

Stoneville Town Council

Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2017

7:00 PM

Present: Present were Mayor Ricky Craddock, Mayor Pro-Tem Chuck Hundley, Councilwoman Lori Armstrong, Councilmen Henry Thornton, Bill Farris and Jerry Smith.

Also, present were Town Manager Ken Gamble, Human Resource/Finance Officer Joanna Dalton, Town Clerk Sherri Darnell, Police Chief Frank Moore, Police Captain Brandon Rivera, Police Officer Lee Edwards, Police Administrative Assistant Perry Webster, Parks and Recreation Director Jackie Blackard, Public Works Director Mark Malloy and Town Attorney Lisa Arthur.

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

Minutes: Mayor Ricky Craddock asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the last meeting. With no corrections, Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Armstrong made the motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro-tem Hundley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda: Mayor Ricky Craddock asked if there were any adjustments to the Revised Agenda. With no changes, Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilman Thornton made the motion to approve the Agenda. Councilman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

County Leadership Forum on Opioid Abuse:

County Commissioner Mark Richardson spoke regarding the opioid crisis that is currently affecting this country and our county specifically. Commissioner Richardson informed the Council and audience of a forum that will be held on Friday, September 22, 2017 from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the Eden Ball Room in Eden, NC.

Request for Town Sponsorship of the 2017 Rotary Fall Festival:

Mr. Bobby Stanley of the Stoneville Rotary Club thanked Council for their past participation and again asked for a donation for this year's festival. After some discussion, Councilman Smith made the motion to contribute \$300.00. Councilman Farris seconded. Motion carried.

Request for Adjustment to Water/Sewer Bill:

Mr. & Mrs. Murguia of 313 E Main Street asked Council to consider a reduction in the bill due to a leaking toilet. After much discussion, Councilwoman Armstrong made the motion to allow the 1/3 adjustment reducing the bill to \$899.76 and allow payments of \$74.98 in addition to the regular monthly billing for the next 12 months. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Statement of Appreciation:

Mr. Perry Webster conveyed his sincere thanks and appreciation to the Town Council and Staff for their support after the passing of his father.

Privatization Options for Recreation Services:

Town Manager Gamble gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the options for delivering recreation services. After much discussion, by consensus, Town Council requested that a community meeting be held and a survey mailed out and placed on the website. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Public Comments: Moved by Mayor Craddock

Mr. Johnny Farmer of 104 Pine Cone Drive spoke regarding the recreation options that have been researched during his tenure with the City of Eden and offered his help if needed.

Mr. Eugene DeMoss of 200 Forrest Street asked about the dog issue. Council advised that this is a civil matter and no changes to the ordinance would be made at this time.

Mr. Alan Light asked Council to allow him to hold a benefit at the Stoneville Park for Rolling Ridge Riding Equestrian Therapy on October 7, 2017 from 9 AM – 9 PM. Mr. Light stated that his son has greatly benefited from this group and would like to give back if allowed to hold this benefit and waive the fee. After some discussion, Councilman Farris made the motion to allow the benefit and waive the fee. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Resume New Business:

Ordinance O-2017-05 Allowing Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at 10:00 AM on Sunday-“Brunch Bill”:

The NC Legislature passed a law in June that allows counties and municipalities to approve ordinances for alcohol sales beginning at 10:00 AM on Sunday for locations with valid ABC permits. With some discussion, Councilman Smith made the motion to adopt this ordinance. Councilman Farris seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Resurfacing Request of Old Leaksville Road:

Town Manager Gamble stated that a request had been received regarding the condition of the pavement at this location and if it could be repaved. Manager Gamble explained that City’s had previously given a quote of \$10,000.00 but have not responded to our request for a new quote. This is a Powell Bill street. Councilman Thornton made the motion to resurface the street. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Approval of USDA Grant/Financing for Public Works Truck:

Finance Officer Dalton explained that the USDA had funds left over in their budget and are able to offer us a 54% Grant to purchase a 2017 Ford F-250 Utility truck for our Public Works Department. This would make the financing portion of the loan \$18,000.00 at 3.25% interest over 7 years with a monthly payment of \$240.00. Councilman Farris made the motion to accept the grant and finance amount. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Rotary Park Project Update:

Town Manager Gamble stated that Paul Kron with PTRC will make a full presentation regarding the project at the September 5th Council meeting. The final design will need to be approved by the Council before any work begins.

Matthews Street Project Update:

Town Manager Gamble stated that Cityy's Plumbing should be completing the final stages of this project within the next four weeks.

USDA Project Update:

Town Manager Gamble stated that all easements have been obtained and approved. USDA has approved us to put the project out for bid. The bid announcement was published July 30th with a public bid opening scheduled for August 31st at 2:00 PM at Town Hall. The Council will pick the winning bid and then we will seek LGC approval of financing in October.

Backflow Prevention Project Update:

Town Manager Gamble stated that 49 properties were identified for action. Twenty-eight are now in full compliance, 8 are in willful violation and subject to fine, 6 were notified after May 1st giving them a later compliance date and 7 are waiting on the new Henry Street water main, the Town to move their water meter or are Vacant but will require a device before allowing occupancy.

Sidewalk/Crosswalk Update:

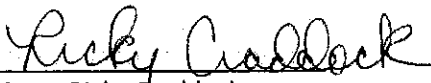
Town Manager Gamble stated that the sidewalks have been marked, utilities located and a temporary signal pole installed. Manager Gamble will be attending a pre-construction meeting on August 10th. Once the sidewalk work is completed, the area will be resurfaced and crosswalks installed.

Town Manager's Report:

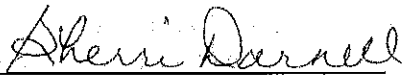
The roof has been replaced on the Water Booster station. The next Cruise-In will be August 18th from 5 -9 PM. The 4th Annual Senior Breakfast will be held Saturday, September 9th 7 – 11 AM. The Rotary Fall Festival will begin on Friday, September 29th from 6 – 11 PM with music, games and a beer garden, then on September 30th from 9 AM - 6 PM with vendors, games, raffles, crafts and much more.

Adjourn:

Mayor Craddock asked for a motion of adjournment. Councilman Thornton made the motion. Mayor Pro-tem Hundley seconded. Motion carried.



Mayor Ricky Craddock



Town Clerk, Sherri Darnell,
CMC, NCCMC

