

**Stoneville Town Council
Meeting Minutes
November 1, 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 Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Motion to come out of closed session made by Councilman Thornton. Councilman Bennett seconded. 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 Joel Freeman 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 Farmer made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.

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

New Business:

Proclamation for National Indian Heritage Month: Clerk Darnell read the proclamation into the record. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Public Hearing Regarding Annexation of 126 Deaton Loop: Councilman Smith made the motion to enter into Public Hearing. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Town Manager Webster stated that interest was shown at the last meeting to annex this property. The property owner is currently on water and will be tapping on to sewer. After some discussion and no public comments, Councilman Thornton made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

- a. **Ordinance O-2022-03 Annexation of 126 Deaton Loop Property:** Councilman Farmer made the motion to adopt this ordinance. Councilman Bennett seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

American Response Plan Resolution R-2022-2: Town Manager Webster stated that adoption of this resolution would be required for usage of the pandemic relief funds. Councilman Hundley made the motion to adopt this resolution. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried.

Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Budget Amendments: Finance Officer Stewart presented the Budget Amendments. After some discussion, Councilman Hundley made the motion to approve the amendments. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copies incorporated into the minutes.

Grant Proposal to Hire School Resource Officer: Stephanie Ellis with Rockingham County Schools presented a grant proposal offered through the NC Center for Safe Schools. If awarded, the Town will hire the qualified person and the grant will cover 83% of the salary for two years with the remaining 17% covered by the Town. After some discussion, Councilman Farmer made the motion to accept the proposal from Rockingham County Schools for 2 years. Councilman Bennett seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Purchase Building through Champion Steel for Public Works: Town Manager Webster asked if we still wanted to purchase the building from Champion Steel; if so, we need to accept the proposal and send the 15% or \$17,400.00 in order to obtain the drawings. Councilman Farmer made the motion to approve the 15% deposit to get started with Champion. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Demolish Building at 104 E Main Street (formerly Asignco): Town Manager Webster recommended proceeding with the demolition of the building and using this area along with the vacant lot at 102 E Main Street for much needed parking for the downtown area. Councilman Farmer made the motion to proceed with the demolition of the building. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Sarah Chandler spoke in favor of keeping siren
Mitzi Martin spoke in favor of keeping siren
Lupo Galvan spoke regarding other options besides siren

Fire Department Siren: Town Manager Webster stated that via our Facebook post, popular opinion is to keep the siren. However, Chief Freeman stated that the whole siren will need to be revamped soon because the low band frequency will be leaving. This will require getting quotes and finding the funds to replace it.

Departmental Reports:

Fire: Chief Freeman reports, still trying to find recruits. Equipment has been serviced and we are limited on certified personnel.

Police: Chief Moore reports, thank you for the SRO approval, still trying to fill the 5th full time position and part-time personnel and passed the SBI audit.

Recreation: Director Blackard sent an email reporting registering youth for basketball. 6 men's teams beginning November 10th. Preparing for the Christmas parade. Seniors on the move every Wednesday Vera Holland Center 11am.

Public Works: Director Bowman reports, still working on what you can see and what you can't. Several leaks still to be fixed.

Old Business: None

Town Manager's Update:

Town Manager Webster reported:

1. Downtown (Henry and Main St) short of parking especially handicapped spaces. We need to try to find or make additional parking available, especially handicapped areas.
2. The Public Works Building (50' X 70') will be ordered on November 2 and await drawings.
3. Lemons Street paving is not complete yet, hopefully by the end of the week.
4. Stoneville Memorial Park has cameras installed. Bathroom remodel should begin in a few weeks.
5. Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 3 at 1 pm.
6. Considering best time to have the Senior Breakfast.
7. Parade sponsor CGS Environmental.

Return to closed session to discuss economic development issue motion by Councilman Smith.

Second by Councilman Thornton.

Motion to return to regular session made by Councilman Thornton. Councilman Hundley seconded.

Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Smith. Councilman Bennett seconded. Motion carried.



Mayor, Kathy Stanley Galvan



Town Clerk, Sherri Darnell, CMC, NCCMC

