



**Stanley Town Council Meeting
Official Minutes
Monday, June 4, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Stanley Town Council was held on Monday, June 4, 2018 at Stanley Middle School. The following elected officials and staff were present:

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

Jim Windham, Town Attorney
Heath Jenkins, Town Manager
Catherine Greder, Town Clerk
Olivia Smith, Finance Director
Will Keller, Fire Chief
Craig Roseberry, Public Works 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 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 Denton asked for a motion to accept the May 7, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland made a motion to accept the minutes and Council Member Bud Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to accept the May 7, 2018, May 14, 2018 and May 21, 2018 Budget Workshop Minutes. Council Member Kerry Hart 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:

- A. **Mary Knosby – HDR Engineering** – Ms. Knosby provided the Council and audience with information regarding Phase I and Phase II of the Stanley Sewer Interconnect project. She explained the process from start to finish, including the feasibility and financial studies that were conducted prior to determining that connection to Two Rivers Utilities was the best option for the Town of Stanley. Ms. Knosby explained that Phase II is being closed out. She stated that Sanders Utility did a great job with the project and they are very well-experienced with infrastructure projects. Manager Jenkins thanks Ms. Knosby and recognized the Council for making a difficult decision many years ago to take on this project. Ms. Knosby explained that the current CDBG project will help the Town save funds as the older portions of the sewer lines will be replaced.
- B. **Sam Kline – Coldwell Banker Commercial MECA** – Mr. Kline addressed the Council and spoke about his work in the neighboring City of Mount Holly. He explained that the mill property in Stanley could be lucrative but the rest of downtown needs the facelift to encourage investment in a larger project, like the mill. Mr. Kline provided examples of properties that he sold in Mount Holly and how he has helped establish a true per square foot price that shows the value of downtown properties in Mount Holly. The Council did not have any questions at the time. Manager Jenkins stated that Coldwell Banker Commercial just listed the property at 506 S Highway 27.

Old Business:

A. Resolution Accepting Water Study Grant

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Council Member McMinn made the motion. Council Member Hart seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

A. Proclamation recognizing June 9, 2018 as Lance Corporal Nicholas O'Brien Day

Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion approve the Proclamation designating June 9, 2018 as Nic O'Brien Day. Council Member Kerry Hart made the motion. Council Member Rob McMinn seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Proclamation recognizing July 8, 2018 as Sergeant James Abernethy Day

Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion to the Proclamation designating July 8, 2018 as Jim Abernethy Day. Council Member Danny Sparrow made the motion. Council Member Bud Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution Authorizing Fireworks Display at Harper Park

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the Fireworks Display at Harper Park on June 29th. Council Member Kerry Hart made a motion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution Authorizing Fireworks Display at Community Pentecostal Church

Mayor Denton asked if there was any discussion from the Council. Council Member Danny Sparrow asked Chief Keller if the applicant had met the requirements. Chief Keller replied that an inspection occurred and the Church meets the requirements. Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the fireworks display at Community Pentecostal Church. Council Member Kerry Hart made the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Call for Public Hearing – Closure of Portion of A.S. Johnston Street

Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion to call for a Public Hearing at the July 9, 2018 Council Meeting. Council Member Rob McMinn made the motion. Council Member Bud Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

F. Budget Amendments – End of Year

Council Member Rob McMinn asked for explanation regarding the amounts and the line item for the amendments. Manager Jenkins explained that at the end of each year a budget amendment is done for each department to account for any overages that may occur as a result of additional expenditures still being processed. He explained that this covers the entire budget for the department and not just the miscellaneous line item. Manager Jenkins and Finance Director Olivia Smith explained that the request for Water & Sewer is for \$40,000 to account for an entire additional bill, because the recent bills have varied with the changes and season.

Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion to approve budget amendments for end of year. Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland made a motion. Council Member Kerry Hart seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

G. Public Hearing and Adoption of FY 18-19 Budget

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland made the motion. Council Member Bud Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Denton asked if there were any public comments.

Barry Smith of 512 Stuart Ridge in Cramerton addressed the Council and stated that the Town's logo is now an imitation of what the Town was founded on. He then stated that Congressman Patrick McHenry visited the museum several years ago and said it was the best small-town museum in western North Carolina. Mr. Smith stated that the museum recently held a class reunion and they also open for field trips for children. He asked the Council to continue to provide money in the budget for the museum. He stated that they have a lot of problems with their current building and they do not know where they will be in the future.

Mayor Denton asked if there were any other public comments or comments from the Council. There were none.

Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion to close the public hearing. Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland made the motion. Council Member Bud Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion to adopt the FY 18-19 budget. Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland made the motion. Council Member Danny Sparrow seconded the motion. A vote was held. Council Member McMinn opposed, all others were in favor. The motion to adopt the budget passed.

Citizen Comments:

Mayor Denton asked if there were any citizen comments.

Dan King of 1014 Stanley Lucia Road addressed the Council. He stated that he is on the board for the Stanley Cemetery Ancestry Fund Incorporated. He stated that he was not present to represent the board or organization. He said he was here to ask the Council what happened to the agreement that was to be made between the Town and the organization for the maintenance of the cemetery. Mayor Denton explained that citizen comments are for comments, but not back and forth conversation or questioning of the Council. Mr. King stated he would use the remainder of his time for comment. He stated that the organization agreed to raise the funds to pay for the maintenance and requests an in-kind donation from the Town of hiring the contractor, supervising the contractor and writing the check with the organizations funds. He stated that he thought this was a win-win for both parties. Mayor Denton asked Mr. King to stay after the meeting so he could follow up.

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. Mayor Denton stated that he is still concerned about night-time response. He stated that the Council had proposed moving one of the day-time staff members to nights and asked Chief Keller for his input. Chief Keller stated that there are many tasks that need to be completed during the day and moving one person to nights would be a disadvantage – operationally. He further explained that they have a hard time getting volunteers during night-time, but there are no volunteers for during the day. This would also create further issues. He requested leaving the schedule the same. Mayor Denton stated that for the record, even though the budget has been adopted, he would like to note that he supports purchasing a

new vehicle for Chief Keller and for his current vehicle to be handed down to Deputy Chief Hullett, as his vehicle is in major disrepair.

Police: Chief Summey was not present due to baseball games.

Manager's Report: Manager Jenkins stated that he had nothing further to report, other than additional housing applications could be on the horizon and he will keep the Council updated.

Council Comments: Council Member Rob McMinn stated that he would also like to know what happened to the agreement for cemetery maintenance. Manager Jenkins responded that he has not spoken to Mr. King since the initial meeting and since the cemetery was being maintained, he thought nothing of it. He stated that there have been several other things the staff were working on that took priority. Council Member Pate stated that it was his understanding that the Town gracefully bowed out of anything to do with the cemetery.

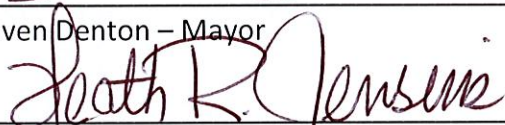
Adjournment:

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland made the motion. Council Member Rob McMinn 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

