



**Stanley Town Council Meeting
Official Minutes
Monday, October 1, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Stanley Town Council was held on Monday, October 1, 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
Tug Deason, Recreation Director
Olivia Smith, Finance Director
Derek Summey, Police Chief

Call to Order:

Mayor Denton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation:

Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

All citizens present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland asked to add a closed session for personnel matters at the end of the meeting. Council Member Danny Sparrow 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 September 10, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Rob McMinn made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member Bud Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

A. Resolution Amending the Charter to Change the Mayoral Term from Two-Years to Four-Years

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to approve the Resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland made the motion. Council Member Kerry Hart seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

A. First Responder's Day Proclamation

Mayor Denton stated that the Town of Stanley would like to recognize our first responders. Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland made a motion to approve the resolution. Council Member Kerry Hart seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Closure of Road for Trunk-or-Treat, Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade

Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion to approve the road closure requests for these Town events. Council Member Kerry Hart made the motion. Council Member Rob McMinn seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Appointment of Kevin Mauney to the Stanley Total Living Center Board

Mayor Denton asked if there was a motion to approve Kevin Mauney's appointment to the Stanley Total Living Center Board. Council Member Bud Pate made the motion. Council Member Danny Sparrow seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Special Presentation:

Fonda Bryant – National Alliance on Mental Illness: Ms. Bryant addressed the Council, staff and audience regarding mental health awareness. Ms. Bryant was born and raised in Gaston County. Ms. Bryant shared her story with depression and anxiety and her connection to NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). She explained that CIT is a program to train officers on how to interact with individuals with a mental illness. Ms. Bryant works with officers in the region to train them on these interactions. She explained that CIT is thirty-years old. Ms. Bryant explained that as a result of her discussions with Mayor Denton, the Stanley Police Department will be looking to get officers through the CIT training.

Mayor Denton asked Ms. Bryant to describe the training. Ms. Bryant explained that before completing a forty-hour course, the officers go out and meet individuals with mental illnesses. This teaches them the compassion piece of the training. She explained that CIT saves lives. It

saves lives of those with mental illness and officers lives, because they are better prepared to handle these situations after completing CIT.

Citizen Comments:

Mayor Denton asked if there were any citizen comments.

Joshua Pendergraft – 618 Durham Rd – Mr. Pendergraft explained that his wife had recently had a baby and they were experiencing health concerns. Mr. Pendergraft explained that his water had been cut off and Mr. Pendergraft had seen the employee turn the water off and paid the bill immediately and called Town Hall but the employee would not turn the water back on for several hours. Mr. Pendergraft stated that the Utilities Commission requires that notices are to be provided before disconnection of services. Mr. Pendergraft acknowledged that the Town does not fall under the Utilities Commission requirements.

Mr. Pendergraft's three-minute comment period ended.

Sybil Helton – 5710 Hickory Grove Rd – Ms. Helton stated that she has lived here 17 years and Thursday her water was cut off. She stated that she went in to pay the bill and it was double. She stated that someone should have contacted her because she has never been late.

Jackie Ewart – 5608 Hickory Grove Rd – Ms. Ewart stated that it has been years since her water has been cut off because the bill had not been paid. She stated that they had their water cut back on but it was not a pleasant experience. She stated that she was here to speak about poor water pressure and a foul odor at night, in the water. She stated that her concern was with the quality of the water.

Mayor Denton asked all citizens that spoke to leave their information with the Town Clerk. Mayor Denton asked if there were any additional comments. There were none.

Department Reports:

Finance Department: Mayor Denton explained that the financials were provided. There were no questions.

Public Works: Mr. Roseberry was not present. No report was provided.

Recreation: Mr. Deason had no report.

Fire: Mayor Denton stated that the Fire Department cannot run reports until the month ends, and they are not able to be present this evening, so those reports are not available.

Police: Chief Summey had no report.

Manager's Report: Manager Jenkins explained that he was not going to get into the details this evening, but he did have a copy of the Airport Strategic Plan and someone from GGDC would likely be at the November meeting to present the report.


Council Comments: Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland wanted to express sympathy for those that were displeased about their water being disconnected. She explained that this has also happened to her when she forgot to pay her bill. Ms. Helton stated that she had company and was displeased with the water being disconnected because she did not get a bill. Mr. Pendergraft stated that his water had been disconnected eight times in four years.

Mayor Denton stated that the Lutheran Church would have a fundraiser dinner on October 20th from 3-7PM and they are also taking donations.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland a motion to go into closed session for Personnel Matters after a five-minute recess. Council Member Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Council Member Kerry Hart made a motion to adjourn the regular session of the Council meeting. Council Member Danny Sparrow seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

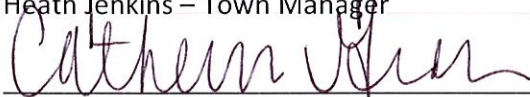
Respectfully Submitted:



Steven Denton – Mayor



Heath Jenkins – Town Manager



Catherine Greder - Town Clerk

