

Public Hearing – 7:00pm

Willow Creek Sewer Extension Project – 25-30 residents in attendance

- Pat Ross, Oakwood St, said homeowners are responsible to have a home inspection before purchasing, so all Stanfield should not pay for their improvements.
- Rick Macco, Willow Creek Dr, says residents are asking for clarification on details of project.

Mayor Barbee explained that this Public Hearing is being held to determine whether or not a sewer extension project is necessary. The Board needs to know how many, if any, homes are experiencing septic tank issues before they will determine how to fund the project.

- David Almond, Danielle Dr, hooked up 10 yrs ago. He says we should have an attorney negotiate with Stanly County to correct problem they are to blame for.
- Jimmy Allen, Elizabeth Dr, has never had a problem but is willing to pay his fair share. He does not think a lump sum of \$25,000 to people of Willow Creek is fair. He expects the Council to fight for the residents to receive what is deserved from the County.
- Ron Denton, Elizabeth Dr, agrees with Almond and Allen and has no septic problems.
- Greg Eudy, Danielle Dr, has been on septic tank since 1998 with no problems.

A poll was conducted of all in attendance. Of the 16 or 17 homes represented, 1 (Margaret Tyndall, 174 Willow Creek Dr) expressed she was having problems with her sewer.

- Bill Murphy, Elizabeth Dr, believes sewer may be a good idea in the future; no hurry now.
- Jason & Shelly Hall, Elizabeth Dr, have no septic problems and say it is unfair to charge new customers more than the rest of town already with access.
- Lance Hunter, Elizabeth Dr, is not in favor of charging any cost to those with current access.
- Wayne Efird, Willow Creek Dr, says problem is not the fault of homeowners and believes a good lawyer could investigate and state our case to Stanly County.
- Victor Rakowski, Elizabeth Dr, says the liability for sewer problems lies with County and the one who permitted the septic tanks to be installed.

No more comments. Public Hearing closed.

Kevin Barbee prayed

Minutes of Regular Meeting February 2, 2017

Determination of Quorum

A quorum was determined with the presence of Mayor Kevin Barbee, Commissioners Greg Lucas, Larry Sides, Jerry Williams, Rick Williams, and James Griffin.

Call to Order

Mayor Kevin Barbee called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Rick Williams made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of a letter under Public Safety and moving Willow Creek Sewer Extension discussion to before Public Comment Session. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Jerry Williams made a motion to accept the minutes from January 5, 2017 as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills

Larry Sides made a motion to pay the bills. All in favor. Motion carried.

Willow Creek Sewer Extension Discussion

Mayor Barbee addressed some questions and comments that were made during the Public Hearing. He doesn't know where the amount of \$25,000 to be paid by residents came from. It

was never discussed. Stanfield has contacted Stanly County in regards to funding the project. Stanly County will not assist with the cost. Stanfield's Board will not decide how the cost will be distributed in the budget until they have determined if an issue exists. Jimmy Allen asked if the town could help Mrs. Tyndall on an individual basis. Kevin stated that only 3 homes have reported problems to Stanly County Environmental Health. Jerry says we may be able to assist Mrs. Tyndall by advising her how to run her line to Danielle Dr. Jerry says he has seen the problems with his own eyes but he doesn't hear a lot of concern from residents tonight. James says he also does not hear any major issues. Larry asked if we could work on an individual basis with those having issues. Rick says his neighbor, George Breedlove, has major problems and that we should protect residents and environment. He likes Larry's suggestion of assisting on an individual basis but does feel the County should be held accountable for issues. Greg says he has not considered finance options because he hasn't seen evidence that a problem exists. **Larry made a motion to assist residents by helping find solutions to septic tank problems without funding any construction on private property. His motion also includes not going any further with the Willow Creek Sewer Extension Project. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Public Comment Session 8:15 pm

No one spoke

Finance

Commissioner Lucas read the Fiscal Status report.

Public Safety

Commissioner Griffin summarized the November and December Police Reports. Commissioner Griffin read an email from Town Administrator Helms passing on positive comments from a citizen regarding Code Enforcement Officer McDaniel.

Streets

Commissioner Sides presented a proposal from Greene's Electrical to retrofit decorative street lights to LED on West Stanly St. Annual operating cost savings is estimated to be 75%. **Rick Williams made a motion to move forward with this project; hiring Greene's Electrical to retrofit decorative lights to LED on West Stanly St. All in favor. Motion passed.** Project cost will come from reassigning expenditures in General Fund.

Parks & Recreation

Commissioner Sides announced Outdoor Market to be held on Saturday, June 17, at Pete Henkel Park.

Water & Sewer

Jerry Williams informed the Board that a sewer pump had gone out at the Pump Station on Hwy 200, but our backup pump is working fine and the other is being repaired.

Planning and Zoning

Rick Williams made a motion to hold a Public Hearing to amend Zoning Ordinance 4-17 Accessory Structures and Uses (E).

Rick Williams made a motion to hold a Public Hearing to enter into contract with Stanly County to enforce Minimum Housing Code Ordinance.

All in favor of both motions. Both motions passed.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Barbee reminded everyone of the White, Bulk, Electronics, Household Hazardous Waste, and Limb pickups scheduled. He also asked everyone to remember to clean up after your dogs as you are walking them around town per Town Ordinance.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to enter into closed session.

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