

Stoneville Town Council
Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2021
Closed Session 6:00 PM
7:00 PM-Vera Holland Center

Closed Session:

All members present.

Enter into closed session motion to discuss a personnel matter and an economic development matter made by Councilman Farris. Seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried.

Exit Closed Session:

Motion made to exit closed session made by Councilman Smith. Seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting:

Present: Present were Mayor Kathy Stanley-Galvan, Councilmen Chuck Hundley, Jerry Smith, Johnny Farmer, Bill Farris and Henry Thornton. Also present were Interim Town Manager Perry Webster, Finance/HR Officer Samuel Stewart, Town Clerk Sherri Darnell, Police Chief Franklin Moore, Technology Coordinator Amy Hardison and Town Attorney Eugene Russell. The Honorable Stan Allen was also in attendance.

Welcome: Mayor Galvan welcomed the assembly. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation, called the meeting to order. Mayor Galvan stated that during closed session a personnel issue and economic development issue were discussed with no action taken.

Minutes: Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the last meeting. Councilman Thornton made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Farris seconded. Motion carried.

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

Council Comments:

Mayor Galvan stated that our Christmas Parade was well attended, had 84 entries and 3 bands. She thanked everyone involved in making the event successful.

Councilman Farmer echoed the Mayor's comments and thanked the Stoneville Youth Council and everyone involved.

New Business:

Organizational Meeting:

Swearing in of Councilmembers: The Honorable Stan Allen reminded everyone that this was the 80th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor and asked that we remember our military and those who died.

Judge Allen then administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Curtis Bennett and Johnny Farmer. Copies incorporated into the minutes.

Nominations for Mayor Pro tem: Councilman Hundley made the motion to nominate Jerry Smith. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried.

Judge Allen administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Smith. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Short Recess

Text Amendment to Chapter 93 – Animals: Town Manager Webster explained that due to the responses received from Council and residents after the animal incident in November, this text amendment has been drafted by taking examples from other municipalities and incorporating them into our text amendment. This text amendment includes, but is not limited to, registration, tags, confinement, number of dogs, rabies, potentially dangerous/vicious dogs, leash law, spay and neuter, insurance requirements, etc. Mr. Richard Bridges thanked Council and Police Department for the jobs that they do. Mr. Bridges stated that he was in favor of changing the ordinance for the safety of residents and children. Town Manager Webster stated that registration fees could potentially be instituted. After much more discussion, Councilman Smith made the motion to recess the meeting and continue the discussion at the Special Called Meeting on December 14th. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried.

Council Meeting Calendar: Clerk Darnell presented the Council meeting calendar for 2022. Councilman Thornton made the motion to approve as presented. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Budget Amendments: Finance/HR Officer Stewart presented budget amendment 1) grant funds moved from 2020-21 to 2021-22; amendment - 1a) Water/Waste Water Equipment maintenance; amendment 1b) Fire Department 50/50 Grant and amendment 1c) AIA grant funds received for approval. After some discussion, Councilman Farmer made the motion to approve as presented. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Cell Tower Lease: Finance/HR Officer Stewart presented an opportunity for a buyout of our lease agreement with American Tower. This offer, if accepted, would provide a lump sum payment of \$225,000.00 minus closing costs of \$13,500.00 for a total of \$211,500.00. Consensus of Council to proceed with this possibility and return to Council with findings.

Christmas Bonus: Finance/HR Officer Stewart asked Council if Christmas bonuses would be distributed again this year. Councilman Farmer made the motion to award Christmas bonuses as in the past; \$500.00 for Full Time employees and \$250.00 for Part Time employees. Councilman Smith seconded and thanked all employees for their hard work. Motion carried.

Request for Water Bill Adjustment: Town Manager Webster advised Council that a resident had requested an adjustment to the sewer portion of their extremely high bill due to landscaping issues. After some discussion, Councilman Farmer made a motion to reduce the sewer portion to the 3 month average. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Install an Emergency Cutoff at Deaton Loop: Town Manager Webster recommended placing an emergency cutoff on Deaton Loop due to remodeling plans at 126 Deaton Loop. Current mapping does not show exactly where this line goes and this line has been hit in the past and repaired under pressure. Town Manager Webster stated that he has received 1 quote in the amount of \$4,000.00 and is looking for 2 more quotes. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve this

recommendation. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Eric Tipton (email) in favor of amendment to Animal Ordinance (incorporated into minutes)
- Barbara Belton spoke in favor of the amendment
- Jodi Lester spoke in favor of the amendment
- Greg Gendron spoke in favor of the amendment
- Kathy Brown spoke in favor of the amendment
- Curtis Bennett spoke regarding his write in candidacy and thanked all who voted

Old Business:

Councilmember Appointment to Parks and Recreation Board: Councilman Smith made the motion to appoint Councilman Curtis Bennett to the Parks and Recreation Board. Councilman Bennett accepted the appointment. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.

Update on 107 S Henry Street: Town Manager Webster stated that the materials are starting to be installed that we have been waiting on and hope to have Town Hall relocated by January 2022.

504 E Main Street: Town Manager Webster reported that this structure will be used as a training burn on December 18th.

Public Works Building: Town Manager Webster stated that Commissioner Reece Pyrtle advised that the Town will be receiving \$250,000.00 from the State to construct a Public Works Building. Also, the clearing at the adjoining property at 104 Stone Street should be finished soon.

Town Report:

Town Manager Webster reported that a Special Called Meeting will be held December 14, 2021 at 6PM also at the Vera Holland Center to hear an Economic Development/Land Acquisition and Leasing Opportunity.

December 18th will be the Christmas giveaway at 302 S Henry Street.

Meeting was recessed until December 14, 2021 at 6PM.


Mayor, Kathy Stanley-Galvan


Town Clerk, Sherri Darnell, CMC, NCCMC



**Stoneville Town Council
Special and Reconvened
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2021
6:00 PM
Vera Holland Center**

Present: Present were Mayor Kathy Stanley-Galvan, Councilmen Jerry Smith, Henry Thornton, Curtis Bennett and Johnny Farmer. Councilman Chuck Hundley was absent.

Also present were Town Manager Perry Webster, Town Clerk Sherri Darnell, Finance/HR Officer Samuel Stewart, and Town Attorney Eugene Russell.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation, Mayor Galvan called the meeting to order.

Public Hearing Open: Acquisition and Leasing of Property

Councilman Thornton made the motion to open the public hearing. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing Comments: No one signed up.

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

Town Manager Webster stated that if the town purchases the property and then leases the property, the lease agreement will be for 3 years and renegotiate after that time.

Closed Session: §143-318.11 Personnel (6) and Economic Development (4)

Motion to enter into closed session made by Councilman Smith. Seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried.

Regular Session: Motion to return to regular session made by Councilman Thornton. Seconded by Councilman Farmer. Motion carried.

Upon return to regular session, Mayor Galvan stated that a personnel and an economic development matter was discussed.

Councilman Farmer made the motion to authorize the Town Manager and Town Attorney to negotiate the purchase of the Fidelity Bank property. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Smith made the motion to authorize town staff to negotiate with the cell phone tower company for lump sum cash payment. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Farmer made the motion to authorize the Town Manager and Town Attorney to negotiate lease agreement with American Partners Federal Credit

Union for three (3) years. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Changing Town Hall Hours:

Town Manager Webster asked Council to consider changing town hall hours from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM to 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM beginning January 4, 2022.

Councilman Smith made the motion to change the hours as stated. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Thornton. Seconded by Councilman Bennett. Motion carried.


Mayor, Kathy Stanley Galvan


Town Clerk, Sherri Darnell, CMC, NCCMC



Stoneville Town Council
Special Meeting
December 28, 2021
6:00 PM

Call to Order- Mayor Galvan
Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation
Approval of Agenda

Present were Mayor Kathy Stanley-Galvan, Councilmen Jerry Smith, Henry Thornton, Curtis Bennett, Johnny Farmer, and Chuck Hundley.

Also present were Town Manager Perry Webster and Town Attorney Eugene Russell.

Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss a legal matter.

Motion made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Thornton.

Motion to return to regular session made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Hundley.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Farmer and seconded by Councilman Smith.

*Closed Session: §143-318.11 – Legal Issue (1)

Adjourn:

Kathy Stanley-Galvan

Mayor, Kathy Stanley Galvan



Sheri Darnell
Town Clerk