

**Stoneville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2023
7:00 PM - Council Chamber**

Regular Meeting

Present were Mayor Kathy Stanley-Galvan, Councilmen Johnny Farmer, Curtis Bennett, Jerry Smith, Henry Thornton, and Chuck Hundley. Also present were Town Administrator Perry Webster, Finance Officer Shannon Tucker, Town Clerk Deleia Hutcherson, Fire Chief Joel Freeman, Police Chief Frank Moore, and Town Attorney Eugene Russell.

Welcome: Mayor Galvan welcomed the assembly and called the meeting to order after the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. She advised the Council met at 6:00pm for Closed Session to consult with the Town Attorney and to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken.

Minutes: Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 5, 2023. Councilman Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda: Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to approve the October 3, 2023, Agenda. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Galvan announced there would not be a Public Hearing for rezoning at this meeting as the applicants withdrew their request. She also announced the Closed Session scheduled for after the meeting was moved to 6:00pm as mentioned earlier.

New Business:

1. **Consideration to apply for Piedmont Triad Regional Council Grant for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations** – Town Administrator Webster advised of the opportunity to apply for a grant to install EV Chargers in town. The grant would allow us to install two EV chargers that would be placed in the Town Hall parking lot. He advised these chargers are limited in the surrounding area and would be beneficial for the town to move forward with this grant. Councilman Smith made a motion to move forward and apply for the Piedmont Triad Regional Grant for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.
2. **Consideration to approve Mosca Design and Duke Energy installing Christmas lights** – Town Administrator Webster advised the new Christmas lights for the poles in town will require professional installation. Duke Energy does not allow electricians to connect to their poles. They have to install the equipment that will remain in place for future use. He also advised the lights were purchased from Mosca Design and recommended they mount and dismount the lights the first year to avoid any mishaps. Our Public Works Dept. will be instructed on how to mount and dismount the lights going forward. The total cost would be \$15,088.36 (Duke Energy - \$11,022.37 and Mosca Design - \$4,066.00). If approved, the expense would be paid with ARP funds. Councilman Smith advised this is a one-time investment for our citizens and will brighten up the downtown area during the holiday season. Councilman Smith made a motion to proceed with the installation costs by Duke Energy and Mosca Design as this will be at least a 10-year investment for the town. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.
3. **Consideration to approve Duke Energy Easements** – Town Administrator Webster advised our Town Attorney reviewed the documents and saw no issues. The easements would allow

- Duke Energy access to utility poles on two town properties. After some discussion, Councilman Farmer made a motion to give Duke Energy the Easements as requested. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.
4. **Consideration to purchase laptop computers for Police Department** – Town Administrator Webster advised this item would be tabled until the November meeting to allow Chief Moore to get additional information and updated quotes.
 5. **Consideration to approve quotes for new flooring in the Council Chamber** – Town Administrator Webster provided four quotes for replacing the flooring in the Council Chamber. They ranged from \$5,301.00 to \$14,500.00. He recommended we allow All About Floors to complete the project at a quote of \$6,099.39. Councilman Smith questioned where the funds would come from to cover the expense. Town Administrator Webster advised it would be taken from ARP funds unless they can find another source of funds in the budget. Councilman Farmer expressed concern over the quote increases that are double from what he thought it would be based on a quote given in a prior meeting. He asked that when future budgets are done, we look at capital items so funds are available for these types of projects. After some discussion on the remaining ARP balance, Councilman Farmer made a motion to replace the carpet in the Council Chamber with new flooring as quoted by All About Floors in the amount of \$6,099.39. Seconded by Councilman Hundley. Motion carried.
 6. **Consideration to appoint Tammy Evans to the Planning Board/Board of Adjustments as an Inside Alternate Member** – Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Tammy Evans as an alternate inside member for the Planning Board and Board of Adjustments. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.
 7. **Consideration to approve Ordinance O-2023-02 to Amend Chapter 51 (Utility Use) of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Stoneville to Add a New Section 51.27 and to Amend Section 51.47 Requiring Applicants for Water and Sewer Service Outside the Corporate Limits of the Town to Petition for Voluntary Annexation** – Town Attorney Eugene Russell explained the reason for the requested Ordinance Amendment and new section to Chapter 51 (Utility Use) for water and sewer service outside the corporate town limits. Councilman Farmer made a motion to approve Ordinance O-2023-02 to amend Chapter 51 of the Code of Ordinances to add a new section 51.27 and to amend section 51.47 requiring applicants for water and sewer service outside the corporate limits of the town to petition for voluntary annexation as presented by Mr. Russell. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Councilman Smith invited anyone who is currently outside our city limits to consider voluntary annexation.
 8. **Consideration to approve Resolution R-2023-10 Authorizing Donation of Personal Property to Non-Profit Organization (Extrication equipment no longer being used by the Fire Department)** – Councilman Farmer made a motion to approve Resolution R-2023-10 authorizing donation of personal property to non-profit organization, Stoneyview Station 80, as presented by Chief Freeman at the last meeting. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.
 9. **Consideration to approve Resolution R-2023-11 Authorizing the Disposition of Town Property (Radios no longer being used by the Fire Department)** – Councilman Farmer made a motion to approve Resolution R-2023-11 authorizing the disposition of town property – radios no longer being used by the Fire Department as presented by the Town Administrator and Fire Chief. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

Public Comments: None

Departmental Reports:

1. **Fire** – Chief Freeman announced the countywide toy drive and advised there was a box located in the Fire Dept. if anyone wanted to donate toys. Yearly requirements are being completed with regards to truck maintenance, pump testing, and hose testing. He advised all fire extinguishers located in the Town Hall, Fire Dept., and Police Dept., would be inspected in October to comply with the annual renewal service. Councilman Smith asked Chief Freeman and Town Administrator Webster if it would be beneficial to talk with Keith Bost of Management Solutions for Emergency Services and see what he has to offer. Town Administrator Webster advised he and Chief Freeman will contact him to see if there are any benefits he can bring to the table and report back to the Council. Chief Freeman thinks it would be beneficial to talk with him with regards to grants but cost might be an issue. Councilman Smith said he can also provide ideas and solutions for recruitment.
2. **Police** – Chief Moore introduced the new School Resource Officer, Caleb Shelton. He thanked Steve Hill, owner of Eagle Hills Golf Course, for allowing the use of golf carts for the Fall Festival. Councilman Farmer asked for clarification on the Area Checks on the monthly reporting as to whether they are drive by checks or foot patrol checks. He also asked if the number of open/active cases could be included in the reporting going forward. Councilman Farmer asked if they could track door checks or foot patrol for businesses and increase their presence by stopping by and checking in on the businesses to make sure all is okay and build on public relations. Chief Moore advised they could do that going forward.
3. **Parks and Recreation** – Director Dillon Brown was unable to attend meeting. Town Administrator Webster provided updates. He advised the T-ball games in September went well. Open Gyms have started and will continue on Tuesdays and Fridays at Hope Church Gym. He mentioned the following improvements to the baseball field: home plate was replaced, installed base anchors, and trimmed the infield back to be able to play 90' bases.
4. **Public Works** – Town Administrator Webster advised they have continued to work on various water issues and leaks. Potholes were filled in on Leslie, Bryan, Stone, Gerry, Oak, and Hampton St. They have continued cleaning up and edging parts of Henry St., Glenn St., and Main St. He advised a complaint was received about a low spot and crack on the sidewalk in front of the Fidelity Bank building and will be fixed as soon as possible. The picnic tables were assembled and placed at the park and in town. Councilman Farmer asked Town Administrator Webster to comment on the budget approved by the State for water and wastewater. Mr. Webster advised the Town of Stoneville will receive \$2.7 million for water system improvements. He mentioned this will not fix all our issues but it will take care of the more critical issues. The town will also receive \$2 million for water and wastewater lines to extend across US Hwy 220. There is also another grant for approximately \$1 million that will correct some of the pressure issues.

Councilman Bennett asked to circle back to the Parks and Recreation discussion. He asked for the revenue amount for the year. He asked the Finance Officer to provide a profit and loss statement to the Council for review.

Town Administrator Report:

1. **Public Works Building** – The contact at Champion Builders handling the plans for the project is having health issues and currently out of the office. Town Administrator Webster is trying to make contact with the person covering his projects. The project should move quickly once

the final plans are received and forwarded to the building inspector with the various drawings for electrical and plumbing. The next step will be a bid for the general contractor.

- 2. **Downtown Parking** – New parking signs have been placed in the parking lot of the Fidelity Bank building for public parking. The Public Works staff will continue working to improve the parking area across from Debbie’s. He asked for direction with regards to sowing grass or spreading rock in the area cleared off at 102 & 104 E. Main St. Councilman Thornton advised the general public has already been parking in this area.
- 3. **Update on fencing repair at West Main Street (Hwy 770)** – The fencing should be installed and replaced within two weeks.

Councilman Thornton advised in the near future there would probably be approximately ten acres added to the town limits through a petition requesting voluntary annexation. There will be approximately twenty-eight homes built on some of this land. There is also the potential for an additional forty-two homes built inside the Town limits. He stated the town could potentially see an additional tax base revenue of \$90,000 if these homes are built.

Mayor Galvan advised there were approximately 6,500 – 7,000 people in attendance at the Fall Festival. There were 101 vendors. She also recognized and thanked David and Mitzi Evans for planting the fall flowers in the downtown planters.

Mayor Galvan spoke on how many people parked in the empty space located at 102 & 104 E. Main St. and the need for parking when we have events. She also mentioned the need for additional handicap parking. Councilman Thornton made the motion that we consider graveling the potential parking lot at 102 & 104 E. Main St. Seconded by Councilman Farmer. Mayor Galvan asked for any further discussion. Councilman Smith stated he thinks it is a rush to assume everyone likes gravel. Councilman Thornton advised a gravel base would be needed even if they decided to move forward with paving. There was discussion about how long it would be before paving. Councilman Bennett brought up that we are unable to fix potholes in town and now discussing the possibility of graveling and paving this area. He expressed his frustration with the continued discussion of this area since it was discussed last month and thought we were waiting on a landscaping plan from our Town Engineer before moving forward. Mayor Galvan advised there was a motion on the floor and a second. Councilmen Thornton, Farmer, and Hundley voted yes. Councilmen Smith and Bennett voted no. Three votes in favor of motion and two votes against. Motion carried by majority.

Upcoming October events were announced.

Mayor Galvan thanked everyone for coming out

Motion made by Councilman Thornton to adjourn meeting. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:02pm

Kathy Stanley-Galvan
Mayor, Kathy Stanley-Galvan



Delea Hutcherson
Town Clerk, Delea Hutcherson