Minutes of Regular Meeting August 1, 2013

Determination of Quorum

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

Commissioner Jerry Williams made a motion to excuse Commissioner James Griffin, 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 Larry Sides made a motion to accept the agenda as written with three modifications 1- Add Police Report, 2- water & sewer information, and 3- Bob Harvey needed to address the board. All were in favor, motion carried.

Approval of minutes

Commissioner Greg Lucas made a motion to accept the June 27, 2013 minutes as written. All were in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Jerry Williams made a motion to pay the bills. All were in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

<u>Peter Asciutto-</u> Stanly County Commissioner- he would like to update Stanfield Town Council on some progress and changes coming to the western end of Stanly County. There will be a 2nd ambulance crew added to the Red Cross Base, New Radio System being updated for Stanly County, the animal control ordinance, the Locust Libraries hours extended, and the Morrow Mountain State park- part of it will open Monday August 5, but part of Morrow Mountain will not open until late September or October (this is due to the storms that we had recently).

BUSINESS MEETING

Finance

The West Stanly Fire Dept tax rate changed from .08 to .0842. Bob stated the Town of Stanfield had no input in on this; this came from the county commissioners.

Commissioner Larry Sides presented - The financial year end assessment- completed year within budget and began New Year with \$228,706.00 in cash reserves and an additional \$183,362.00 in savings totaling \$412,068.00 reserves. This past year we have reduced the 1.2 million dollar sewer infrastructure loan down to \$394,169.00 and refinanced this remaining debt at 3% and also additionally paid \$75,000.00 towards the new maintenance building loan and refinanced the remaining debt of \$86,639.00 at 3.5% and also paid cash for two new police cars. The new budget trimmed down to reflect the new evaluations and NO new taxes, and have significant improvements last year and ongoing this upcoming year in both Stanfield Parks. An outstanding job by the mayor, board of commissioners and the town employees that support the towns' initiatives.

Public Safety

Commissioner Greg Lucas handed out and read the police reports for June and July.

Transportation

Commissioner Jason Smith said the sidewalks along West Stanly Street is a safety issue- so we are marking 6 inch yellow stripe along transition grades on sidewalks and stairs along with caution diagonal lines on lower landing.

Environmental/Sanitation

Nothing at this time

Parks & Recreation

Commissioner Jason Smith said the new wall with French drain system and three new catch basins are now in place to stop the erosion on Outfield Circle Drive and the ball field. A fence and shrubs will be placed on the wall top area in the near future (design under study for safety- fence/shrubs). The second picnic shelter is completed. Two new dugouts completed. Raised floor in equipment storage building and installed new metal roof. The third picnic shelter has been started- this one is close to the concession stand, and ongoing landscaping as the weather permits.

The crews have been struggling to keep up with the monsoon like weather that has many plants and grass growing unusually high and fast.

Water & Sewer

Commissioner Jerry Williams said the profit is picking up on the water residents, the water and sewer debt is reducing. Jerry Williams explained the water and sewer training that Steve Hinson, Nick Hathcock and Jim Diss has taken already and what they are going to be taking.

Planning and Zoning

Nothing at this time

Town Administrator

Bob Harvey wanted to make an announcement that he is withdrawing his name as a candidate for Mayor of Oakboro with the Stanly County Board of Elections. The only reason I had thrown my hat in the political ring at literally the last hour was that no one signed up for the opening and I wanted to protect the citizens from a potentially embarrassing write-in campaign by unknowns. Allen McGuire showed up after I had left the elections office with only minutes left to file. I am glad he did as he is an educated, stand up gentleman that will well serve the citizens of Oakboro. I look forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Stanfield as Administrator as we take on many infrastructure issues facing the western area of Stanly County and especially support the transfer of the sewer plant in Oakboro to Stanly County. I believe the responsibility of this critical service should not rest with one town, rather a larger entity like Stanly County.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Kevin Barbee said it has been brought to the Town of Stanfield Council that a piece of property at Hwy 200 and Oak Grove Rd would like to voluntary annex into the town limits. Kevin Barbee explained there are several different guidelines that would need to be followed for a piece of property to be allowed to be annexed into the town. This was discussed and agreed upon to take up next meeting.

We received a letter back from Justin Burr stating information on article tax bases, we will actually get just a little more than.

It was discussed that the Board of Elections approved a change in policy regarding the temporary transfer of voters for municipal elections. A map is available.

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