



**Stanley Town Council Meeting
Official Minutes
Monday, December 3, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Stanley Town Council was held on Monday, December 3, 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
Michael Hullett, Interim 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 if there was a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

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 November 5, 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.

Old Business:

VOTE – Amending the Charter to Change Mayoral Term from Two-Year to Four-Year

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to approve the amendment to the Town Charter changing the Mayoral term from two years to four years.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland made the motion. Council Member Kerry Hart seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

A. State of Emergency Ordinance

Mayor Denton asked if there was any discussion. Manager Jenkins explained that with the recent hurricane's potential impact, the staff would like the Mayor to be able to declare a state of emergency when necessary to be certain that the Town is able to pursue funds, should the Town ever be impacted by an emergency.

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

B. Resolution Approving Financing Terms with BB&T

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

Special Presentation:

Commendations for Captain S. Wright and Officer D. Myers

Mayor Denton asked that Chief Summey, Captain Wright and Officer Myers join him at the podium. Mayor Denton read commendations for both Officer D. Myers and Captain S. Wright regarding their response and efforts to stop a county-wide pursuit. Officer Myers and Captain Wright stopped the driver and apprehended the suspect. Mayor Denton explained that it was the swift and decisive action of these officers that the suspect was caught without injuring the public or any officers. *A copy of each letter is included at the end of these minutes.*

Mayor Denton also recognized Chief Summey for his efforts in apprehending the suspect and leading his department. Chief Summey recognized his department for their efforts.

Citizen Comments:

Steven Smith of 351 McAlister Rd – Mr. Smith addressed the Council and staff, explaining that he resigned from the Police Department in March. He took time to individually thank each department, as well as the Council. Mr. Smith thanked his fellow officers. Mr. Smith thanked

Chief Summey and stated that in January he had a phone call with Chief Summey. He told Chief Summey that he saved his life.

Greg Short of 201 General Robert E Lee – Mr. Short stated that he saw the Fire Chief job posting and began doing research on response times. Mr. Short stated that he wants to know what the Town is doing to staff the fire department. He stated that he wants to know that when he is at work his family and home is safe. He stated that he decided not to put in for the Fire Chief position, but decided to help in other ways. He stated the Town does not have a Fire Chief problem, they have a funding problem. Mr. Short thanked the Council. Mayor Denton thanked Mr. Short and stated that the Manager or Interim Chief would be in touch. Mr. Short stated that he emailed the Town several weeks ago and received no response.

Department Reports:

Finance Department: Mayor Denton explained that the financials were provided. Mayor Denton asked about the audit. Olivia Smith, Finance Director, stated that she has provided everything that was requested and that they are aiming to complete the audit in January, but most likely the presentation would not take place until February.

Public Works: Mr. Roseberry had no further report.

Recreation: Mr. Deason had basketball draft sessions.

Fire: Interim Chief Hullett stated that the Fire Department received the AFG Grant but also received a \$5,000 grant from Georgia Pacific. He stated that it had been years since the department received this grant. He stated that Georgia Pacific came out and did a check presentation. He stated they were thankful to receive this grant and will put those funds toward purchasing new hose which is greatly needed. He stated that they will also be provided with materials for fire education programs within the community.

Police: Chief Summey reminded the Council and audience of the Senior Christmas Breakfast on December 19th.

Manager's Report: Manager Jenkins stated that he had no additional report but would like to recognize Officer Myers, Captain Wright and Chief Summey for their efforts. He also wanted to recognize Interim Chief Hullett for his efforts in obtaining the grants the fire department received.

Council Comments: There were no Council comments.

Adjournment: Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland 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.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Captain Scott Wright, Stanley Police Department

It is with great pride that I take this opportunity to commend and thank you for a job well done on September 27, 2018. You were called upon to help with a very dangerous and life-threatening situation wherein a wanted felon had been located and officers had given chase in an attempt to apprehend him. The incident began in Dallas, North Carolina near the intersection of Highway 321 near Interstate 85. Chief Allen Scott initiated a chase and then terminated it because of the erratic driving that put the lives of all in danger. The vehicle was then spotted again near the intersection of I-85 and McAdenville, when the vehicle almost struck a Cramerton Police vehicle. The vehicle was last spotted traveling on Hickory Grove Road in the direction of Stanley.

Without hesitation, you responded to the area of Hickory Grove Road near the Creekwalk Subdivision and stood ready to assist stopping the suspect. As an experienced police officer, you immediately recognized the intimate and extreme danger of the situation. You also fully understood the potential repercussions if this dangerous suspect was allowed to remain on the roadway.

As this vehicle approached at a very high rate of speed, Officer Doug Myers deployed the stop-sticks which caught just one tire, disabled the vehicle and rendered it incapacitated. The driver was then unable to continue driving the vehicle and then attempted to steal another vehicle that was running in the parking lot of Citgo. When he realized this vehicle was locked, he then jumped into another vehicle with the intent to elude law enforcement. You immediately responded to the Citgo and assessed the situation. You immediately engaged potential witnesses in an attempt to locate the suspect, and without hesitation, confronted the suspect and made the arrest. This was a very high-stress situation that could have easily ended in injury or death to the motoring public, law enforcement or the suspect.

Because of the swift and decisive action of you and the other officers involved, this incident ended in the apprehension of a dangerous suspect without injury to you, the public, other officers or the suspect.

I commend you on your actions in the face of danger. You put your life on the line during this incident because it is what you are called to do. On behalf of the Town Council and the Citizens of Stanley, North Carolina, thank you for a job well done and your commitment to public safety in our community.

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Officer Doug Myers, Stanley Police Department

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Without hesitation, you responded to the area of Hickory Grove Road near the Creekwalk Subdivision and stood ready to deploy "stop-sticks". As an experienced police officer, you immediately recognized the intimate and extreme danger of the situation. You also fully understood the potential repercussions if this dangerous and desperate suspect was allowed to remain on the roadway.

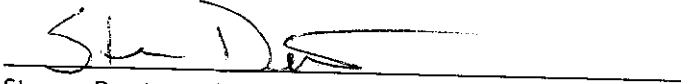
As this vehicle approached at a very high rate of speed, risking your own life, you deployed the stop-sticks which caught just one tire, disabled the vehicle and rendered it incapacitated. The driver was then unable to continue driving and then attempted to steal another vehicle that was locked and running in the parking lot of Citgo. When he realized this vehicle was locked, he then jumped into another vehicle with the intent to elude law enforcement. The suspect was apprehended a short time later by officers from the Stanley Police Department. This was a very high-stress situation that could have easily ended in injury or death to the motoring public and law enforcement.

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Respectfully Submitted:



Steven Denton – Mayor

Heath Jenkins – Town Manager



Catherine Greder - Town Clerk

