

**Stoneville Town Council
Public Hearing and
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2016
7:00 PM**

Present: Present were Mayor Ricky Craddock, Mayor Pro-tem Chuck Hundley, Councilwoman Lori Armstrong, Councilmen Bill Farris, Henry Thornton and Jerry Smith.

Also present were Town Manager Kenneth Gamble, Human Resource/Finance Officer Joanna Dalton, Town Clerk Sherri Darnell, Public Works Director Mark Malloy, Police Chief Frank Moore, Police Captain Brandon Rivera, Police Administrative Assistant Perry Webster, Parks & Recreation Director Jackie Blackard, Fire Chief Tim Brown and Town Attorney Travis Martin.

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

Minutes: Mayor Ricky Craddock asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the last meetings. With no corrections, Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Farris made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda: Mayor Ricky Craddock asked if there were any adjustments to the originally submitted Agenda. Town Manager Gamble asked to remove item #5 USDA Loan Resolution and Item #9 Backflow Prevention Program. With these changes Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilwoman Armstrong made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mayor Pro-tem Hundley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing USDA Development Grant for Police Vehicle:

Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Councilman Thornton made the motion. Councilwoman Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried. Town Manager Gamble stated that we are receiving a 55% grant to purchase the Police Vehicle and that the USDA requires a public hearing to be held. The loan and Town match will be \$11,582.00 and the local match (\$3282) will be absorbed by the Police Department budget with no amendments. No one had signed up to speak. Mayor Craddock then asked for a motion to close this Public Hearing. Councilman Smith made the motion. Councilman Farris seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Annexation of Church Street MHP:

Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to open this public hearing. Councilwoman Armstrong made the motion. Councilman Farris seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Jared White owner of Church Street MHP spoke regarding his desire to have the mobile home park annexed into the corporate limits by adding the undeveloped tract of land owned by Church Street MHP to his request.

Mr. Paul Ewing of Southern View Mobile Home Park spoke stating that he would also submit a request for annexation.

Mr. Bobby Stanley stated that he would also like to have his properties annexed. Mayor Craddock then asked for a motion to close this public hearing. Mayor Pro-tem Hundley made the motion. Councilwoman Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

After some discussion and the interest of two (2) additional parties, Councilman Smith made the motion to table this until the September meeting. Councilman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

Recognition of Award:

Mayor Craddock read the Governor's Medallion for Volunteer Service that was awarded to Councilman Henry Thornton on April 2, 2016. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Introduction of Part-Time Fire Personnel:

Fire Chief Brown introduced Anita Webster, Brian Slaughter, Kenny Loftis, Mason James and Josh Wallace as the part-time fire fighters that are working from 7 am to 3 pm on a rotating basis to the Council.

Stoneville Elementary PTA Request to Use the Park for 2017 Fundraiser:

Ginger Tilley of the Stoneville Elementary PTA asked to hold a fundraiser at the Stoneville Memorial Park on May 13, 2017 with set up to be on May 12, 2017. Ms. Tilley explained that this fundraiser will serve the children of our community with the additional funding needed for supplies and equipment needed during the school year. After some discussion, Councilman Smith made a motion to allow the use of the Park on these dates and waive all fees. Councilman Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fall Festival Request:

Mr. Bobby Stanley asked Council to again be a sponsor of the annual Fall Festival with a donation of \$250.00. With some discussion, Councilman Smith made a motion to sponsor this event with a \$300.00 donation. Mayor Pro tem Hundley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Annual Report:

Director Blackard presented his report stating that by changing some of the programs, we have had a 4% increase in revenue. Mr. Blackard also highlighted the upcoming golf tournament to be held in October and the addition of men's fall basketball to be some of the main 16-17 initiatives. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

2017 4th of July Park Event:

Director Blackard stated that there had been interest expressed in holding an event at the park for July 4th and asked the Council for direction. After much discussion, by consensus the Council decided that a committee should be formed to determine what can be done. Councilmen Hundley and Smith agreed to serve on the committee.

Medication Drop Box:

Police Chief Moore stated that medication drop box will be installed in Town Hall for residents to dispose of old or unwanted medications. This drop by is provided free of charge by Project Lazarus. Mr. Jeff Pruett gave a presentation explaining the program and how well it is working in other municipalities and counties.

NCCF Grant Application for Downtown Improvements:

Town Manager Gamble stated that funding is available through the North Carolina Community Foundation (Duke Energy Coal Ash). Mr. Gamble stated that he would like to partner with the Stoneville Rotary to renew the Rotary Park and demolish the roofless building that stands behind it. The property owner has agreed to donate the park property and the property that contains this building to the town. After little discussion, Councilman Thornton made the motion to allow the pursuit of this grant. Councilwoman Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cell Tower Lease Extension Proposal:

Town Manager Gamble informed the Council that our cell tower lease still has 20 years left on it. American Tower had submitted a request to extend this lease with a signing bonus, but no changes in the scheduled increases. After much discussion, it was decided to leave the lease as it is. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Waste Management Early Contract Renewal Request:

Town Manager Gamble stated that our current contract with Waste Management would not expire until June 30, 2017. However, Waste Management had approached Mr. Gamble regarding an early renewal. The highlights are a 3 year term, house count based on active accounts and reduction in cost that will allow the Town to reduce recycling charges per household by \$1.50 per month. After some discussion, Councilwoman Armstrong made a motion to accept the terms of the new early renewal contract. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Water Bill Adjustment Ricky Craddock:

Town Manager Gamble stated that due to an incident at Ricky Craddock's home at 102 Vernon Street, that Mr. Craddock was seeking an adjustment above the one-third that staff can apply. After some discussion, Councilman Farris made a motion to reduce the bill to a six month average, as done in the past. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Public Comments: There were no public comments

Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager Gamble stated that we have been approved for the sewer grant through the Asset Inventory & Assessment Grant for \$81,000.00 with a \$9,000.00 local match. However, the water system grant was not competitive enough to make the cut. The Bryan Street bridge maintenance was quoted at \$18,000.00. Public Works performed the work on a Saturday with a cost of less than \$750.00. The new lighting of the Municipal Building is 90% complete. We will be monitoring usage costs and comparing them from the last 3 years.

Cruise-In is Friday, August 19th.

Senior Appreciation Breakfast is Saturday, September 10th from 7 to 11 AM.

Fall Festival is Saturday, September 24th from 9 AM to 6 PM.

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:

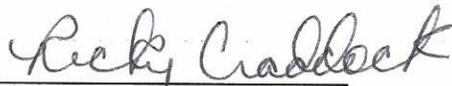
Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to return to regular session. Councilwoman Armstrong made the motion. Mayor Pro tem Hundley seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Craddock stated that during executive session economic development matters were discussed with no action taken.

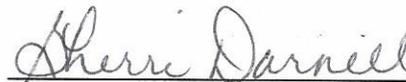
Mayor Craddock also stated that a personnel issue was discussed. Councilman Farris made a motion to increase Police Chief Moore's salary by 5%, making his salary \$2,125.00 more annually. Councilman Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

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



Mayor Ricky Craddock



Town Clerk Sherri Darnell

