. Manager Jenkins explained that the Town is working on the \$2 million CDBG grant that was awarded and in the new fiscal year, the construction process will begin. Manager Jenkins explained that the budget includes the remainder of the Zoning Ordinance update. He explained that the Council will receive a capital budget for Phase II of the new Town Hall in the future, as those estimates are still being generated.

Manager Jenkins explained that the public hearing advertisements have been submitted. The budget workshop schedule was also advertised. Manager Jenkins went over the Budget Ordinance, showing that the budget is balanced in both general government and water/sewer.

Council Comments: Mayor Denton asked for Council Comments. There were none. He asked Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland about the SABA meeting. She stated it was this coming Thursday and recognized Mayor Denton for presenting at the last meeting. Mayor Denton asked Councilman Sparrow if there were any new reports from MPO. Councilman Sparrow stated there was not.

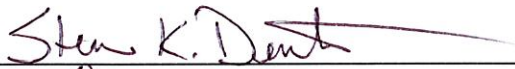
Manager Jenkins recognized Catherine Greder for completing the Municipal and County Administration program at UNC School of Government. Ms. Greder attended the program with Maria Stroupe, the Town Manager of Dallas, and Donna Buff, the Clerk to the County Commissioners.

Council Member Bud Pate stated that he would like to see future advertisements of public hearings on the sign at Town Hall. He stated that the recent application is the most significant issue that he has faced as a Council Member. He stated that he would like to see more community attendance, with the public taking responsibility for knowing about Town meetings as well as further notice from the Town.


Adjournment of meeting to enter FY 18-19 Budget Work Session

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to adjourn into the budget work session. Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland made the motion. Council Member Bud Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

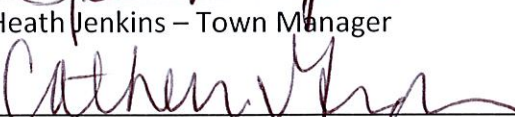
Respectfully Submitted:



Steven Denton – Mayor



Heath Jenkins – Town Manager



Catherine Greder - Town Clerk

