

REGULAR MEETING
STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL
OCTOBER 18, 2023, 7:30 pm.

Mayor Michael Knight called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the following Council Members attending: Councilman Duane Layman, Councilman Douglas Purdham, and Councilman Joseph Mauck. Others present at this meeting: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Treasurer Leon Stout, Parks Director Teri Beers, Police Chief Ryan Dean, Randy Arrington with Page Valley News, Mark and Kim Stroupe with Stanley Homecoming Committee, Gina Hilliard with the Chamber of Commerce, and resident Jimmy Stout. Absent from the meeting was Vice-Mayor Bruce Stoneberger and Councilman Jeremiah Knight.

Mayor Knight gave the Invocation and Councilman Layman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA:

Mayor Knight inquired if there were any additions or changes to the agenda as presented? With there being none, a motion was made by Councilman Mauck to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilman Layman. Passed Unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

Gina Hilliard with the Chamber of Commerce informed the Council on the new updates, changes and goals set for the future of the Chamber. She stated they are in the process of rebranding the platform by changing the website, logo, and mission and vision statement in the next three years. At the moment the chamber has 425 members with a goal of increasing that number to 450 members. The Chamber attends ribbon cutting ceremonies, annual banquets, radio shows, support women of business, job fairs, and they just hosted a new golf tournament. At the moment they are selling all inclusive airfare and food trip to Italy for \$3,500 per person in September of 2024. As of now they have sold five packages with a goal of filling a bus load. They are also in the process of trying to receive health care plans for members. With no other questions or comments Gina thanked the Council for their time.

Mark Stroupe, representing the Homecoming Committee, stated the importance of ordering the lights soon for Ed Good Park trail. This way they will be here and installed in time before the next Homecoming. He suggested reading the fine print and making sure that each light comes with a bulb because the fine print states it doesn't. He also voiced his concern that the light poles have zero dimming control. Mayor Knight stated if you take off the lamp you can control it that way. Mayor Knight also stated the contractor would deliver the anchor bolts to be installed once paid. Mayor Knight suggested 4 down the middle, and 6-8 lights on each side. If we placed two lights at the back of the performance center, it could potentially save the town the cost of two lights. Mr. Stroupe stated on behalf of the Homecoming Committee they would like to put \$35,000 towards the lights with the Council's approval. The council agreed to order the lights.

PAST MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mayor Knight stated he had one change needed on page 5 where it states Tammy Ware would possibly make a donation to the lights, he would like that changed to Tammy Ware will find people to make donations towards the lights. With no other additions or changes to the

past minutes a motion was made by Councilman Purdham to pass the amended minutes, seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mayor Knight questioned #10 & #11 both being Form Networks (\$1,275.66, \$90.00). Treasurer Stout stated the one for \$1,275.66 was for camera installation on Pond Avenue and the other was for them rebooting the cameras. Mayor Knight then questioned what #20 (Holiday Designs, \$1,045.75) was for? Treasurer Stout stated it was for the Christmas Street Lights. With no other questions or comments a motion was made by Councilman Layman to approve the Treasurers report in the amount of \$208,678.71, seconded by Councilman Purdham. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager Pettit started off the report by stating there is \$150,524.68 left of the ARPA funds. We are still waiting for parts to arrive to hook up the plumbing for well #7. Mayor Knight and Town Manager Pettit attended the annual conference in Norfolk. Treasure Stout handed out a packet of the different options for the online/ credit card payment system. After brief discussion a motion was made by Councilman Layman to approve option #3 of 2.75% credit card charge with a minimum of a \$2.75 charge and override Treasurer Stout to negotiate e-check charges, seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Dean stated there were 392 calls for service, 2 citations, and 260 self-initiated calls for service. The radar sign have arrived, and they just needs to be assembled. The PD has received a \$1,800 grant to put towards barricades for street closures. Chief Dean went to the board of supervisors meeting and thanked them for their service in covering SRO Jenkins salary. Chief Dean then stated the importance of a building or garage to store the police vehicles. Councilman Mauck mentioned cleaning up the public works building and placing a lean to on the back. Along with building a fence with a locked gate around the building for security.

PARK AND RECREATION REPORT:

Parks Director Beers stated the pool was covered on September 25th. PACA reimbursed the town for the sunshade for the Winum playground, and it will be installed in the next couple of weeks. There was an incredible turn out for our fall event on September 30th. Special thanks to Bethlehem Church for volunteering to watch the bounce houses and giving out free hot dogs. The next event will be held October 28th for our annual Halloween Block Party from 6-8pm.

Town Manager Pettit went over the Hawksbill income and expenses for 2023. The total income was \$65,134.54 with expenses of \$90,266.80. While taking into consideration we paid \$3,000 for tree

trimming, \$17,053.35 in pool repairs, \$8,142.11 in the parking lot entrance , and \$8,142.11 in the pool lights that won't be in the expenses next year.

WATER/SEWER REPORT:

Town Manager Pettit stated they are still in the process of setting up interviews for the public works position. The Freightliner dump truck will be posted for sale in the next few days.

NEW BUSINESS:

The date set for the Christmas Banquet for the town will be on December 20th at 6:30 PM.

Resident Jim Turner requested the town to consider giving contractors a water break on cost. The council turned down that suggestion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Randy with Page Valley News stated his YouTube channel is under Page Valley Livin'.

Mayor Knight asked to adjourn the meeting at 9:27pm, a motion was made by Councilman Mauck and seconded by Councilman Purdham.

Michael Knight, Mayor

Julienne Atkins, Clerk