

Public Hearing was held March 6, 2014 at 7:00p.m. at the Town Hall for Comprehensive Water-Sewer Policy & New rate & Fee Schedule.

Rick Huggins spoke on the Comprehensive Water-Sewer Policy & New rate & Fee Schedule and ask a few questions about the sewer line- commercial, questions on flat rate fees, questions of irrigation and capacity fees.

No one else spoke at this time.

Public Hearing was closed at this time.

Minutes of Regular Meeting March 6, 2014

Determination of Quorum

A quorum was determined with the presence of Mayor Kevin Barbee, Mayor Pro-tem Greg Lucas and Commissioners Jerry Williams, James Griffin and Jason Smith.

Jerry Williams made a motion to excuse Larry Sides, all were in favor, motion carried.

Call to Order

Mayor Kevin Barbee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of agenda

Commissioner James Griffin made a motion to accept the agenda as written with some revisions if needed. All were in favor, motion carried.

Approval of minutes

Commissioner Jerry Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as written. All were in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Greg Lucas made a motion to pay the bills. All were in favor, motion carried.

BUSINESS MEETING

Finance

Commissioner Greg Lucas went over the status of the current budget. We are still on target with revenues and expenditures. The maintenance building has been paid off.

Public Safety

Commissioner James Griffin went over the police report. We got a new price for the 800 Radios the new lower cost is \$37,098.25. We will pay 10% down now and pay them off over the next 2 budget years. Jimmy Schneider explained these Radios would be so much better; we will be able to hear a lot better. This radio system is going Stanly County wide.

Transportation

Commissioner Jason Smith gave a Bike Path update that was considered going down Loves Chapel. Commissioner Jason Smith felt that we should hold off until next fiscal year, until we have money in the budget. The cost will be approximately \$15,000.00.

Parks & Recreation

Keep Stanly Beautiful project was completed. This was a \$500.00 matching grant from Keep Stanly Beautiful. We put shrubs down the drainage wall along Outfield Circle.

Commissioner Jason Smith explained needing to repair some of the ball-field lights.

Commissioner Jason Smith made a motion for Bob Harvey to enter into an contract with the lower bidder for repair of the ball field lights- this will be approximately \$15,000.00, all were in favor, motion carried.

After discussion we may need some more infield ball field dirt which would be approximately \$930.00

Commissioner Jason Smith made a motion that we spend about \$930.00 for 2 more loads of dirt if needed, all were in favor, motion carried.

Water & Sewer

After the public hearing on Comprehensive Water-Sewer Policy & New rate & Fee Schedule Jerry Williams mentioned the only changes are road punch is now \$800.00 instead of \$700.00, return check fees/return automatic drafts went from \$35.00 to \$25.00 per check/draft, all water & sewer rates stay the same.

Commissioner Jerry Williams made a motion that we adopt this Comprehensive Water-Sewer Policy & New rate & Fee Schedule effective 03-06-2014, all were in favor, motion carried.

Planning and Zoning

Nothing at this time

Town Administrator

Nothing at this time

Mayors Report:

Commissioner James Griffin made a motion that we allow the Urban Archery Season to continue 2015 season, all were in favor, motion carried.

The next limb pick up will be March 11, a white good pick up will also be March 11, and the Brown/Bulk goods will be April 15.

Mayor Kevin Barbee went over a break down to what has been done and the money had been spent at the Pete Henkel Park. We have spent \$153,264.00 over the last 5-6 years. Mayor Kevin Barbee also explained why the board asks the SYAA to pay \$2,500.00 a year to help pay towards the ball fields lights. Mayor Kevin Barbee also explained what other towns do. Mayor Kevin Barbee explained that we support the kids in the community, don't care how the SYAA is run. The town doesn't want to run it; we should all work toward the good of the children.

Public Comment:

Wesley Eudy- explained the town is not doing enough for the children. They don't understand why they have to pay \$2,500.00 and get ball field dirt and keeping the fields up, and when they went into the concession stand- it was full of rat droppings and mold/mildew on the cabinets. He said they called up at Town Hall and was told you can replace at your SYAA cost, but the town would not replace the cabinets. He just doesn't understand. The dugouts are full of water.

Richard Honeycutt- He explained his frustrations and he feels like the town is not helping in any way and that everything is falling back on the SYAA. He says the figures Kevin Barbee read out from other towns are incorrect.

Stan Hartsell- He says there is a lack of the use of the picnic areas, and he stated he personally donated several hundred loads of dirt free to this town, and he never asks anything in return. He can't believe that the town just now approved loads of dirt before the SYAA got up here to say anything.

Darin Brattain- He grew up here in Stanfield. He wants what's best for his child. He says the town brought in dirt that was not correct. He says there were rocks in there. He said that he turned the ball fields, and he did not dig up rocks. He asks for the town to help- if the town needs help just ask for it.

Rick Huggins- He wanted to compliment the town on the road pipe that was put in on Charlotte St. Rick Huggins wanted the newspaper to know that this was deemed on the right of way, it was not on private property like previous was reported. He donated some dirt so that the town could pack around the pipe. We were going to use crush-n-run and he said this was incorrect. It needed to be wash stone. Rick also asked that the grate that the town installed is too small he asked that we put in one with larger holes.

Darin Brattain- he said he was under the impression from Bob Harvey that the SYAA could not put up advertisement signs on the fence at the ball fields. He thought this would be a good way to bring in some revenues.

Greg Lucas- He would like to speak to SYAA and commissioners as a citizen. He said he has done some research and the prices given out earlier from other towns were accurate. He explained where he could see both sides- the SYAA and Town of Stanfield. He agrees that the town should help, but also realizes that the power bill is greater than the \$2,500.00 that the SYAA pays. He would like for everyone to go back and really do the comparison (for the way other towns handle things) and see what they find.

Wesley Eudy- Questioned about travel teams coming and playing ball and not paying any kind of fees.

Jimmie Trull- had a few questions about buildings, equipment and where the maintenance building is at- He made a comment there is a problem- he ask Kevin Barbee to think back about 30 years ago.

Dawn Anderson- She would like to see the fields fixed and corrected and she felt no rocks should be in the next load of dirt. She just wants it safe for the children.

Jann Lowder- she wanted to let the board to know she is running for Board of Commissioner and she had two questions for the board- 1. What do you think the top priority for Stanly County Board of Commissioners should be? and 2. What do you think the top priority for Citizens for Stanfield should be?

Public Comment Session closed at this time.

Mayor Kevin Barbee asked Commissioner James Griffin if he could give some insight about the dirt. Commissioner James Griffin is the one actually spread the dirt. He felt there was talc in the dirt, but he does not remember seeing rocks in the load of dirt that was delivered. He felt that everyone was trying to do the right thing. Greg Lucas gave a suggestion that when we delivered the next load of dirt that a representative from the SYAA be present.

Mayor Kevin Barbee thinks we should move forward and the Town of Stanfield and SYAA works together for the benefits of the children.

The town just learned that we had a lightening problem. There are lights that are burned out. Now the town has a responsibility to get them fixed. This was not budgeted for; the town will have to absorb this. Mayor Kevin Barbee would like to move forward and plan ahead for expenses. The ball field lights should be manual on and off. The SYAA should have a lock and keys so they could control the lights.

Mayor Kevin Barbee asked for Wesley Eudy to come to the town meeting to make sure we had an open dialogue. Mayor Kevin Barbee wanted to make sure we were on the same page and get things worked out.

Commissioner Jason Smith mentioned that in the past he worked with Salina Shelton and got things worked out. He explained since the new SYAA folks came in he had spoke to Wesley Eudy and felt every time they spoke he tried to handle the situation. Commissioner Jason Smith wants things to be successful for the SYAA. He will do what he can to help.

Mayor Kevin Barbee ask how do we get to an acceptable place

Commissioner Jerry Williams made a motion to drop half of the fee \$1,250.00 for this year only- after discussion Jerry Williams withdrew his motion and Greg Lucas and Jason Smith will work with SYAA to figure out what can be done regarding the fee. The SYAA will be \$1,300.00 in the hole if they don't require parent's to pay the annual fee.

Commissioner James Griffin asked could we drop the whole amount of \$2,500.00. Commissioner Jason Smith suggested that he and Greg Lucas will get with SYAA and come back to the board April meeting and make a decision if we charge SYAA for this year.

The board and SYAA left it we will work together and do what is right for the children.

Went into closed session at this time for personnel matters
Came out of closed session

Jason Smith made a motion to adjourn. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Date

Town Clerk Date

