

**Stoneville Town Council
Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2022
Closed Session 6:00 PM
7:00 PM-Council Chambers**

Closed Session:

All members present.

Regular Meeting:

Present: Present were Mayor Kathy Stanley-Galvan, Councilmen Chuck Hundley, Jerry Smith, Johnny Farmer, Curtis Bennett and Henry Thornton. Also present were Interim Town Manager Perry Webster, Town Clerk Sherri Darnell, Finance/HR Officer Samuel Stewart, Town Engineer Bill Lester, Police Chief Franklin Moore, Fire Chief Tim Brown 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 closed session an economic development issue and consultation with the attorney were discussed with no action taken.

Minutes: Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the last meeting. 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 with the addition of Stoneville Youth Council and a Resolution to Authorize the 25 year Lease Agreement. Councilman Hundley made the motion. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Public Hearing: Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Councilman Smith made the motion. Councilman Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Town Engineer Bill Lester summarizes the CDBG project as follows:

The purpose of this public hearing is to review the expenditures and activities that have been accomplished through the Town's CDBG Infrastructure Grant (17-I-2970) and allow for any citizen comments.

The original scope of work for the 17-I-2970 grant provided \$1,300,000 in CDBG-I funds (CDBG) to replace existing deteriorated 6 and 8 inch gravity sewer lines, install 4500 LF of new 8 inch gravity sewer and install 19 new manholes at N Glenn St., Highland Ave., Kellam St., Dalton St., and Roberts St. The Town amended the project to also replace 860 LF of gravity sewer with new 8 inch gravity sewer along E Matthews Street. The overall LMI project benefit is 95.5% LMI.

This public hearing is required for closing out the CDBG project. Total CDBG-I expenditures for the project are as follows:

Administration	\$85,000.00
Preliminary Engineering Report:	\$12,500.00
Sewer:	\$1,186,928.06

Mayor Galvan asked for any public comments. There were none.

Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Hundley made the motion. Councilman Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Farmer made the motion to authorize LKC Engineering to proceed with preparing the Close out Report and authorize the Mayor to execute the report and submit to NCDEQ to officially close out the FY17 CDBG Infrastructure project for the Town of Stoneville. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Rockingham County Arts Council: Jenny Edwards presented the works of the Rockingham County Arts Council and asked for a donation of \$500.00 for this year. Councilman Farmer made the motion to give the Rockingham County Arts Council \$500.00. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Stoneville Youth Council: Katelyn Brooks and Sadie Kemp stated that the Youth Council is partnering with the Stoneville Fire Department to host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th. Donations of candy and plastic eggs will be appreciated. Council also approved for the Town to print flyers to distribute.

Water Billing Adjustment: Tony and Sarah Chandler explained to Council regarding a water pipe break at their home on January 23, 2022. They asked Council to allow another leak adjustment. After some discussion, Councilman Smith made the motion to adjust the billing by \$83.25. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Solid Waste Request for Proposals (RFP): Town Manager Webster asked for approval of the RFP for Solid Waste. After reviewing the document and some discussion, Councilman Hundley made the motion of approval and distribution. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Consideration to Purchase Commercial Holiday Decorations for Main and Henry Streets: Councilman Smith stated that Mosca Design will let us place an order and not pay until FY 2022/2023. The cost would be approximately \$300.00 to \$400.00 per pole. After some discussion, it was decided to table this discussion.

Resolution Authorizing Execution of 25 Year Agreement and Easement between ATC Sequola LLC and the Town: Town attorney Russell explained that this resolution approves the agreement and requires the Mayor and Clerk's signatures. Councilman Hundley made the motion to approve. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Public Comments: No one signed up

Old Business:

Consideration to Merge Fire Departments: Stoneville Fire Chief Tim Brown and Northwest Fire Chief Mason James appeared to discuss the merger of Stoneville, Northwest and Shiloh Fire Departments to create a new district with full-time coverage. The original proposal did not take into account that the Town contributes \$55,000.00 to the Fire Department. Town Manager Webster explained that if the merger takes place then an additional \$25,000.00 will need to be contributed by the Town and that would increase the tax rate by 6 cents. After much discussion,

decision to table until April with representatives from all 3 fire department boards to give a preliminary vote; for or against the merger.

Animal Control: Town Attorney Russell stated that the animal ordinance must be heard and voted on again in order to apply the criminal penalties. After much discussion, Councilman Farmer made the motion to adopt the ordinance with penalties. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried 3-2. Councilmen Farmer, Hundley and Thornton voting Yay. Councilmen Smith and Bennett voting Nay.

Fidelity Bank Property: Town Attorney Russell explained that the agreement has been signed but not received. Once the agreement has been received, then we can take possession of the property.

Purchase of Diesel Tank: Town Manager Webster stated that we should hold off until the public works building is completed.

Town Manager’s Update:

Town Manager Webster reported:

The Coble Center isn’t having much success with the disabled children coming in; so they are instituting programs for Senior Citizens.

The sewer line on W Matthews Street has been repaired. The Town will be working with Mr. Frank Lester to access damages.

The water line replacement on Lemons Street will begin once the weather stays above freezing.

Meeting with architect and civil engineer regarding the public works building next Tuesday March 9th.

The JCB backhoe will be listed on Govdeals March 2nd. The sale price will have to be applied to the outstanding USDA loan.

The Cruise In that is normally held by Mike Manuel will no longer be held. Council advised to try to find something with the Youth Council or Parks and Recreation to hold in its place.

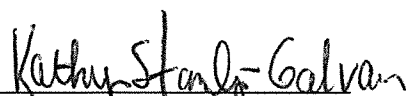
Public Works Director position, hiring will be held off until the FY 2022/2023 budget year.

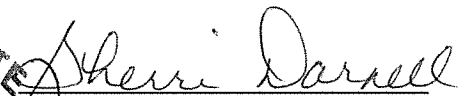
Mayodan Water Freeze ended with the Town owing Mayodan on the water side. Table until April.

Once we take possession of the Fidelity Bank property, decision to begin painting; Council decided yes.

Councilman Smith made the motion to raise the public works salary by \$1.00 per hour each and discuss hiring a part-time person. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Thornton. Second by Councilman Farmer. Motion carried.


Mayor, Kathy Stanley-Galvan


Town Clerk, Sherri Darnell, CMC, NCCMC

