Town of Stanfield Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 3, 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

Greg Lucas made a motion to approve the agenda as written. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Brent Holbrooks made a motion to approve March 6, 2025, minutes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment Session

Soccer coaches Clarence Massalay and Matthew Short came to the board explaining their soccer program and how much it has grown. They are currently able to use the school field across from the school. They understand that the Town of Stanfield and Stanly County Schools have an agreement to use the area. Clarence is asking for more space on the fields, but there is a volleyball court and playground area that is hindering them from using the full field. They have come to the town and ask could these items be moved. There were some of the parents that came and spoke on behalf of this soccer program and are saying how well their children are doing with this soccer program. They hope that the board will see the need to accommodate their needs. Some of these parents are local here in Stanfield and hope to be able to continue to play soccer at Stanfield. They are wanting to host a soccer camp here on the school field.

Public Comment closed at this time.

Administration/Finance

This is National Child Abuse Awareness month. The town put blue lights at the barn to represent this awareness.

Faye Love went over the fiscal report. All on target and on budget. This information is open to the public. We have added the sports account to this report.

Currently, we have only received 2 applications for the Town Administrator position. The job will stay posted until April 24, 2025.

Public Safety

We have had a busy 1st month with our new Chief. We have hired Matthew Eudy. The PD building is being looked at to see what the structural integrity of the building is. Brent Holbrooks asked Grant Nelson to come up and give his report. Grant explained what he had done during the month of March. He has got rid of some vehicles and had an audit done of the evidence room; he has changed locks on the outside doors to the police department.

Streets

Locust Ave, Union St and Pleasant Ave paving is complete. There was discussion about putting speed humps on Park View Dr. There are 2 areas on Park View Dr that have been marked as a good place to put these at. The cost would be around \$4,100.00 to do this. Jim Diss says his department can place them on the street.

Greg Lucas made a motion to purchase speed humps not to exceed over \$5,000.00. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The sidewalk project on Hwy 200 is still on go. Our payment is going to be \$119,000.00 and this will be due in July 2025. James Kluttz asks if they could come back and give the town an update on this project.

Parks & Recreation

Greg wanted to have a public meeting for ideas of the future planning of our park. He would like to meet sometime in May. Our current commissioners would also like to be involved. Stanfield Youth Sports update- things are going well. Spring ball has started. The more we get into this the more we will see where the money goes and what we need. Greg asked, "do we need to hire a seasonal person to help run this"? Do we pay overtime to our current employees?

We need to discuss the soccer situation that was presented to us in an earlier public comment. What can we do to accommodate them? The board is saying that the town needs to do something. We want to be able to keep kids here in Stanfield. The volleyball court was paid for by town money. Do we remove the volleyball court and the playground to accommodate the soccer group? The mayor asks, what do we need to do to accommodate the soccer group. Bridgette thinks the first step is to talk to the principal and find out what we could do. Andy Cave said he would go talk to the principal.

Water & Sewer

A new motor for the pump station has been ordered. It will be here in about 12-16 weeks. Our guys have been busy fixing water leaks, and maintaining the town and keeping the ballfields up.

Planning & Zoning

We have a new planning and zoning member Chandler Burris. He will be a good asset to the town.

Mayor

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. Drop off electronics, TV's at Agri-civic center Saturday April 5, 2025.

We will be getting the land that we just purchased surveyed. This is located at the end of Gin Mill Alley.

Everyone has a copy of the budget in front of them. We need to take a close look at it and see what we can do. Our goal tonight is to get through the general budget and then go into closed session to handle the personnel side. The details of the budget were discussed and will be brought back to commissioners next month. One of the details discussed was grinder pump maintenance, do we keep it or give it up. After discussion, it was agreed to keep the grinder pump maintenance in the budget line. The town will continue to maintain grinder pumps for residents. We will keep the police car in the budget also for now.

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

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

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