

Stoneville Town Council
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2019
7:00 PM

Present: Present were Mayor Ricky Craddock, Mayor Pro tem Lori Armstrong, Councilmen Chuck Hundley, Henry Thornton, Jerry Smith and Johnny Farmer. 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, James Pulliam, Public Works Director Mark Malloy, and Town Attorney Lisa Arthur.

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

Minutes: Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the last meetings. Councilman Thornton made the motion. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda: Mayor Ricky Craddock asked for a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Budget Amendments. Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the Agenda with the addition. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing: Economic Incentives Package for SANS Technical Fibers LLC:

Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Mayor Pro tem Armstrong made the motion. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Town Manager Gamble stated that SANS will make a 4.9M taxable investment in real and personal property and create 25 full time jobs at the facility. The Town will pledge a total of \$72,992.00 in incentive payments over 5 years with the first payment on May 31, 2021 and the last payment on May 31, 2025. If actual performance does not meet agreed terms then incentives will be reduced. SANS representative Cory Bowman fielded questions from Council.

No Public comments during the public hearing.

Mayor Craddock then called for a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Famer made the motion. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Economic Incentives Performance Agreement:

Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to approve this agreement. Councilman Farmer made the motion to approve. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

School Traffic Issue on Mebane Street:

Town Manager Gamble stated that he has received 2 complaints regarding traffic. One complaint from Ms. Patricia Lovelace asks if signs can be erected to direct traffic during

school times. Also, Chris Pegelow with Charlie's Soap states that his trucks are getting blocked in due to the traffic in the afternoons. Chief Moore stated that he would speak with the school and Mr. Pegelow to address what can be done to alleviate the problems. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

School Choice Week Proclamation:

Mayor Craddock read the proclamation and asked for a motion to adopt. Councilman Thornton made the motion. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

CDBG Signature Resolution R-2019-01:

Town Manager Gamble explained that due to his departure, the Town Clerk and Mayor would need to be added as authorized signers for the CDBG Grant. Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to adopt this resolution. Councilman Smith made the motion. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Resolution Authorizing Sole Source Purchase of Water Meters for Cellular Read Meter Project R-2019-02:

Town Manager Gamble explained NCGS 143-129(e) (6) is an exception to the competitive bidding when standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration. The Town has been using Badger meters to replace failing meters for the past four years. The cellular read project is getting ready to be launched and standardizing to all Badger meters is a very important part of it. There is only one Badger meter distributor in this area; therefore, the Council would need to adopt this resolution since it is an exception to the bidding process. Councilman Hundley made the motion to adopt the resolution. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

FY-19-20 Budget Calendar:

Town Manager Gamble stated the Budget retreat is scheduled for Saturday, February 9th with the remainder of the Budget meetings scheduled for regular Council meeting nights. Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to approve the calendar. Councilman Hundley made the motion. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Police Take Home Car Program:

Chief Moore stated that our 5th Officer will be sworn in as soon as all the paperwork comes back but we are still short on cars. Ilderton Dodge has 2 cars on the lot for \$51,000.00 and 15,000.00 each to equip. Chief Moore asked about USDA or market financing to obtain these cars. After some discussion, Council tabled the discussion regarding financing until the February meeting. Copy of presentation incorporated into the minutes.

Authorization to Pay Contractor on USDA Project Pending USDA Reimbursement:

Town Manager Gamble explained due to the government shutdown, USDA staff are not available to approve pay requests on the USDA project. City's Plumbing has requested partial payment of the \$210,811.80 pay request for work already completed and approved on the project. We can pay this with unassigned fund balance and reimburse it once the

shutdown is over. After much discussion, Councilman Farmer made the motion to pay \$105,000.00 from fund balance with reimbursement when shutdown is over. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Budget Amendments:

4a. This amendment allows payment of the USDA Sewer Project loan interest of \$18,292.50.

4b. This amendment allows for the partial payment to the contractor of \$105,000.00.

Councilman Farmer made the motion to approve both amendments 4a and 4b for the amounts as stated. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Public Comments:

Rabron Wiggins commented to Council regarding their constituents.

Town Manager Report:

Town Manager Gamble stated that after several complaints from one resident regarding water pressure and quality on Lemons Street, and several visits by our Public Works Director; a survey was sent to all residents of this street. Only 2 were returned; the original complainant and one stating that pressure was low between 5 – 6 pm which is peak usage times. No problems could be found on the Town's side.

USDA Project: The wet well has been installed at the Church Street site. Electrical and equipment installation is pending. The weather over the past month has significantly slowed progress. With the government shutdown, we are unsure if we will be able to close on the bond before it matures. Bond Counsel has been contacted and are going to prepare.

Golf cart signage locations are marked and waiting for DOT approval.

Everyone that had leaves placed out by the last day of pick up were serviced.

Executive Session:

Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to enter into executive session. Mayor Pro tem Armstrong made the motion. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Regular Session:

Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to return to regular session. Councilman Hundley made the motion. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.


Mayor Craddock stated that legal matters and a personnel matter were discussed.


Councilman Hundley made the motion to post the Town Manager position with resumes being submitted to the Mayor. Council Farmer seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Farmer made the motion that effective January 26th, Finance Officer Dalton would be appointed as interim Town Manager until position is filled. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Mayor Craddock then 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

