Stoneville Town Council Meeting Minutes September 3, 2019 7:00 PM

Present:

Present were Mayor Ricky Craddock, Councilmen Chuck Hundley, Jerry Smith, Henry Thornton, Bill Farris and Johnny Farmer. Also present were Town Manager Lori Armstrong, Finance Officer/Human Resource Joanna Dalton, Town Clerk Sherri Darnell, Police Chief Frank Moore, Administrative Assistant Perry Webster, Public Works Director Mark Malloy, Town Engineer Bill Lester and Town Attorney Lisa Arthur.

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 meeting. Councilman Thornton made the motion. Councilman Farris seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda:

Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to approve the Agenda moving Item #7 to Item #1. Councilman Smith made the motion. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Asset Inventory & Assessment Program (AIA):

Town Engineer Lester explained the AIA program and NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) funding resources for the water infrastructure application for grants. After much discussion, Councilman Farmer made the motion to allow permission to apply for the grant. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Town Engineer Lester explained the resolution concerning community development code of conduct and that we would need to adopt this resolution in order to remain compliant with the regulations required to receive Federal funds. Councilman Smith made the motion to adopt this resolution. Councilman Farris seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Public Hearing:

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

Town Manager Armstrong stated that all certified letters sent to the heirs of the deceased have been returned; therefore, with no communication with any heirs, this property needs to be abated for the health and safety of the surrounding residents.

There were no public comments.

Motion to close the public hearing and return to regular session was made by Councilman Farris. Second by Councilman Hundley. Motion carried.

Resolution R-2019-09 Declaring the Property at 102 Glendale Street a Public Nuisance and Directing Abatement of the Nuisance:

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

Parks and Recreation Report:

Councilman Smith reported that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is working hard and getting geared up for fall basketball and cheer. The next meeting will be held September 9th at 6pm in the council chambers.

Affordable Housing Summit:

Administrative Assistant Webster explained that the Town is partnering with resources to look at our options to provide affordable housing.

Budget Amendments:

Finance Officer Dalton explained the budget amendments as follows: Budget amendment 2 covers the purchase of the 2-2019 Dodge Chargers for the Police Department in the amount of \$35,159.84. Councilman Thornton made the motion to approve. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Budget amendment 2a covers the surveillance system for the Fire Department in the amount of \$2,000.00. Councilman Thornton made the motion to approve. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Budget amendment 2b covers the repairs made to the backhoe in the amount of \$19,415.00. Councilman Farmer made the motion to approve. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Budget amendment 2c covers the NCDEQ-AIA grant in the amount of \$11,650.00. Councilman Farris made the motion to approve. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Public Comments:

Bobby Stanley spoke regarding the Rotary Fall Festival.
Rabron Wiggins commented about Council and Senior Breakfast.
Jodi Lester commented about Parks and Recreation, development and growth of the Town.

Old Business:

Senior Breakfast and Treat Bags:

Town Manager Armstrong stated that instead of the Senior Breakfast and Christmas Treat Bags that the Town use these funds to better increase communication with residents by installing a phone tree, or have the Senior Breakfast in the Spring. Councilman Hundley made a motion to have the Senior Breakfast on November 2nd. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Pocket Park Tree Mural:

Town Manager Armstrong stated that a suggestion was made regarding installing a tree mural in the Pocket Park and would like permission to look into this possibility. By consensus, Council agreed to proceed.

Town Manager Report:

Town Manager Armstrong stated that the August through December newsletter has been mailed, placed on the website and are receiving good feedback.

The Master Park Plan is going to begin with a meeting with DRBA (Dan River Basin Assn.), Economic Development and community representatives. This plan will look at our existing resources and map out a progression plan involving our parks and trails. This plan will also give us the opportunity to apply for grant funding.

The Stoneville Cemetery Map has been placed at the kiosk at the cemetery.

The Stoneville Fall Festival will be Saturday, September 28th. Our Parks and Recreation Department will have a booth set up.

Public Works Director Malloy also asked about doing some upgrades to the Stoneville Memorial Park; specifically starting with mulch on the playground.

Executive Session:

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

Regular Session:

After return to regular session, Mayor Craddock stated a personnel matter and economic development issue was discussed with no action taken.

Adjourn:

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

Nayor, Ricky Craddock

Town Clerk, Sherri Darnell, CMC, NCCMC