

Stoneville Town Council
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2018
7:00 PM

Present: Present were Mayor Ricky Craddock, Councilmen Chuck Hundley, Henry Thornton, Jerry Smith and Johnny Farmer. Mayor Pro tem Lori Armstrong was absent.

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 Officers Lee Edwards and Matt Michaels, Police Administrative Assistant Perry Webster, 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 meetings. With no corrections, Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Thornton made the motion. Councilman Hundley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda: Mayor Ricky Craddock asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Town Manager Gamble stated that Item #4 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report would be carried over to the April meeting. Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the Agenda with this change. Councilman Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

¼ Cent Sales Tax Presentation:

Mike Dougherty, City of Eden and Mark Kinlaw, President of Rockingham Community College (RCC) presented the ¼ cent sales tax information, stating that all proceeds would go directly to RCC for buildings and workforce development. This referendum will be placed on the May 8th Primary Ballot. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Resolution in Support of a ¼ Cent Sales Tax for Rockingham County:

Town Manager Gamble explained this resolution shows the Town's support of the tax and placement on the May 8, 2018 Primary Ballot for Rockingham County voters. Mayor Craddock asked for a motion of approval. Councilman Farmer made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Smith seconded. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

SES PTA Request to Use Stoneville Memorial Park for Spring Carnival:

Mr. Raymond Bruins made the request on behalf of the PTA to use Stoneville Memorial Park for the Stoneville Elementary School (SES) Spring Carnival; setup

on Friday, April 27th and all day on April 28th. Mr. Bruins requested that the fee be waived for this event. Town Manager Gamble explained that in keeping with state laws, the Town should execute into an agreement with SES PTA to run the Spring Carnival for the Town. After some discussion, Councilman Farmer made the motion to execute the agreement allowing the SES PTA to hold the carnival at the park and pay the deposit to be refunded if no damage to the park has occurred. Councilman Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Appointment of Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Member:

Town Manager Gamble explained that board member Tommy Wright is unable to serve the remainder of his term and the P&R Board has recommended Curt Bennett to fill the vacancy until the end of the term. Councilman Hundley made the motion to approve this appointment. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

FY 2017/2018 Auditor Contract:

Finance Officer Dalton explained that the contract for the 2017/2018 fiscal year is for \$17,820.00. There will be an additional \$3,000.00 fee to provide a single audit due to the amounts brought in by grants that we have received. Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the contract. Councilman Thornton seconded. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Request to Reduce Water Bill:

Town Manager Gamble explained that Mr. Jerry Richardson had turned the water off upon leaving the property in November with a planned return in March 2018. During the January 16th meter reading, Public Works noticed water running out of the property and pulled the meter. The lost water amounted to 107,370 gallons. After speaking with Mr. Richardson, Town Manager Gamble asked Mr. Richardson to pay the past due balances and the cost of the water for a total of \$356.40. A motion to approve this agreement was made by Councilman Thornton. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Mr. Mike Manuel asked Council to allow the Aaron Manuel Memorial Cruise-In again for this year. By consensus, Council agreed to this annual event.

Old Business:

1.3 M CDBG Infrastructure Grant Awarded:

Town Manager Gamble announced that the NC Water Infrastructure Authority has approved the 1.3M CDBG grant that was submitted in September 2017. The 100% grant will allow replacement of sewer lines on Duncan, Kellam,

Highland, Roberts, N. Glenn and W. Matthews streets. Town Engineer Bill Lester will also be looking into the cost of replacing water lines since the streets have to be dug up during the project. Copy of incorporated into the minutes.

Fire Department ISO Inspection Report:

Fire Chief Brown informed Council that the inspection was a huge success and he would like to thank all officers and others that were involved. Chief Brown stated that the final results of the inspection should be delivered in around 60 days.

Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager Gamble stated the Stoneville Fire Department Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Stoneville Memorial Park on Saturday, March 31st from 2pm to 3pm.

The Rotary First Friday Concert will be held on Friday, April 6th from 6pm to 10 pm.

Bulk item pick up week will be April 9th through April 13th.

2018 Aaron Manuel Cruise-In will be April 20th from 5pm to 8pm.

Executive Session:

Mayor Craddock asked for motion to enter into executive session. Councilman Thornton made the motion. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Regular Session:


Upon return to regular session, Mayor Craddock announced that a personnel matter was discussed and that a one-time 5% bonus was being awarded to Town Manager Gamble.

Councilman Hundley expressed gratitude and thanked our Police Department in their swift response and capture of the individual that robbed the bank.

Councilman Hundley also questioned the levels of water that are stored in both tanks. Public Works director Malloy explained the tank levels to all in attendance.


Adjourn:

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



Mayor, Ricky Craddock





Town Clerk, Sherri Darnell,
CMC, NCCMC