

REGULAR MEETING
STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL
December 13, 2023, 7:30 pm.

Mayor Michael Knight called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the following Council Members attending: Vice- Mayor Bruce Stoneberger, Councilman Duane Layman, Councilman Douglas Purdham, Councilman Joseph Mauck and Councilman Jeremiah Knight. Others present at this meeting: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Police Chief Ryan Dean, Treasurer Leon Stout, Foreman Ryan Gaunt, Randy Arrington with Page Valley News, and Residence J H Gochenour, Jimmy Stout and JT Long. Absent from the meeting was Parks Director Teri Beers.

Mayor Knight gave the Invocation and Vice- Mayor Stoneberger 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 Knight. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS:

Randy Arrington asked the Council if they would consider renewing their subscription with Page Valley News at the rate it was last year of \$2080.00. He stated he will continue promoting The Town on his YouTube channel as well. By law, an advertisement must be in print but there is a bill in the house to potentially publish on site at this potential rate. The Council thanked Randy for his time.

J H Gochenour addressed to the Council that the property next to his rental home "is a junk hole, that needs to be cleaned up". He stated they have an old camper, old cars, and car parts on their property. Councilman Purdham said unfortunately, there are people who hold value to things we don't see the value in. Mayor Knight stated, we will try to do what we can and hope he complies, if not we will take him to court. Town Manager Pettit mentioned we have been through this before and it can potentially be a long process.

PASSED MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mayor Knight asked the council if they had any additions or changes to the past minutes? Mayor Knight then stated he had one addition on page 5 paragraph one, he would like it to be addressed that the \$800 a month rent is also at a month-by-month basis. A motion was made by Councilman Mauck to approve the past amended minutes, seconded by Vice-Mayor Stoneberger. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Councilman Knight started off the Treasurer's report by questioning #24 (Knight and Lucas Construction, \$5,800)? Mayor Knight stated it is for the grill, fryer, and commercial gas line hose that will be paid out of the Homecoming account. With no other questions a motion was made by Councilman

Layman to approve the Treasurer's Report, Pay Warrant, and the Loan Portfolio in the amount of \$249,248.20, seconded by Councilman Purdham. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager Pettit started off the report stating the new payment system will be in effect January 1st, 2024. Town Manager Pettit suggested we pay the \$65 for the insert in the Daily News Record that we have done in the past for the Wall of Honor. There is \$85,431.18 left of the ARPA funding with \$80,000 already allocated. Mayor Knight gave an update on the AC unit for the concession stand stating it will be completely finished tomorrow (12/14). We are waiting for the lights to be installed behind the performance center to dictate how many we will need and how far apart they need to be placed. Town Manager Pettit stated there was an interest in purchasing one of the army trailers for the amount of \$100.00. Councilman Purdham made a motion to sell one army trailer in the amount of \$100.00, seconded by Councilman Layman. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Dean gave the police report stating there were 467 calls for service, 1 citation, and 284 self-initiated calls. This year's calendar will be pink in honor of our co-worker Belle Blosser. The Chief stated he will be looking into prices for a new building and comparing the difference in cost and use for a golf cart vs UTV. Chief Dean asked the council at what price would they like to sell the old Glocks at? After brief discussion a motion was made by Councilman Layman to sell the Glocks to the officers at \$300 and outside the Police Department at the cost of \$350, seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

PARK AND RECREATION REPORT:

Town Manager Pettit gave an update on the parks stating the flag poles have been delivered and there has been a lock placed on the gate at the Little League Park for the duration of the winter. We are still waiting on the carpenter to finish the floors for woodside cottage, in order to finish the plumbing. Woody's Construction has given us a quote to repair the chimney and patching the roof at the Hawksbill Pool. A motion was made by Councilman Purdham to hire Woody's Construction in the amount of \$6,5000 seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

WATER/SEWER REPORT:

Foreman Gaunt stated the motor blew in Chevy Colorado and is no longer functioning. He stated it would cost at least \$4,500 to replace the motor and suggests selling it and look for a used vehicle for the Public Works department. A motion was made by Councilman Knight to put the Colorado up for bid at the next council meeting, seconded by Councilman Purdham. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Manager Pettit suggested having the Christmas light judging be held on December 19th.

Town Manager Pettit asked the Council if they would like to renew the subscription with Page Valley News? A motion was made by Councilman Purdham to renew the subscription at the rate of \$2080.00, seconded by Councilman Knight. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Knight made a motion, seconded by Councilman Layman that the Town Council Convene in a Closed meeting for personnel, under Section 2.2-3711(A) 1 of Code of Virginia, 1950 to discuss personal matters relating to officers, appointees or employees of the Town of Stanley and their assignment, appointment, performance, demotion, salary, discipline, or resignation.

Mayor Knight calls for a Roll Call Vote.

Voting Yea

Voting Nay

Vice-Mayor Stoneberger

None

Councilman Layman

Councilman Knight

Councilman Purdham

Councilman Mauck

MOTION CARRIED.

A Motion was made by Councilman Knight and seconded by Councilman Layman to leave close session and return to open meeting. Mayor Knight states we are now in an open meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Knight to offer the Police Officer position to Chris Stoneberger at the starting rate of \$52k per year, seconded by Councilman Layman. Passed Unanimously.

Councilman Knight made a motion to approve the Christmas bonus to full time employees for \$500 and \$200 for currently working part time employees, seconded by Councilman Purdham. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Knight asked to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm, a motion was made by Councilman Knight and seconded by Councilman Purdham.

Michael Knight, Mayor

Julienne Atkins, Clerk