

REGULAR MEETING
JULY 28, 2021, 7:30 pm.
STANLEY TOWN OFFICE

Mayor Michael Knight called the meeting to order with the following Council members attending: Vice Mayor Bruce Stoneberger, Councilman Duane Layman, Councilman Joseph Mauck and Councilman Douglas Purdham. Others in attendance: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Police Chief Ryan Dean, Officer Aaron Cubbage, Police Chaplin Doug Gochenour, Treasurer Leon Stout, Parks Director Teri Beers and Randy Arrington with Page Valley News. Councilman Jeremiah Knight was absent from this meeting.

Mayor Knight asked Chaplin Doug Gochenour to give the Invocation and Vice Mayor Stoneberger to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Knight inquired if there were any additions or changes to the proposed agenda presented for this meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Purdham, seconded by Councilman Mauck to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Councilman Knight

Mayor Knight asked Chief Dean if he would like to make his presentations at this time. Chief Dean noted he would be glad to make his presentation to Chaplin Doug Gochenour at this time but would have to wait until a little after 8:00 pm. for Kara Winum to arrive.

Chief Dean presented Chaplin Doug Gochenour with an authentic Stanley Police Department for over 10 years of service. Chief Dean noted this is a small token to say "Thank You" for all he done and for being the rock for his entire department and doesn't know what they would do without him. Chaplin Gochenour noted it has been his pleasure and honor to be a part of the department and considers all a part of his extended family.

Mayor Knight inquired if there are any additions or corrections to the minute from the previous month's meeting as presented in writing. There being none, Motion was made by Councilman Layman, seconded by Councilman Mauck to approve the minutes as presented. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Knight noted next on the agenda is the Treasurer's Report and does anyone have any questions on the Deposit Account Balances. There being none, Mayor Knight asked if there were any questions on the Paywarrant and they are as follows:

Mayor Knight asked about Bill #50 (Page Valley News - \$1,100.00) and inquired of Randy Arrington on what kind of turn around time do you have for a new advertisement. Mr. Arrington advised about 24 hrs.

Councilman Mauck inquired about Bill #60 (Reeds Tire Center - \$735.00) why was this item purchased. Mr. Pettit and Mr. Stout advised they would find out and let him know.

Vice Mayor Stoneberger asked about Bill #69 (Stanley Auto Service - \$2711.38) were these for the golf carts for Homecoming. Vice Mayor Stoneberger inquired if the batteries will be taken out of the carts in the winter, and he was advised this would be taken care of.

Mayor Knight noted if there are no further questions, we will move onto the Loan Portfolio. Mayor Knight noted the need for a Motion to approve the Paywarrant. Motion was made by Councilman Purdham, seconded by Councilman Layman to approve the Paywarrant in the amount of \$173,463.38.

Town Manager Pettit noted Homecoming was really good even though we had some rain and that we need to discuss what we are going to charge to rent the amphitheater. Discussion followed on this issue with no price set and noting it would be discussed further at the workshop.

Mr. Pettit presented his Administrative Report at 7:48 pm. noting the amphitheater was completed in time for Homecoming but there are still items that need to be finished as well as several things throughout the park. Mr. Pettit noted some of the items which are additional outside lights, cameras, cable, and internet at the amphitheater. Mr. Pettit also noted several other things that need to be completed such as: moving the Ed Good Sign, installing fence along the front and prices for pole lights along the walkway. Mr. Pettit noted the list of items that need to be completed are on the first page of his Administrative Report.

Mr. Pettit also noted an invoice from Knight and Lucas Construction Inc. for the completion of the amphitheater in the amount of \$42,115.00. After a brief discussion Motion was made by Councilman Layman, seconded by Councilman Mauck to approve payment for this invoice of \$42,115.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Councilman Knight

Mr. Pettit noted he continues to work with the County's EDA Director Nina Fox on the Masonite Sewer Project, and we did meet with the property owner to discuss the possibility of running the sewer lines across her field. Mr. Pettit noted he will keep Council updated.

Mr. Pettit noted we have received the first allotment of the 1.7 million (\$865,500.00) from the American Rescue Plan Act. Mr. Pettit recommends we set up a work session to develop spending plans. After brief discussion August 17th at 7:00 pm. was set for the work session.

Mr. Pettit noted under House Bill #2063, which a copy is included, effective July 1st, 2021 can no longer provide compensatory time in lieu of overtime to employees.

Mr. Pettit advised we have 16 applications for the Public Works Department position, and he included a list of them and copies of their applications for Council to review. Mr. Pettit advised he would take recommendations from Council for interviews. Mr. Pettit noted the Personnel Committee, Ryan Gaunt along with himself will be conducting interviews around the first of August.

Mr. Pettit noted he has contacted Turner Construction to complete the sidewalk project in front of the Elementary School.

Mr. Pettit also noted he has contacted the Law Firm of James W. Elliott to discuss collection of delinquent taxes from several property owners if Council wishes to proceed. After brief discussion Motion was made by Councilman Mauck, seconded by Councilman Layman to proceed with this process.

MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Councilman Knight

Mr. Pettit noted he needs approval from the Council for their annual donation to each the fire department and rescue squad for \$2,500.00 each. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Stoneberger, seconded by Councilman Purdham to proceed with the donations.

Mr. Pettit also noted he needs approval to make the annual donation of \$1,000.00 to the Luray/Page Chamber of Commerce. Motion to make this donation, was made by Vice Mayor Stoneberger, seconded by Councilman Mauck.

MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Councilman Knight

Mr. Pettit noted he was finishing the paperwork through VDOT for the upcoming snow season in order for the public works department to help.

Mr. Pettit continued to note he is collecting yearly water samples of lead and copper, nitrates, hardness and heavy metals which is a month-long process.

Mr. Pettit noted since last month's meeting there have been changes in the allocation of TOT Funds. Mr. Pettit advised each town will receive \$25,000.00, but the County has to give permission that it can be spent as requested.

Chief Ryan Dean presented his Police Report at 8:08 pm. noting his department responded to 272 Calls for Service, issued 7 Citations and 146 of the calls were self-initiated.

Chief Dean welcomed Kara Winum at 8:12 pm. and began advising her and Council the police department has been busy with all of the tributes and awards in honor of Nick Winum from all over the Country. Chief Dean noted he still continues to receive letters, plaques and awards in honor of Nick even sick months after the incident. Kara thanked the Police Department and Council for all of their support during this time and left the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Chief Dean noted Homecoming went well this year noting he thought everyone was glad to get out and see people again and there was no trouble.

Chief Dean advised since the laws have changed, and hospitals have shut down officers dealing with TDO's may have to stay with them for up to 72 hours.

Mr. Pettit presented the Recreation Report at 8:30 pm. noting the pool was doing great this year and as of July 18th we had 5645 swimmers, 22 pool parties, 2-night swims and were closed for 3 days.

Mr. Pettit noted the swim team season is over, but it was a huge success and advised how well it was run. Mr. Pettit advised the swim team had a pool party and are requesting to have it at a lower rate. Motion was made by Councilman Mauck, seconded by Councilman Layman to allow the price reduction.

MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Councilman Knight

Mr. Pettit noted the mural being painted by Jenna Hill is almost complete and it looks Great, it has added a lot of atmospheres to the pool. Park Director Teri Beers advised Council that Jenna will also paint the roof at the for a total of \$570.00. Motion was made by Councilman Mauck, seconded by Vice Mayor Stoneberger to proceed having Jenna Hill paint the roof at the Hawksbill Park.

Mr. Pettit also noted he included a flyer in the packets pertaining to the PACA Event being held at Hawksbill Recreation Park on August 17th on Youth Alcohol Use.

Mr. Pettit noted the need to add 2 more cameras at the pool, one at the upper shelter and one showing the front entrance of the pool. Mr. Pettit advised over last couple of weeks we have had a lot of problems with teens 14-16 years old at this shelter.

Mr. Pettit noted we are planning to have a Fall Festival at the Hawksbill Park on October 2nd. Vendor Fees for this event will be \$30.00 and we hope to have a good turnout.

Mr. Pettit advised we were not eligible to receive any Grant Funding to help with the cost of completing Well #7 but we will still move forward with this project.

Mr. Pettit noted after waiting for two months on Bradford Morris to make the repairs at Lift Station E, he had to contact Patterson Contractors to fix the problem. Mr. Pettit noted that Patterson came on Friday to look at the problem and will return Monday to make the repairs.

Mr. Pettit noted the Enhancement Award goes to Robin Caracofe this month and noted her property always look nice.

Mr. Pettit noted under New Business a reminder to Council of our annual "Night Out" at the Hawksbill Park at 6:00 pm. on August 3, 2021.

Mr. Pettit advised the possibility of a joint meeting with the area towns, county and EDA in August or September.

Mr. Pettit noted we have been adding cameras to assist police department with patrols and this year we would like to install is near the intersection of Pond Avenue and West Main Street.

Mayor Knight advised at it 9:08 pm. that it was time for Public Comment.

Randy Arrington noted he received so many compliments from the kids and parents with the Stingray Swim Team about this season at the Hawksbill Park. Mr. Arrington further noted it was about 47 kids this year and they are hoping for 60 next year. Mr. Arrington noted they were full of compliments for Terry Pettit and Teri Beers for helping make this a great season.

Motion was made at 9:15 pm. by Councilman Mauck, seconded by Councilman Purdham that the Town Council Convene in a Closed Meeting for the discussion of Personnel Matter, as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-311 Subsection A1.

Mayor Knight calls for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Purdham
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Councilman Knight

Motion was made by Councilman Mauck, seconded by Councilman Layman at 10:05 pm. that the Town Council leave the Closed Meeting and return to Open Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Councilman Knight

Motion was made at 10:06 pm. Councilman Mauck, seconded by Councilman Layman to Adopt A Resolution to Certify a Closed Meeting: the meeting was held for the purpose allowed under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act that while in the Closed Meeting, only those matters identified in the Motion to hold a Closed Meeting were discussed.

Mayor Knight calls for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Purdham
Councilman Knight

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Councilman Knight

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Stoneberger, seconded by Councilman Purdham to promote Joey Long from Laborer 1 to Laborer 3 with an increase in pay to \$11.50 per hour and not allow Leaira Good at the Hawksbill Pool the rest of this season.

MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Councilman Knight

Motion was made Councilman Mauck, seconded by Vice Mayor Stoneberger to terminate Officer

Brandon Brown effective July 28th, 2021, his retirement will be paid through July 31st, 2021, and his Health Insurance effective through August 31st, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Councilman Knight

Motion was made by Councilman Layman, seconded by Councilman Mauck to allow Chief Ryan Dean to hire a police officer.

MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Councilman Knight

Motion was made by Councilman Layman, seconded by Councilman Purdham to proceed with the Leo's Certification Form effective January 1st, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Councilman Knight

Motion was made by Councilman Purdham, seconded by Councilman Mauck to adjourn this meeting at 10:16 pm.

MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Councilman Knight

Michael Knight, Mayor

Norma Cubbage, Clerk