

Stoneville Town Council
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2021
Executive Session 6:00 PM
7:00 PM

Executive Session:

All Members present.

Enter into executive session motion to discuss a personnel matter made by Councilman Thornton. Seconded by Councilman Farris. Motion carried.

Close Executive Session:

Motion made to close executive session made by Councilman Thornton. Seconded by Councilman Farmer. Motion carried.

Regular Session:

Present: Present were Mayor Kathy Stanley-Galvan, Councilmen Chuck Hundley, Jerry Smith, Henry Thornton, Johnny Farmer and Bill Farris. Also, present were Interim Town Manager Perry Webster, Town Clerk Sherri Darnell, Public Works Director Mark Malloy, Jenny Edwards of the Rockingham County Arts Council (via Zoom) and Town Attorney Eugene Russell.

Welcome: Mayor Galvan welcomed the assembly. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation, called the meeting to order. Mayor Galvan stated that during executive session a personnel issue was discussed.

Minutes: Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the last meetings of June 1, 8, and 24, 2021. Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

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

Council Comments:

Mayor Galvan thanked everyone in attendance; stated that the Youth Council will be present at the August meeting; stated that the Town has purchased property at 107 S. Henry Street and will be moving Town Hall to that location in the near future.

Councilman Farmer expressed his thanks to Maria Bridges for placing the flags out for holidays; also thanked everyone that comes out to the Cruise-In's for their support.

New Business:

Stoneville Community Cemetery: Mr. Jimmy Smith informed the Council that a new 501 C 3 as well as a new council have been set up to restore the Stoneville Community Cemetery located on Deaton Loop/Joyce Farm Rd. Mr. Smith requested a donation from the Town. After some discussion, it was decided to get a copy of the plan and other documentation be given to the Town Manager for consideration.

Stoneville Rotary: Mr. Bobby Stanley stated that the Rotary Fall Festival is on schedule for Saturday, September 25, 2021. Mr. Stanley went on to state the Rotary's function in the community and causes that they help support. Mr. Stanley requested a donation of \$400.00 from the Town to

help with the Fall Festival. Councilman Farmer made the motion to approve the \$400.00 donation to the Stoneville Rotary. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Planning Board Application: Town Manager Webster stated that Mr. Edward Ford had submitted an application for the Town's Planning Board; this would make Mr. Ford an alternate for the vacant inside position. Councilman Farmer made the motion to appoint Mr. Ford. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Southern View MHP: Mr. Paul Ewing, owner of Southern View MHP, requested that each resident continue to be billed individually. The master meter will be read and any amount in excess of 500 gallons above the individual totals will be billed directly to him. Consensus of Council to approve this policy in keeping with our ordinance §51.04.

Arts Council Request: Jenny Edwards with the Rockingham County Arts Council asked for the Town's dues renewal of \$500.00 to the Arts Council. This amount helps our local school and projects in our Town. Councilman Smith made the motion to continue funding at the \$500.00 level. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Minimum Housing Standards: Town Manager Webster stated that this ordinance mirrors the County ordinance and will aid us in identifying properties that are in need of repair. Consensus of Council to schedule a Public Hearing for next month. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Firearms Policy: Town Manager Webster introduced a Firearms Policy for Town owned properties. After some discussion, Councilman Farmer made the motion to approve with the modifications discussed with the attorney. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried with Farmer, Smith and Thornton voting yes. Hundley and Farris voting no. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Purchase of s "Billy Goat" Street Sweeper: Town Manager Webster stated that this purchase would help with keeping the streets and sidewalks cleaned. One-half of the cost can be covered by Powell Bill Funds and one-half by Parks & Recreation funds. Councilman Farmer made the motion to purchase the Billy Goat. Councilman Farris seconded. Motion carried with Councilman Smith voting no.

Public Comments: Mr. Herman DeMoss had signed up but stated his question had already been answered.

Mr. Steve Evans expressed his appreciation to Town Manager Webster, Town Hall personnel, Public Works and the Police Department. Mr. Evans stated that there were still issues with the creek during heavy rains and flooding of the mobile home park and the road.

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Hodge spoke regarding flooding conditions on King Street during heavy rains.

Old Business:

Public Works Building Update: Town Manager Webster stated that with the recent property purchase, our existing lot on Stone Street is directly behind this property. We are currently waiting on quotes for clearing this vacant lot on Stone Street and then with assistance from Town Engineer

Bill Lester, we will decide on the size of the building and how to proceed.

Town Report:

Town Manager Webster stated that quotes for moving the playground equipment ranged from \$14,000.00 to \$22,000.00 after a 40' X 90' spot is settled upon. Also, the NC Vipers are still going to erect a batting cage at the ballfield as soon as building materials are more affordable.

Town Manager Webster met with State representatives regarding trying to ease water issues for Church and Clark Streets.

Clark Street issue at the Vaden residence, the Town corrected the issue around the manhole located in the driveway and unstopped the pipe.

Public Works Director Malloy will correct the ditching issue on King Street.

Each owner of the remaining trailer parks have been contacted and we will try to come to an agreement regarding billing and possible leaks on private property.

The complaints regarding the Waste Management pick up schedule we have no control over. This schedule is sent to us from Waste Management.

Councilman Smith stated that Mr. Curt Bennett has reconvened the Cemetery Committee and will have updates for us shortly.

Adjourn: Councilman Farris made the motion of adjournment. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.


Mayor, Kathy Stanley Galvan


Town Clerk, Sherri Darnell, CMC, NCCMC

