

Stoneville Town Council
Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2022
7:00 PM-Council Chambers

Present: Present were Mayor Kathy Stanley-Galvan, Councilmen Henry Thornton, Chuck Hundley, Jerry Smith, Johnny Farmer and Curtis Bennett. Also present were Interim Town Manager Perry Webster, Finance/HR Officer Samuel Stewart and Town Attorney Eugene Russell.

Closed Session §143-318.11 (4) & (6): Councilman Smith made the motion to enter into closed session. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.
Motion to recess closed session was made by Council Thornton. Seconded by Councilman Hundley. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting:

Present were Mayor Kathy Stanley-Galvan, Councilmen Jerry Smith, Henry Thornton, Chuck Hundley, Johnny Farmer and Curtis Bennett. Also present were Interim Town Manager Perry Webster, Town Clerk Sherri Darnell, Finance/HR Officer Samuel Stewart, Fire Chief Tim Brown, Fire Chief Elect Joel Freeman, Amy Hardison Core Group and Town Attorney Eugene Russell.

Welcome: Mayor Galvan welcomed the assembly. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation, called the meeting to order.

Mayor Galvan stated that during the closed session a personnel issue and an economic development issue were discussed with no action taken.

Minutes: Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the last meeting. Councilman Bennett made the comment to add the amount of the rental agreement to Rockingham County Schools for use of the gymnasium. Councilman Farmer made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction by Councilman Bennett. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda: Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilman Thornton made the motion. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

- 1. Swearing in of New Fire Chief:** Clerk Darnell administered the oath of office to Joel Freeman as Fire Chief. Copy incorporated into the minutes.
- 2. Youth Council Kickball Tournament:** Sherry Hancock could not be with us but Clerk Darnell relayed that the Youth Council would like to hold their kickball tournament in the gym this year. The tournament will be held on November 12, 2022. Councilman Farmer made the motion to coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Director. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.
- 3. Stoneville Pocket Park:** Mrs. Amy Hardison stated the Core Group's activities were on hold during the pandemic; however, more funds will be needed to complete the park plans by holding fundraising events, etc. Councilman Farmer stated that the town will maintain the park. It was also determined the Town Liaison will continue to be Mayor Galvan.
- 4. The Art of Us:** Mrs. Amy Hardison stated that the 2nd Annual Art of Us event will be held May 18th at 6 PM at Bark located on N Henry Street.

5. **Request for Voluntary Annexation:** Rev. Kenneth Moore spoke regarding their plans for the property at 126 Deaton Loop and their hope to be voluntarily annexed into the city limits. This would require connecting to Town sewer since they are already hooked to water. Councilman Farmer made the motion to accept the voluntary annexation request for 126 Deaton Loop. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.
6. **Appoint Safety Officer:** Town Manager Webster asked for Randy Neal, Safety Officer of the Stoneville Fire Department, to be appointed to Safety Officer for the Town. Councilman Smith made the motion to appoint. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.
7. **Approval of Parks & Recreation Director's Job Description:** Town Manager Webster and Councilman Bennett explained the changes in the job description. After some discussion, Councilman Hundley made the motion to approve. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Public Comments: There were no public comments

Departmental Reports:

Fire: Former Fire Chief Brown stated that during the recent storm that we experienced from Hurricane Ian, there were 7 fire calls and the storm plan for downed trees, etc. worked great. Also, the Fire Department has applied for the \$30,000 State grant, \$10,000 grant and have been awarded a grant of \$35,000.

Police: Police Chief Moore wasn't in attendance.

Recreation: Basketball registrations will be taken until October 14th. Planning for a fall baseball league, with registration to begin in the summer.

Public Works: Staying busy with backups, leaks, park renovations and moving equipment and items to storage facility.

Old Business: None

Town Manager's Update:

1. Lines will be marked for the new public works building in approximately 2 weeks.
2. Downtown business owner's that are in violation have received letters to respond regarding cleanup of their properties.
3. Stoneville Memorial Park bridge is complete with a couple of areas that need to be addressed. Cameras have been installed.
4. Senior Citizens on the Move is well underway and being enjoyed.
5. The Christmas Parade will be the first Saturday of December (12-3-22) starting at 1 PM
6. King Street drainage issue has been addressed.
7. Lemons Street paving bids are due on 10/7/22.

Return to closed session to discuss economic development issue motion by Councilman Farmer. Second by Councilman Thornton.


Mayor, Kathy Stanley-Galvan




Town Clerk, Sherri Darnell, CMC, NCCMC