

**Stoneville Town Council  
Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2023  
7:00 PM-Council Chambers**

**Closed Session §143-318.11 (4) & (6):** 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, and Town Attorney Eugene Russell.

Councilman Thornton made the motion to enter into closed session. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Motion to come out of closed session made by Councilman Smith. Councilman Thornton 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 Deleia Hutcherson, Finance/HR Officer Shannon Tucker, Fire Chief Joel Freeman, Police Chief Frank Moore, Parks and Recreation Director Dillon Brown, Interim Public Works Director Chad Manuel, Public Works Technician John Oliver and Town Attorney Eugene Russell.

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

Mayor Galvan stated that during the closed session personnel and economic development items were discussed.

**Minutes:** Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 7th meeting. Councilman Thornton made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

**Agenda:** Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to approve the March 7th Agenda. Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. **Swear in Town Clerk and Finance Director** – Finance Director, Shannon Tucker and Town Clerk, Deleia Hutcherson were sworn in by Mayor Galvan. Oaths signed and incorporated into minutes.
2. **Arts Council/For the Art of Us** – Amy Hardison requested approval for the date, time, and street closure of this event. June 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and street closure from William E Crews on N. Henry to Main St (NC 770). Councilman Hundley made the motion to approve event time, date, and street closure. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.
3. **Consideration to Survey Cemetery Property & Construct a Driveway** – Councilman Farmer made the motion for Town Mgr Webster to get three price quotes for the total cost of surveying and constructing the driveway and discuss further at next meeting. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.
4. **Consideration to Video Council Meetings** – Discussed the option to video council meetings with the Public Education Government Grant (PEGG). Cost would be \$275.00 per meeting

and shown on a date after each meeting on channel 1304 (Municipal Access) as well as on Rockingham Update and any other media we would like. After much discussion, Councilman Farmer made the motion to video Council Meetings and use leftover funds to publicize special town events or projects. Seconded by Thornton. There was further discussion and Councilman Smith opposed using the funds to video Council Meetings but okay using funds to highlight businesses. Councilman Hundley also wanted to use funds to highlight town and businesses. Vote on motion – Councilmen Farmer and Thornton voted yes. Councilmen Hundley, Smith, and Bennett voted no. Motion did not carry. After further discussion, motion was made by Councilman Hundley asking Town Mgr. Webster to investigate opportunities for using PEGG Grant to promote town, events, and businesses and not opposed to videoing some Council Meetings. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

5. **Consideration to Install Pressure Tanks on N. Glenn, Kellam, Dalton Street, and Highland Avenue** – Councilman Farmer made the motion to have Town Mgr. Webster get three price quotes for total cost of project and discuss further at next meeting. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.
6. **Consideration to Increase Stoneville Memorial Park Fees** – Request was made by Town Mgr Webster to increase small shelter rental from \$25.00 to \$50.00 and establish \$100.00 fee for large shelter. After much discussion, motion was made by Councilman Farmer to charge \$25.00 shelter rental for residents and \$50.00 for non-residents and reduce deposit amount from \$100.00 to \$50.00. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried. Copy of revised fee schedule posted on website and incorporated into minutes.
7. **Consideration to surplus 2014 Dodge (Old Police Vehicle)** – Councilman Farmer made motion to allow Town Mgr. Webster and Chief Frank Moore to surplus this vehicle. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.
8. **Town Mgr Webster introduced new Parks and Recreation Director, Dillon Brown and new Public Works Technician, John Oliver.**
9. **Budget Amendments** – Finance Officer Tucker presented two budget amendments moving expenses between accounts. Councilman Farmer made motion to approve and Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copies incorporated into the minutes.
10. **Appoint New Town Clerk** – Town Manager Webster stated new Town Clerk, Deleia Hutcherson would need to be appointed. Councilman Hundley made the motion and Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Al Robbins spoke regarding the need for repair of potholes on side streets. Ray Wiggins spoke regarding the budget and requested a pay increase for the Police Dept. and Fire Dept. Steve Rummick spoke about the poor condition of Forrest St and the need for repair.

**Departmental Reports:**

1. **Fire** – Chief Freeman provided updates on calls and State inspection. He also confirmed March 4<sup>th</sup>, arrest of arsonist setting random fires in Rockingham County.
2. **Police** – Chief Moore provided updates on calls and renovations for Police Dept. He also advised they are still trying to hire officers.
3. **Public Works** – Town Manager Webster provided update. They are still battling numerous sewer issues due to aged lines. Lift inspection is coming up. There are generator issues that will need to be addressed soon.

**Old Business: None**

**Town Manager Report:**

1. **Public Works Building** – Waiting on grading plans from Bill Lester. Moving forward with obtaining three price quotes for mechanical engineer drawings
2. **Christmas Decorations** – Ordered twenty snowflakes for poles in downtown

**Return to closed session.** Motion by Councilman Bennett. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Motion to come out of closed session made by Councilman Thornton. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Smith left meeting before motion made for adjournment.

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

  
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Mayor, Kathy Stanley-Galvan

  
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Town Clerk, Deleia Hutcherson

