

Public Hearing- Industrial Freestanding Signs- No one spoke

Town of Stanfield Minutes of Regular Meeting for January on January 6, 2022

Determination of Quorum

A quorum was determined with the presence of Mayor Kevin Barbee, Commissioners Faye Love, Jerry Williams, James Kluttz, and Greg Bratton.

James Kluttz made a motion to excuse Brent Holbrooks. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Call to Order

Mayor Kevin Barbee called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Faye Love made a motion to accept the agenda as written. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Faye Love made a motion to accept the minutes from December 2, 2021, as written. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills

James Kluttz made a motion to pay the bills. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Administration/Finance

Faye Love went over the year-to-date Financial Report.

Faye explained a budget amendment to correct Powell Bill fund revenues.

Faye Love made a motion to adopt Budget Amendment # 2. (See attached). All were in favor. Motion carried.

Faye stated that Waste Management has increased the cost of bi-weekly recyclables service effective July 1, 2021, but the adopted fee schedule did not reflect the increase to town residents for requested extra recycle carts.

Faye Love made a motion to amend the fee schedule for an extra recycle cart from \$4.50 to \$6.25. All were in favor. Motion carried.

One of our Enterprise CDs matured on January 4th. The best option is to roll the funds to the General Savings account and consider combining the funds with the Enterprise CD that matures in April. The Board will discuss and decide in April.

Faye Love made a motion to transfer the Enterprise CD to the General Fund savings. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Also, Faye Love wanted to recognize that MLK day is January 17, a day of celebration.

Public Safety

Nothing at this time.

Streets

Greg Bratton wanted to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act expenditure plan. He mentioned that we do have some drainage issues in town and would like to see the town get them fixed. Here are some areas that need to be repaired: Fieldcrest by pond and school field, West Stanly St sidewalk across from pond, W Cabarrus behind townhomes, drainage from N Love Chapel to Ash St, Concord St- ditch and culvert clean up, W Charlotte St, ditch and culvert clean-up, Love St- ditch and culvert cleanup, and comprehensive Storm Water Plan.

Kevin Barbee mentioned that we need to be careful of what we take care of. We don't have a stormwater policy in place. So, therefore, the state guidelines would be followed.

DEQ permits stormwater plans for developments. Stanfield's ordinance requires all new streets to be constructed according to NCDOT standards.

Parks & Recreation

Greg Bratton wanted to give Thanks to Bridgette Helms for a presentation to Stanly County Commissioners seeking a grant for \$10,000.00 to purchase new playground equipment for Pete Henkel Park. The town plans to match these funds with \$16,493.00 in addition to \$25,000.00 received from a NC Parks & Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant to cover the cost of the equipment. This request was approved.

We need to make sure the drainage issue is taken care of at the park. The steps in front of the concession stand are washing out. After some discussion, it was agreed upon to get an engineer to come out and look at it. We need to get drawings of what we want so we can get quotes. Greg Bratton is going to see what needs to be done. After discussion, Greg wanted to suggest that we redirect the money that was going to be spent building a bathroom at the lower end of the park to remodeling and expanding the current bathroom at the concession stand.

Water & Sewer

Jerry Williams said some wiring was bad at the pump station- our maintenance guys have made the necessary repairs. In speaking of the American Rescue Plan Act Expenditure Plan- we are needing pump station upgrades, auto flushers, Bluetooth, vacuum-lift station valves, new generator switch, etc.

We want to make sure we have enough water pressure for all these homes that are going in. If not, we may need to consider a water tank. We have had an engineering service approve and be involved in the decision of adding new homes.

We are also in need of a new lawnmower. Jerry seems to think we could wait for the new budget year.

Planning & Zoning

James explained that the Public Hearing held before this meeting was regarding amending the Zoning Ordinance allowing Freestanding Signs in Industrial Districts to have a maximum height of eight feet and a maximum area of 64 square feet.

James Kluttz made a motion to amend the Zoning Ordinance related to Industrial Freestanding Signs. All were in favor. Motion carried.

James Kluttz made a motion to hold a Public Hearing related to rezoning on Tucker St. All were in favor. Motion carried.

James Kluttz would like to recommend that the Town gets Facebook accounts and Instagram for the Town. James said his daughter would help get this up and running. This is another tool

to get information out to the public. James states he and his daughter will work with Wanda and Bridgette to get this going if the board approves.

After some discussion, the board agrees to move forward with this.

Mayor

Municipal Election is coming up this year 2022. It was discussed about the filing fee. A side note is the establishment of filing fees is governed by G.S. 163-291.3 and should be set no less than \$5.00 but no more than 1% of the annual salary for the office. This was discussed and Bridgette Helms will confirm the understanding of the filing fee.

Resident Limb pick-up at residence and resident limb drop-off at Pete Henkel Park.

Public Comment

No one spoke

James Kluttz made a motion to go into closed session. All were in favor. Motion carried.

James Kluttz made a motion to come out of closed session. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jerry Williams made a motion to allow Bridgette Helms to work four 10-hour days. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Faye Love made a motion to adjourn at 9:27 pm. All were in favor. Motion carried.