

REGULAR MEETING
STANLEY TOWN OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 08, 2020, 7:30 pm.

Mayor Michael Knight called the meeting to order with the following Council members attending: Bruce Stoneberger, Duane Layman, Jeremiah Knight and Mike Uram. Also, in attendance were as follows: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Treasurer Leon Stout, Police Chief Ryan Dean, John Graves with Luray Caverns, Rhonda and Jeff Fisher, Mark Stroupe and 6 High School Students. Councilman Joseph Mauck was absent from this meeting.

Mayor Knight asked Supervisor Mark Stroupe to give the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Mayor Stoneberger.

Mayor Knight inquired if there was any Public Comment on the tentative agenda as presented for tonight's meeting. Mr. Pettit noted Councilman Mauck was called into work and unable to attend tonight's meeting. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to adopt the agenda as presented. Passed Unanimously.

Mr. Pettit advised an anonymous donor has come forward with a sizeable donation for the amphitheater. Mr. Pettit noted the donation does come with requests, which are as follows: built in time for this year's homecoming plus a plaque placed with the names of the original Homecoming Committee in the amphitheater. There was a lot of discussion on this issue.

At 7:35 pm. Mr. Pettit introduced John Graves with Luray Caverns to allow him to address the body. Mr. Graves noted Councilman Joseph Mauck asked him to attend the meeting to speak about the amphitheater. Mr. Graves thanked the Council for allowing him to speak and noted he had been to the Ed Good Park and looked at the proposed site for the amphitheater. Mr. Graves noted he feels this is a good location because it allows for growth and use of the entire park. Mr. Graves noted he has been in the tourism business all his life and knows you can't limit yourself when it comes to growth and using what you must to draw more tourists. There was much discussion on getting and keeping tourist, placement of attractions, landscaping, and making it work for you. Councilman Uram commended Mr. John Graves for what he has done at Luray Caverns and continuing to make it even better. Mr. Graves thanked the body for allowing him this time and wished them the best at 7:53 pm.

Mayor Knight inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the previous month's meeting as presented in writing. Councilman Uram noted in the public hearing for Kathleen Webb, public hearing for Allen Lucas should state Councilman Mauck and Knight were absent. The Clerk noted she would make this correction. Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight,

seconded by Duane Layman to accept the minutes as amended. Passed Unanimously.

Councilman Uram noted the regular meeting should also state Councilmen Mauck and Knight were absent. The Clerk noted she would make the corrections. Motion was made by Bruce Stoneberger, seconded by Mike Uram to accept the minutes as amended. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Knight noted next on the agenda was the Treasurer's Report and there were no questions.

The Monthly Paywarrant was presented next with the following questions:

Councilman Uram inquired about Bill #5 (Battle Creek Landfill - \$4,370.85) what was the weight of sludge in the dumpster to charge this amount? Mr. Pettit noted the only thing he knew the dumpster was full.

Vice-Mayor Stoneberger asked about Bill #30 (J. Rex Burner - \$334.07) what was done to the toilet. Mr. Pettit noted they installed a new commode in the outside bathroom at Hawksbill.

Councilman Layman inquired about Bill #82 (Roger Cooke - \$74.78) what was this. Treasurer Stout noted it was a security deposit refund.

Councilman Knight asked about Bill #85 (Ryan Dean - \$133.69) what TV. Treasurer Stout noted Chief Dean received grant money to help purchase TVs with grant money and we had to reimburse Chief Dean for it.

Councilman Uram inquired Bill #77 (Racey Engineering - \$2,629.25 - Well Repairs) what well repairs. Mr. Pettit noted it was engineering fees for Well #7.

Mayor Knight asked if there were any questions on the Loan Portfolio. There being no further questions Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman to approve the Paywarrant in the amount of \$194,725.22. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Pettit presented the Administrative Report at 8:03 pm. noting a decision needs to be made on the site for the amphitheater so we can start construction. Mayor Knight noted Pioneer Bank told him they will also make a donation towards the amphitheater. There was much discussion about this matter when Vice Mayor Stoneberger noted after what John Graves said about the proposed site, being a good location, the generous anonymous donation and the fact that it is not good for the materials laying on the ground he feels we have no choice but to go along with the proposed site. Mayor Knight noted his vision is to see the park continue to grow and expand, being able to have several events at the same time. Councilman Layman noted he understands wanting to put the amphitheater in the center of the park but what happens if we don't buy the extra land. Councilman Uram noted he had several concerns,

the proposed site, the money this project will cost, concerns about the 500,000-gallon water tank up above the park and what would be destroyed if the tank lost all its water. Councilman Uram also noted his concern about the railroad track being so close to the park in case of a derailment. Councilman Uram noted he would like to see a contractor do a feasibility study and have everything in place before proceeding with this project. Town Manager Terry Pettit noted the water tank will not affect the park; rain will be the problem. There was continued discussion on this issue when, Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to put the amphitheater 12 ft. to 16 ft. to the left of the proposed site.

VOTING YEAS:

Jeremiah Knight
Bruce Stoneberger

VOTING NAYS:

Duane Layman
Mike Uram

Due to Councilman Joseph Mauck being absent from this meeting, Mayor Michael Knight was the tie breaking vote. Voting Aye.

VOTING YEAS:

Mike Knight

VOTING NAYS:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Pettit also noted under Old Business Douglas Purdham has been appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Pettit noted that Town and the EDA will sign a 1 (one) year extension on completion of Well # 7 in the next week or two.

Mr. Pettit noted he is waiting for better weather before installing the new flagpoles at the Ed Good Park.

Mr. Pettit further noted the Mr. Knott has repaired the office ceiling and we are waiting to make sure the leak is fixed before finishing. A brief discussion followed.

Mr. Pettit noted there is a new requirement for Council members, which is a 55-minute video on Conflict of Interest. Mr. Pettit noted if anyone needs assistance in order to view this just let us know and we will make it available.

Mr. Pettit noted Mike Salvino has stepped down as the president of the William Kibler Library and Ben Dodson has taken the position.

Mr. Pettit noted he included a copy of the Holiday Schedule for 2020 in the packets for

Council to review and approve. After a brief discussion Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to approve the 2020 Holiday Schedule. Passed Unanimously.

Mr. Pettit also noted a business owner in the town has asked permission from the town to have 15-minute parking sign placed in front of their business pending VDOT approval. Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to approve the sign request. Passed Unanimously.

Chief Ryan Dean at 8:45 pm. presented his Police Report noting they had 379 calls for service, 8 citations issued and 273 of those calls were self-initiated.

Chief Dean also noted they were able to get Officer Nick Winum a new vest at no cost to the department. Chief Dean also noted he and Leon went to the Sprint Store and got \$600.00 off our cell phone bill.

Chief Dean noted he is trying to get a date set for Trout Day and working to get a grant to cover the cost. Chief Dean noted he hopes it all works out and that it will be sometime in March.

Chief Dean noted he will have his Yearly Statics Report at the February Council Meeting.

Councilman Layman noted we have a good police department and he feels we should provide our police officers with the best protection that we possibly can. Councilman Layman noted with all that is going on around us, he feels we need to have flashlights put on their weapons and new holsters to carry them. There was discussion on this issue with Chief Dean advising he would get prices.

There were no further questions, Chief Dean thanked the Council and left the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Town Manager Pettit presented the Recreation Report noting the plumbing for the pool has been redone, everything winterized and ready for a new season.

Mr. Pettit noted the Santa Mailbox was a huge success with over 200 letters.

Mr. Pettit also noted we had received a lot of calls about our basketball program and we are trying to find someone to run it. Mr. Pettit noted if anyone can think of a person to run this program let him know.

Mr. Pettit also noted P.A.C.A. has applied for Grant Money towards Splash Pads for the local towns. Mr. Pettit continued noting P.A.C.A. asked if the town would donate a pass for the

Polar Plunge. Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman to donate a 10 Day Punch Pass to the event. Passed Unanimously.

Mr. Pettit noted if Council gets a chance, they should go look at the good job Gary Caton has done laying the coping at the skate park.

Councilman Layman inquired how the cottage renters are doing? Town Manager Pettit noted we will be working on the eviction process Monday. There was discussion on this issue.

Mr. Pettit noted the need for permission from Council to sign a loan for Repairs to the water & sewer lines on Brock Drive in the amount of \$220,326.00 from Pioneer Bank at 4.51% for 10 years. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to allow the Town Manager to proceed with the loan process. Passed Unanimously.

Mr. Pettit noted they continue to work with Rural Development on Loan\Grant for completing Well #7. Councilman Uram noted they haven't started working on it yet. Councilman Uram noted we still have leaks from 2017. Councilman Uram also noted he would also like to have VDOT check underneath the road on Pond Avenue.

Mayor Mike Knight noted it was time for New Business at 9:05 pm. if there is any to be discussed.

Councilman Uram noted the Monthly Enhancement Award goes to Steve McCoy who resides at 447 West Main Street.

Mayor Knight inquired if there was any Public Comment at 9:10 pm.

Mark Stroupe noted he was so glad the Homecoming was going to have a new stage to use this year. Mr. Stroupe advised he was available to help in anyway and is ready to get started. Mr. Stroupe noted he feels it can be finished enough to use for Homecoming. There was much discussion about this everyone's long term vision for the stage and the park. Mark Stroupe thanked the Council and left the meeting at 9:28 pm.

Motion was made at 9:28 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:

Bruce Stoneberger
Duane Layman
Jeremiah Knight

VOTING NAY:

None

Mike Uram

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made at 10:25 pm. by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman that the Town Council leave the Closed Meeting and return to Open Meeting. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Knight states Council is in Open Meeting.

Motion was made at 10:26 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:

Bruce Stoneberger
Duane Layman
Jeremiah Knight
Mike Uram

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Mike Uram to hire Aaron Cubbage at a salary of \$45,689.75 per year. Passed Unanimously.

Motion was made by Bruce Stoneberger, seconded by Mike Uram to suspend Shannon Freeze until his court case is complete.

VOTING YEA:

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VOTING NAY:

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ABSTAINED: Duane Layman

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to make Teri Beers Park Manager. Passed Unanimously.

Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Mike Uram to refund Meaghan
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Kibler \$25.00 on the Hawksbill Park Hall rental.

VOTING YEA:

Duane Layman
Jeremiah Knight
Mike Uram

VOTING NAY:

Bruce Stoneberger

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made at 10:39 pm. by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman to adjourn this meeting. Passed Unanimously.

Michael Knight, Mayor

Norma Cabbage, Clerk