

**Stoneville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2025
6:00 PM – Council Chambers**

Regular Meeting

Present were Mayor Kathy Stanley-Galvan, Council members Johnny Farmer, Curt Bennett, Henry Thornton, Lee Shelton, and Daisy Smith. Also present were Town Administrator Michael Sands, Finance Officer Shannon Tucker, Town Clerk Deleia Hutcherson, Police Chief Rebecca Dixon, Public Works Director Byron Curry, Fire Chief Joel Freeman, and Town Attorney Eugene Russell.

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation: Mayor Galvan welcomed the assembly and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Steve Evans and the Invocation was given by Councilwoman Daisy Smith.

Agenda: Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to approve the March 4, 2025, agenda. Councilman Shelton made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Bennett seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Introduction of New Town Administrator and Oath of Office – Mayor Galvan introduced Mr. Michael Sands and administered his Oath of Office. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Consent Agenda: Councilman Bennett requested to remove item 3 for further discussion at the March 18th work session – Approval to amend section 32.081 Overtime Policy as follows: Exempt employee compensatory bonus time-off may be approved by Council on a case-by-case basis for up to an additional ninety (90) hours for a total accumulation not to exceed one hundred fifty (150) hours. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Councilman Shelton to approve the remaining consent agenda items, which included the following: 1. Minutes from February 4, 2025, and February 18, 2025. 2. Approval to adopt Fund Balance Policy maintaining a minimum unrestricted fund balance of at least 60% of Federal Fund expenditures plus transfers out. 4. Approval to amend starting salary and pay scale for Police Officer from \$37,390 to \$44,444. 5. Approval to purchase a set of turnout gear and brush gear for the Fire Chief from C.W. Williams in the amount of \$5,205.00 that will be paid from the McMichael grant. Councilwoman Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Copies incorporated into minutes.

New Business:

Public Hearing – Consideration of street closure for a portion of Oakdale Street between the intersection of Oakdale Street and Lee Street and continuing to the end of the unopened portion of Oakdale Street – Motion made by Councilman Thornton to open the Public Hearing. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried. Town Attorney, Mr. Eugene Russell, provided an overview of the request. No one signed up for public comments. Motion made by Councilman Farmer to close the Public Hearing. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration to approve Resolution R-2025-04 Closing a Portion of Oakdale Street Between the Intersection of Oakdale Street and Lee Street and Continuing to the End of the Unopened Portion of Oakdale Street – A motion to approve Resolution R-2025-04 was made by Councilman Shelton. Councilman Bennett seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Copy incorporated into minutes.

Stoneville Volunteer Fire Department – Mr. Jerry Smith spoke on this item and informed the Council that he attended a meeting with other citizens and fire department personnel to discuss the future of the Stoneville Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Smith spoke on the following:

- Decline in volunteer firefighters nationally and locally
- Need for a full-time fire chief and possibly a part-time captain
- Potential budget impact and funding from increased tax revenue
- Proposal for a fire committee to include two council members and two citizens

Mr. Smith informed the Council that the Fire Chief would be discussing funding for the Fire Department at the upcoming budget session

Old Business: None

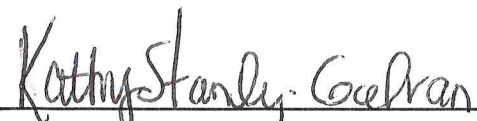
Public Comments: None

Upcoming meetings and events were announced by Mayor Galvan.

Mayor Galvan thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilman Shelton. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.


Mayor, Kathy Stanley-Galvan


Town Clerk, Deleia Hutcherson

