



**Stanley Town Council Meeting
Official Minutes
Monday, June 1, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Stanley Town Council was held on Monday, June 1, 2020 via Zoom conference call. The following elected officials and staff were present:

Steven Denton, Mayor
Cathy Kirkland, Mayor Pro-Tem
Jimmy Ingold, Council Member
Kerry Hart, Council Member
Bud Pate, Council Member
Victoria Kiser, Council Member

Heath Jenkins, Town Manager
Olga Grishin, Town Clerk
Tammy Calhoun, Deputy Clerk
Joe Wallace, Finance Director
Derek Summey, Police Chief
Eric Withers, Fire Chief
Jim Windham, Town Attorney
Tug Deason, Recreation Director
Kevin Haney, Interim Finance Director

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 Denton asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Town Manager Jenkins asked to add Budget Amendments to the Agenda under New business.

Mayor Denton asked if there was 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:

Town Clerk made amendments to the May 4, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes submitted by the Council Member Victoria Kiser.

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to accept the May 4, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Victoria Kiser made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

A. Call for a public hearing for annexation of 422 Durham Road, Stanley for Mr. and Mrs. Homan

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

B. Resolution Supporting the State North Carolina's Proposed 2019-2021 Biennium Budget

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

C. Budget Amendments for 2019-2020

Manager Jenkins gave an overview: The Budget Amendment 4 is regarding the Town Hall project. Budget Amendments 5 and 6 are to transfer funds from the Fund Balance to the General Government budget. Budget Amendment 7 is to transfer funds from the Fund Balance to the Street Department. Budget Amendment 8 is to transfer funds from the Fund Balance to the Recreation Capital Projects. Budget Amendment 9 is to transfer funds from the Fund Balance to the Water Department. The Budget Amendment 10 is to transfer funds from the Fund Balance to the Sewer Department. The reason for transferring funds is that, under governmental requirements, the Town's expenditures cannot exceed its revenues.

Mayor Denton asked for a motion to support Budget Amendments. Council Member Kerry Hart made a motion. Council Member Bud Pate seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Denton moved to department Reports:

Finance Director, Joe Wallace provided a report.

Public Works, Craig Roseberry report was not provided.

Recreation, Tug Deason provided a report.

Mr. Deason commented they were looking into moving fireworks over to the Labor Day weekend. With the new conditions placed on Phase 2 State reopening, they would like to start baseball practices only, would be limited to no more than 25 people. And a staff member would be present at every practice making sure it was executed. Council did not have any concerns.

Fire Chief Wither provided a report.

Police Chief Summey provided a report. Chief Summey wanted to inform the Council they continued to monitor threats of violence in the area. They had measures put in place in case of disturbances. Stanley Police Department is a member of the Gaston Regional Squat Team. There is also a field force that was made up of other municipalities sheriff departments that would be able to provide the necessary assistance.

Manager Jenkins asked for a special meeting sometime at the end of June for adopting Budget for FY 2020-2021.

Council Comments:

Council Member Victoria Kiser raised concern about the US flag missing on a Memorial Day. There was a complaint from a town citizen about that.

Manager Jenkins explained the property owner had some remodeling done, and the flags were taken down but were never put back up. The discussion would be held during the closed session meeting following this meeting.

Council Member Ingold questioned how much the Town relied on sales tax revenue vs. property tax revenue.

Manager Jenkins replied that those two were the only sources of revenue for the Town. Sale tax revenues are controlled by the State legislation. The recommendation the manager made was to take the budget back to flat as of the beginning of FY 19-20 . If the raise was implemented in the budget 2019, it would remain in the budget. There would be no recommendations for the next year raises. The Town would revisit the budget later this year or the beginning of next year.

Mayor Denton commented he would like to have a full-time Fire Department. Staff issues in the police department would need to be addressed as well. Mayor Denton gave Manager Jenkins directions to take steps into addressing those issues.

Chief Summey added that the Police department could not get qualified officers hired, because of the low wage. Department was trying to operate with only 10-11 officers.

Recreation Director Tug Deason expressed gratitude for Chief Summey and Chief Withers for their assistance with the senior's parade.

Mayor Denton reminded that the Council would be going into closed session at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom to discuss legal matters.

Manager Jenkins noted the Town Hall was experiencing technical difficulties with the sign.

Mayor Denton called for a motion to go into a closed session. Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Kirkland made a motion to go into a closed session. Council Member Victoria Kiser seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously for legal and personnel matters.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Steven Denton – Mayor

(OFFICIAL TOWN SEAL)

Heath Jenkins – Town Manager

Olga Grishin - Town Clerk