

Stoneville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 1, 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 Administrator Kenneth Gamble, Human Resource/Finance Officer Joanna Dalton, Town Clerk Sherri Darnell, Public Works Director Mark Malloy, Police Chief Frank Moore, Police Officer Brandon Rivera, Police Administrative Assistant Perry Webster, Parks & Recreation Director Jackie Blackard 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. Councilwoman Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda: Mayor Ricky Craddock asked if there were any adjustments to the originally submitted Agenda. Town Administrator Gamble asked to add as #1 Proclamation of National Social Workers Month. With that change Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilwoman Armstrong made the motion to approve the Agenda. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

National Social Workers Month: Mayor Craddock read the proclamation to the assembly. He then asked for a motion to adopt this proclamation. Mayor Pro-tem Hundley made the motion to adopt this proclamation. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Introduction Of Public Works Director: Town Administrator Gamble introduced our new Public Works Director Mark Malloy to the Council and the audience. Administrator Gamble stated that he came from the town of Greensboro after 26 years and we are lucky to have him here.

Water Bill Adjustment Request: Mr. Randy Mabe of 300 Church Street approached Council to ask if they would be able to reduce his bill any further. After some discussion, Councilman Smith made the motion to adjust the sewer portion of the bill to a six (6) month average of 17.51 and add the rest of the bill totaling \$318.06. Councilman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Proposed Charter Amendment Council-Manager Government: Town Administrator Gamble advised Council that if they decide to change to the Council-Manager form of government, this change must remain in effect for two (2) years. Mayor Craddock asked for any discussion or questions. Councilwoman Armstrong made the motion to proceed with the Charter amendment to change to Council-Manager form of Government. Councilman Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Budget Amendments: Finance Officer Dalton presented the budget amendments to the Council for their approval. Ms. Dalton stated that these were unanticipated expenses incurred this fiscal year and the fact that the Matthews Street project hasn't started. After some discussion, Mayor Pro-tem Hundley made the motion to approve the amendments for the Enterprise Fund. Councilman Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes. Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the amendments to the General Fund. Councilman Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Selection Of Accountant To Perform June 2016 Audit: Finance Officer Dalton stated that our current accounting firm Paul, Cox and Todd would not be submitting a bid for this fiscal year. After sending out RFP's to Cannon & Company, Rouse, Rouse, Penn & Rouse and Gibson & Company and meeting with each firm, only two (2) firms submitted bids. Cannon & Company \$17,280.00 and Gibson & Company \$16,480.00. After some discussion, Councilman Farris made the motion to go with Gibson & Company. Councilman *Thornton* seconded the motion. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Public Comments: Mr. Michael Manuel thanked the Council for allowing the Cruise-In for the past three (3) years and asked to again hold the event this year; however, he would like to change from May through October to April thru September. Mr. Manuel stated that he understands that we will have to amend our ordinance and receive permission from NCDOT. Permission was granted by consensus of the Council.

Mr. Steve Ruminek of 212 Forrest Street spoke regarding a ditch and recent erosion of this ditch after all the recent rains. Town Manager Gamble stated that he would look at the problem and report his findings to the Council.

Old Business:

Emergency Siren: Town Manager Gamble stated that the Emergency Siren has been repaired and reinstalled at a height of 80 feet. Mr. Gamble stated that Fire Chief Brown is looking into possibly getting a timer for night time hours.

* *Italics indicate correction*

Town Manager Report:

Town Manager Gamble reported that we had received several complaints regarding the track warmers on N Glenn Street and Forrest Street emitting a loud squealing noise. The residents have now been placed in contact with the Railroad Engineers to quiet these warmers.

We have received a complaint from Mrs. Holland at 307 Stone Street regarding the storm runoff from the street running directly into her carport. This is not a Town problem but Mr. Gamble has contacted the Boy Scout Troop 566 to see if there is anything that can be done to help her. The Western Rockingham Chamber of Commerce dinner is Thursday, March 17, 2016. Please contact Town Clerk Darnell and let her know who will be attending.

Nuisance Abatements regarding trailers are being addressed. The one on Vernon Street is being dismantled by the property owners. The trailer at 120 Lemons Street, the owners are working with the County looking to obtain a grant to help with expenses to remove this trailer. The trailer at 104 Church Street we are still working with the owners and waiting on a decision from them as to whether they will remove it or if we have to contact the County to have it condemned.

The Matthews Street Project will be conducting a pre-construction meeting Friday, March 4, 2016.

Al Robbins has taken care of our town website for the past several years. In order for Mr. Robbins to now pursue other options, town staff will now be taking care of the website after he has added Agendas and Minutes to the site and made the site stable. Mr. Robbins will still be available for advice and help if needed.

Community Champions week is March 28-March 31 for Meals on Wheels and they are looking for "Small Town Heroes" to deliver some meals. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Executive Session: Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to enter into executive session. Councilman Smith made the motion. Councilwoman Armstrong seconded. Motion carried.

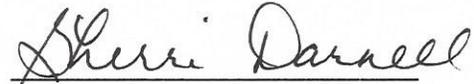
Return to Regular Session

Mayor Craddock stated that during Executive Session a legal matter was discussed with no action taken.

Mayor Craddock also stated that the salary for Town Manager Gamble would remain the same as it currently is with the amounts for his two (2) certifications to be taken from Administration rather than the Enterprise Fund. Mayor Craddock also indicated a 5% retention bonus will be paid to Town Manager Gamble on December 1st.

Adjourn: Mayor Craddock asked for a motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Armstrong made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro-tem Hundley seconded the motion. Motion carried.


Mayor Ricky Craddock


Town Clerk Sherri Darnell

