

**Stoneville Town Council
Meeting Minutes-
Revised**
February 2, 2021
7:00 PM via Zoom and In
Person**

Present: Present were Mayor Kathy Stanley-Galvan, Councilmen Chuck Hundley, Jerry Smith (Zoom), Henry Thornton, Johnny Farmer and Bill Farris (via Zoom), Also, present were Interim Town Manager Perry Webster, Human Resource/Finance Officer Joanna Dalton, Town Clerk Sherri Darnell, Police Chief Frank Moore, Police Captain Brandon Rivera, Public Works Director Mark Malloy, Downtown Core Group President Amy Hardison and Town Attorney Lisa Arthur (via ZOOM).

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

Minutes: Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 5, 15 and 26, 2021 meetings. Councilman Thornton made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda: Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilman Smith made the motion. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.

****Public Hearing: Submission of a CDBG Program Amendment – FY17 CDBG Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation 17-I-2970**

Open Public Hearing: Motion made to open the Public Hearing by Councilman Farmer. Seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried.

Bill Lester of LKC Engineering explained that the FY17-I-2970 CDBG Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project has been completed as proposed and there are remaining unused grant funds still available in the amount of \$177,039. The Town is submitting a CDBG Program Amendment to NCDEQ requesting permission to utilize the remaining grant funds to replace approximately 860 LF of old/deteriorated gravity sewer lines with new 8-inch gravity sewer along a portion of East Matthews Street. The amended project will serve 4 additional single family homes and Adkins Glen, a low income housing apartment building, all adjacent to the original project area. The amended project will serve an additional 29 low/moderate income persons; therefore, the overall LMI project benefit including the original project is 95.5% LMI. The total estimated project cost of the proposed amendment is \$172,950. In addition, the Town is requesting an additional 9 months to complete the project.

The Mayor invited anyone who had signed up to speak to come forward at this time. No one had signed up; therefore, there were no comments at the Public Hearing.

Close Public Hearing: Councilman Farmer made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Action: Councilman Farmer made a motion to approve the amendment of \$172,950 and authorize the Mayor to execute documents associated with the Program Amendment and proceed with

submitting to NCDEQ. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

New Business:

AIA Grant Update:

Town Engineer Lester explained that this grant is to replace our aging water infrastructure. Most of the background work has been completed and coming this spring will be the field inspections, water mapping, identifying strengths and weaknesses, etc.

Feature Stoneville for the Month of March:

Mr. Charles Roark with Star News joined us via Zoom, to explain that he would like to feature our Town for the month of March. They came up with this idea in order to try to get people interested in coming back out and enjoying small towns and the outdoors. Councilman Farmer made the motion to coordinate with Mayor Galvan. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Records Retention Update:

Tabled until March meeting.

Water Distribution Inspection:

Public Works Director Malloy stated that our water distribution inspection was great with nothing to correct.

Budget Schedule:

The budget schedule was presented for approval.

Councilman Hundley made the motion to approve. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Update Schedule of Fees:

Chief Moore and Captain Rivera asked Council regarding a fee schedule for animals picked up by the Town and taken to Rockingham Animal Shelter. Currently we have to pay \$65.00 per animal that the Town takes to the shelter, with no way to recoup any of that money. With an increase of residents getting chickens without purchasing permits and/or exceeding the limit, we need to charge the resident with at least the County rate plus \$20.00 per officer. Councilman Hundley stated he liked the idea. Council instructed Chief and Captain to confer with the Town Attorney and bring back ideas or examples at the March meeting.

Public Comments:

Mr. Ray Wiggins made comments regarding Public Safety needing more money and the price of minimum water bills.

Old Business:

Pocket Park Update:

Amy Hardison gave an update on what has been accomplished and the plans for the next phase. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Public Works Building:

We are looking at a 60 X 80 foot building. TMA Architects will charge 5.5% of the construction costs. After much discussion Councilman Farmer made a motion that the Public Works director reach out to the other the property owners in question with Councilman Smith regarding intentions of that property. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.

Town Report:

NCDEQ Haywood & Leslie Street, Phase I will cost approximately \$25,000.00 to \$35,000.00.

Youth Council looking for a new director, table until March

Beautification committee, looking for new recruits

PTRC-Job Descriptions will be updated and review by Human Resources and Council

Chief Brown stated that the old foam that has been used for over 50 years has now been banned and new foam ordered.

Parks & Recreation Director Blackard stated that since the school is still closed he is looking into events that can be held at the park.

Public Works Director Malloy stated there were no issues to report.

Administrative Asst. Webster reported that dispute over building materials on property at 305 N Glenn St has been worked out. The grant for Police Department stop sticks has been submitted and taser replacement grant will be this week.

Clerk Darnell reported that TextMyGov will be active by the end of February and is researching online payment options.

Chief Moore stated they were updating the use of force changes due to conform to the State mandates, audit in process, training of officers and waiting for the County to assess our IT for the entire building.

Councilman Hundley stated he liked having discussion from each Department Head at the meetings.

Executive Session: Councilman Thornton made the motion to enter into executive session.

Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.

Regular Session: Councilman Hundley made the motion to return to regular session. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Galvan stated that a personnel issue had been discussed.

Recess:

Mayor Galvan then asked for a motion to recess the meeting until 12:00 PM on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. Councilman Hundley made the motion. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried.


Mayor, Kathy Stanley-Galvan




Town Clerk, Sherri Darnell, CMC, NCCMC

**Stoneville Town Council
Minutes from Recessed
Meeting February 2, 2021
Reconvened February 3,
2021
12:00 PM**

Present: Present were Mayor Kathy Stanley-Galvan, Councilmen Chuck Hundley, Jerry Smith, Henry Thornton, Bill Farris and Johnny Farmer.

Mayor Galvan called the meeting back to order.

Executive Session:

Councilman Thornton made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.

Return to Regular Session:

Motion was made to return to regular session by Councilman Farris. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Smith made a motion to hire Perry Webster as Interim Manager at \$440.00 per week up to 20 hours per week. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Farris. Seconded by Councilman Hundley. Motion carried.



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