

REGULAR MEETING
STANLEY TOWN OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020, 7:30 pm.

Mayor Michael Knight called the meeting to order with the following Council members present: Bruce Stoneberger, Duane Layman, Jeremiah Knight, Mike Uram and Joseph Mauck. Also, in attendance were: Randy Arrington with Page Valley News, Cory Harlow with Shenandoah Valley Swim Club along with Patty Pirtle, Valerie and Ava Ferrell, Georgia Duncan, Town Manager Terry Pettit, Treasurer Leon Stout and Public Works Foreman Ryan Gaunt.

Mayor Knight gave the Invocation and Vice Mayor Stoneberger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Knight inquired if there was any Public Comment on the tentative agenda presented for tonight's meeting. There being none, Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Joseph Mauck to accept the agenda as presented.

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Uram
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED

Town Manager Pettit noted at 7:38 pm. Randy Arrington was here to speak to the Council. Mr. Arrington is editor\ manager of Page Valley News a digital newspaper. Mr. Arrington gave a little bio on himself, noting he had been in the newspaper business since 2000 working with several different papers but left in 2017, because he could see the writing on the wall as far as where the newspaper world was headed. Mr. Arrington noted he is a bit overwhelmed with the support the site has received in such a short time.

Mr. Arrington also noted he would like for the Town to get on board with their own App, promoting the all town events, Hawksbill Park, Town taxes, water bills, office closing and anything you can imagine. Mr. Arrington noted the cost for the app is \$2,080.00 for a year. There was much discussion on this venture and Councilman Uram complimented Mr. Arrington on being proactive and complimented him on what he is doing. Councilman Layman asked how long it will be until we can get the mobile app? Mr. Arrington replied that hopefully it will be ready in April 2020. Town Manager Pettit noted he feels this would be a great opportunity for the town and that Mr. Arrington is the future paper. Vice Mayor Stoneberger inquired how long the newspaper as we know it will be a newspaper. Mr. Arrington advised he wasn't sure, maybe 10 years, give or take a year or two. Mr. Arrington thank the body for their time.

Corey Harlow along with several members of the Shenandoah Valley Swim Club were next to address the Council noting they were here to see if the council would be interested in allowing their swim club to use the pool at the Hawksbill pool for practices 4 evenings a week from 6:30 pm. - 8:45 pm. Mr. Harlow advised they would provide everything needed for the practices and will work their practices around any pool parties or scheduled events. Mr. Harlow noted there are members from Page County that belong to the swim club and the possibility of a team from Page County. Mr. Harlow and friends noted the team from Page County would be the Stanley Stingrays and their colors would be black and yellow. Mr. Harlow noted they would use the pool for 8 weeks from May 26th thru July 12th . The group also noted they hope if practices go well, we can work toward having swim meets at the Hawksbill Pool. They also noted it is a great activity and exercise for the whole family. There was a lot of discussion on the issue with Mr. Harlow noting the schedule has already been prepared for this coming year but if the Council is interested in having a team he can apply for membership for the town in March for next season. Motion was made by Joseph Mauck to move forward seeking approval from the board to establish a swim team, seconded by Duane Layman. Passed Unanimously. Mr. Harlow and his group thanked the Council and left the meeting at 8:33 pm.

Mayor Knight inquired if there are any additions or corrections to minutes from the previous month's meeting as presented in writing. Councilman Uram noted on pg. 3 the vote was recorded as AYE and the Stanley Town Charter states it has to say YEA. Councilman Uram further stated this error happened many times over many years. Councilman Uram feels to correct these errors the motions need to be re-voted and recorded correctly. Council Uram noted he had spoken with the Commonwealth Attorney and a VML Attorney about this matter. There was much discussion about this issue with Town Manager Pettit noted he would contact an attorney. Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

Councilman Uram

MOTION CARRIED

Minutes from the Budget Meeting were presented with Councilman Layman noted there was an error on the first page, next to the last paragraph, the Mayor's last name was spelled incorrectly. The last name was spelled Night not Knight. Treasurer Stout noted he would make that correction. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Joseph Mauck.

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger

VOTING NAY:

None

Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Uram
Councilman Mauck

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Knight noted it was time for the Treasurer's Report, with no questions or comments the Body moved on to the Paywarrant and the inquiries are as follows:

Mayor Knight inquired about Bill #5 (Breedens's Auto Service - \$2,437.08) this is the vehicle we got free from the Army. Treasurer Stout advised it is that vehicle.

Councilman Uram asked about Bill #19 (J. Rex Burner - \$3,890.22) what was repaired at the pool. Town Manager advised it was for new lines and pipes at the park which we feel is the part of the reason we are losing water.

Vice Mayor Stoneberger inquired if Bills #65 (Utility Service Co. - \$5,027.34) & 66 (Utility Service - \$5,027.34) are for two different water tanks. Treasurer Stout noted it is indeed for two different tanks.

Councilman Layman & Mayor Knight asked about Bill #58 (Southern Software - \$121.84). Treasurer Stout noted it was the shipping fees for the Utility Bills.

Vice Mayor Stoneberger asked what supplies were purchased at Bill #26 (Lancaster Enterprises - \$677.85). Treasurer Stout noted it for a concrete saw.

Councilman Uram inquired what was Bill #48 (Racey Engineering - \$495.00). Town Manger Pettit noted it was for engineering fees for Well #7.

Mayor Knight asked about Bills # 32 (Norfolk Railway Co. - \$1,321.38) and Bill # 49 (Railroad Management Co. IV LLC. - \$514.54) Town Manager Pettit noted it is fees we are charged for water and sewer lines crossing their property.

The Loan Portfolio was next, and it was noted the Force Main C Loan will be paid off in April 2020. Treasurer Stout noted the PW FORD F250 has December 2019 as being the paid off date and it should be year 2023. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Mike Uram to approve the Paywarrant in the amount of \$148,660.14.

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Uram
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED

Town Manager Pettit started with Old Business noting the weather is holding up getting the grades done for the amphitheater. Town Manager Pettit noted this is one of the first things that must be done.

Town Manager Pettit also noted the Board of Zoning Appeals approved Douglas Purdham to serve on the Board. Town Manager Pettit advised we are still 1 (one) board member.

Town Manager Pettit presented the Administrative Report noting PACA got a Grant for a Community Garden and it will be located near the Medical Center which is off Bosley Drive. Town Manager Pettit advised they will plant about 200 lbs. of vegetables and would welcome any volunteer help they can get.

Town Manager Pettit noted the Source Water Protection Plan must be updated and renewed by the end of this year, but he has most of ours complete. Town Manager Pettit also noted while working with a consultant he advised him that there are grants available to put fencing around the wells which is a good idea.

Town Manager Pettit also noted Restaurant Week is coming up March 15th thru 17th .

Chief Ryan Dean addressed the Council at 9:02 pm. noting his department had 492 calls for service, wrote 8 citations and that 404 of calls for service were self-initiated.

Chief Ryan Dean also noted he had talked to Richard Pierce who works with Stuff the Cruiser Event and discussed this with Recreation Manager Teri Beers. Chief Dean noted they would attend a meeting to see if they want to participate with them or do it on our own.

Chief Dean also noted the great participation we received for Brayden Rodriguez when he left for treatment at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. Chief Dean noted WHSV – Channel 3 did a good job covering the story.

Chief Ryan Dean also noted that the new radios we are forced into getting are going to

cost everyone way too much money. Chief Dean noted an open bid was 9 million dollars and all mobile radios and walkies for all county and town police departments, all fire and rescue departments have to be replaced. Chief Dean noted it was going to cost the Town about \$60,000.00 for these radios. There was further discussion on this issue including the possibility of getting a grant to help with some of the cost.

Chief Dean went over the 2019 Yearly Static Report noting figures have run around the same ever since he has been Chief. Councilman Uram noted he has concerns with the length of the department's response time. Chief Dean noted the variables involved when responding to a call and that he has never received a complaint about the response time. Chief Dean also noted the County will back them up if they are on a call.

Chief Dean noted he checked on prices of flashlights and holsters for the guns the police department has, and they will cost about \$500.00 each. Mayor Knight noted we may want to look at getting new pistols for the department. Chief Dean noted that would be very costly and we need to think about what way we want to go. Chief Dean noted he doesn't have anything else and left the meeting at 9:22 pm.

Town Manager Pettit presented the Recreation Report noting the pool was doing ok, losing a little water but nothing to worry about. Town Manager Pettit also noted he and Teri Beers continue searching into Splash Pads.

Town Manager Pettit also noted the youth basketball sign-ups are going well, at last count there was 61 with several days to go.

Vice Mayor Stoneberger advised there are 3 (three) trees at the Hawksbill Park that need to be removed but he doesn't feel safe removing them. Vice Mayor Stoneberger noted he had spoken with Ricky Dinges about taking down these trees and he gave him a price of \$600.00. There was discussion on this issue with Jeremiah Knight making a Motion to pay Ricky Dinges to take the trees down at the Hawksbill Park for \$600.00, seconded by Joseph Mauck.

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Uram
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED

Town Manager Pettit noted the County received a grant and that is why they are making improvements at the Alma Boat Landing.

Town Manager Pettit noted the Brock Drive project is moving along with the sewer part of the project almost complete they are hoping to begin the water line part on Monday, February 17th.

Town Manager Pettit also noted someone stole a fire hydrant from Deerfield Estates, which is a first for him. Town Manager Pettit noted we contacted our insurance company and they are working with us on this issue.

Town Manager Pettit noted we continue to work with Rural Development on the loan for the Water Improvement Project.

Town Manager Pettit noted the Sewer Department had problems at Lift Station C, a cap got down in the pump and broke the impeller. Mr. Pettit also noted methane gas has eaten up the pipe at Lift Station E and the pump wouldn't keep its prime.

Mayor Knight noted moving onto the Enhancement Award for this month. Councilman Uram noted he doesn't have one for this month.

Town Manager Pettit noted the need to set a time for a Budget Workshop, March 4th, at 7:00 pm. starting at the Hawksbill Park to see the things that need to be fixed.

Mayor Knight noted at 9:37 pm. it was time for Public Comment.

Motion was made at 9:38 pm. by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman that the Town Council Convene in a Closed Meeting for the discussion of Personnel Matters, as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-311 Subsection A1.

Mayor Knight calls for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Uram
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion was made at 9:57 pm. by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman that the Town Council leave the Closed Meeting and return to Open Meeting.

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Uram
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Knight states Council is in Open Meeting.

Resolution was made at 9:58 pm. by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman to Adopt A Resolution to Certify a Closed Meeting; the meeting was held for the purpose allowed under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act that while in the Closed Meeting, only those matters identified in the Motion to hold a Closed Meeting were discussed.

Mayor Knight calls for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Uram
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion was made by Joseph Mauck, seconded by Duane Layman that once charges are placed against Shannon Freeze, he will be terminated from the Town of Stanley.

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Uram
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Layman noted the need for Chief Ryan Dean to check at Rural King for
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prices on package deals on 40 caliber handguns with flashlight and holster.

Motion was made at 10:03 pm by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman to adjourn this meeting.

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Uram
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED

Michael Knight, Mayor

Norma Cubbage, Clerk

