

**Town of Stanfield
Minutes of Regular Meeting
on March 6, 2025**

Determination of Quorum

A quorum was determined with the presence of Mayor James Kluttz and Commissioners, Faye Love, Greg Lucas, Brent Holbrooks, Andy Cave and Jerry Williams.

Call to Order

Mayor James Kluttz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda

**Brent Holbrooks made a motion to approve the agenda as written. All were in favor.
Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

**Jerry Williams made a motion to approve February 6, 2025, minutes. All were in favor.
Motion carried.**

Public Comment Session

No one spoke.

Administration/Finance

Faye Love went over the fiscal report. All on target and on budget. This information is open to the public. We need to talk about the Town Administrator position. Bridgette Helms will be retiring in December 2025. James, Faye and Bridgette will be working on a job description and get it posted very soon. There is enough money in the budget to hire someone now and work along with Bridgette for months to learn her job. March is National Social Worker Month. April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month. The butterfly house is asking if we could put blue lights around town on April 28. It was suggested that we light the barn up with blue lights.

Public Safety

2 weeks ago, Jimmy Schneider and Corie Faggart turned in their notice to leave employment for the Town of Stanfield. Jimmy's last day was March 5, 2025, and Corie's last day was March 6, 2025. Brent Holbrooks announced that we have a new Chief and a lieutenant.

Grant Nelson was sworn in as Chief at 6:30 before the meeting. After being sworn in, he promoted Zack Snider as lieutenant.

Brent said that we are in the process of looking to hire 2 more police officers. At this time, we have signed a contract with Stanly County Sheriffs Dept to help cover our shifts until we can get more Stanfield officers hired. When school is out, our SRO Zack Caldwell can work the road. Also, we have received our School Resource Officer Money.

Streets

If weather permitting, we will be paving Union St and Locust Ave around March 24, 2025. We have some complaints about people speeding on side streets, especially Park View Dr. It was discussed about putting in some kind of speed bumps/humps. Bridgette has been working with the fire marshal because of fire trucks. This is still under evaluation. The board asks if Grant Nelson could come up with some recommendations for the next meeting.

Parks & Recreation

We would like to get the citizens involved with our Pete Henkel Park. We have land that has not been developed yet. We would like to have opinions about what can be done. We would like to form a committee of about 5-6 people. We would possibly advertise through phone tree, facebook, or our website. Greg Lucas would like to meet at the park in Spring 2025.

Bridgette has been looking into grants for the park. Stanfield Youth Sports is going well. We took over the Stanfield Youth Athletic Association in January 2025. The SYAA has always been run by volunteers. At this point there is no one that wants to volunteer anymore. Town of Stanfield Board of Commissioners wanted our community to continue to have sports in Stanfield. So, the town agreed to take this sports program over.

Water & Sewer

We have 2 buffer tanks that have cracked. We need to get these replaced. We also need to replace the grinder pump. We might need to order one in this year's budget, or we may be able to wait until next budget year. Jerry will be going to Jim with this and see what needs to be done now. Our new employee is working out well. There have been 2 residents in Stanfield that have called another plumbing company to fix their sewer issue, but the residents should have called Town of Stanfield for help. The last sewer pump we bought was \$16,000.00. We need a new truck for our maintenance department. If we need a sewer pump maybe we need to do a budget amendment this year and not wait.

Planning & Zoning

The planning and zoning board needs a new inside alternate member. Chandler Burris has shown interest in this position. He seems to be a good fit for the Planning and Zoning Board.

Andy Cave made a motion to appoint Chandler Burris as an inside alternate to Planning and Zoning. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor

Everyone has a copy of the 2025-2026 budget preparation worksheet from the history budget and also, they have a salary range from other Stanly County towns with similar job descriptions. Everyone needs to get with their department heads and write down what they need in next year's budget. Once this is done, everyone should bring their information back to Bridgette for her to tie it all together to see where we are at.

We need to do a structural assessment on our police department at 203 West Stanly St. We need to get someone to look at it and see what kind of shape the building is in. Brent Holbrooks and Bridgette Helms will get someone to look at the building.

The residential Limb pick up by Waste Management is Friday March 21. Resident limb drop off at Pete Henkel Park is April 1-14 weekdays from 9a.m.-4p.m. Resident bulk pick up is April 4 and white good pick up is May 2.

Brent Holbrooks made a motion to still be a part of Deer Urban Archery Season from January 10-February 15, 2026. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Greg Lucas made a motion to go into a closed session. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Greg Lucas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08. All were in favor. Motion carried.