

REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020, 7:30 pm.
STANLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Mike Knight called the meeting to order with the following Council members in attendance: Vice Mayor Bruce Stoneberger, Councilman Duane Layman, Councilman Jeremiah Knight, Councilman Joseph Mauck and newly appointed Councilman Douglas Purdham. Others present at this meeting were as follows: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Treasurer Leon Stout, Randy Arrington with Page Valley News.

Mayor Knight welcomed Councilman Douglas Purdham to the meeting and invited everyone to stand as he will give the Invocation and Vice Mayor Stoneberger will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Knight inquired if there was any Public Comment on the tentative agenda as presented for this meeting. Town Manager Pettit noted the need to add Closed Meeting for personnel and legal matters and we may need to jump around with the agenda. Motion was made by Councilman Mauck, seconded by Councilman Layman to approve the Agenda as amended.

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Purdham
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Knight inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as presented in writing. There being none, Motion was made by Councilman Layman, seconded by Vice Mayor Stoneberger to approve the minutes as presented.

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Purdham
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Knight noted to move on to the Financial/ Treasurer's Report, there being no questions, Council moved onto the Monthly Paywarrant with the following questions:

Mayor Knight inquired about Bills #23, #24 (Chris Soden - \$1,932.00 and \$1,380.00) were this for 2 months of mowing. Treasurer Stout noted it was for 2 months. Mayor Knight also inquired about weed-eating the ditch and Town Manager Pettit noted he was going to take care of that as well. Mayor Knight also ask about Bills #35, #36 (Hensil Good - \$4,500.00 and \$4,600.00) are they 2 separate bills. Town Manager Pettit noted it was 2 separate bills, but they are broken down by the job. Treasurer Stout noted there was a mistake in the addition, the correct amount of the Paywarrant is \$176,559.82. Motion was by Councilman Layman, seconded by Councilman Purdham to approve the Paywarrant totaling \$176,559.82.

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Purdham
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Town Manager Pettit advised next we are going to have a conference call with Gary Shirley with Racey Engineering to discuss Well #7. Mr. Shirley reviewed the process of Well #7 and the application to the USDA Rural Development. One stipulation of the grant which if approved leaves the possibility of having 75% of the project paid for is that an environmental study must be conducted. After discussion on what all was involved in the study Motion was made by Vice Mayor Stoneberger, seconded by Councilman Layman to move forward with the loan/grant process with USDA Rural Development and to include \$35,300.00 in the amount to retain Racey Engineering and Stantec to perform an Engineering and Environmental Site Assessment for Well #7.

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Purdham
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Town Manager Pettit accepted a call from Damian Ljungquist a resident of Deerfield Estates inquiring the Town of Stanley's position on gun rights. He expressed his views on second amendment rights and the resolution that Council passed a few months ago.

Town Manager Pettit presented his Administrative Report at 8:20 pm. noted the building inspector is requiring us to have an Engineering Seal on the amphitheater in order to

get a building permit. Discussion followed on the reason for the engineering stamp due to the structural design and an outdoor facility. Town Manager Pettit noted the need for a decision to move forward with the project and to allow Racey Engineering to proceed with their engineering and environmental site assessment. Motion was made Councilman Mauck, seconded by Councilman Layman to proceed with the project.

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Purdham
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Town Manager Pettit noted we currently have the office closed to the public due to the Covid-19 outbreak but have been advised that Luray and Shenandoah offices are planning to re-open on May 18th. Town Manager Pettit inquired if Council wants to open our office on Monday. There was discussion, if we open, what about the office employee's safety and can we come up with a plan to limit the number of customers in the lobby at one time. Town Manager Pettit noted we can come up with a plan if we open. Mayor Knight along with Council advised if the office can be opened insuring safety for employees and customers it can open Monday, May 18th.

Town Manager Pettit also noted the Ed Good Park is closed and will remain closed until we get to Phase III of the Governor's reopening, which will be at least 10 – 12 weeks away. Town Manager Pettit also noted we are unsure about when we will be able to open the Hawksbill Park Pool.

Town Manager Pettit continued the office is not adding late fees or cutting off delinquent water bills and inquired how long does Council want to continue doing this? Council discussed this issue and advised Town Manager Pettit to start adding late charges and cut offs for delinquent water bills in June.

Town Manager Pettit noted the need to decide on Homecoming and whether we are going to have fireworks on July 4th. After some discussion Mayor Knight noted the Homecoming Committee will be meeting Monday, May 18th and hopefully decide based on the information we have and what to do about Homecoming. Mayor Knight inquired of Council's feelings on Homecoming and fireworks display in July. There was discussion on these issues with Council noting they would like to have Homecoming, maybe the end of July, but it is really left up to the Committee. Mayor Knight polled the Council on whether to have fireworks. It was the consensus of the Council to not have the fireworks this year.

Town Manager Pettit noted at 9:07 pm. that our annual clean-up week will be June 1st - June 5th for intown residents only.

Town Manager Pettit noted the following:

Copy of the song written by Nina Bohrod was presented to the Council and she would that she would like to perform at the Homecoming when we have it. The title is "Stanley".

Reviewed a revised copy of Committee Appointments which include Councilman Purdham.

Reminder June 9th is the deadline for registering to run in the November election.

Council voted to award the Enhancement Award for June to Janie McDaniel, who resides at 586 East Main Street.

The Page Alliance for Community Action is planning a community garden to be built near the Page Rural Health Center on Medical Drive. At the beginning of the project the plan was to use JMU students to build the garden beds and help plant the vegetables but due to Covid -19 the option is now not available. PACA is asking for help if possible, from the Town to help with building the garden beds and PACA would pay all material cost. Council agreed to allow the public works department to help.

Police Chief Ryan Dean presented his report to the Body at 9:15 pm. noting 315 calls for service, 1 citation issued and 224 of the calls were self-initiated.

Police Chief Dean noted the new laws that come become effective in July there are about 13 different items that are required when making a traffic stop.

Police Chief Dean advised he still hasn't heard if we will receive the grant for School Resource Officer for this upcoming year.

Police Chief Dean also advised if using a Body Cam when making a traffic stop any audio needs to be turned over, to the Commonwealth Attorney, if a case is filed.

Town Manager Pettit then discussed the Park Report and noted we continue to wait, day by day, to set the opening date for the Hawksbill Pool. There was some further discussion on this issue on when they may be.

Town Manager Pettit also noted Movie Nights dates are having to be rescheduled, hopefully we will only have to change the one scheduled for June 6th.

Town Manager Pettit noted he is hoping the Youth Basketball Program, that had to be

stopped due to the virus, hopefully we can have a fall season.

Town Manager Pettit noted Public Works and Recreation Departments have been working at the Ed Good Park putting in new flag poles, repairing playground equipment and taking up old mulch replacing it with new. Town Manager Pettit also noted with Councilman Mauck's help they have put in a drainage system to help with the water. Town Manager Pettit noted the park is ready to open.

Town Manager Pettit noted there are problems at the Woodside Cottage with the present septic system. Town Manager Pettit noted we have had problems before and thought they were fixed but the renters continue to have problems with the commode flushing. Town Manager Pettit further noted we must install a new septic tank, repair bathtub and floor in the cottage. Town Manager Pettit noted he would proceed and get quotes on the repairs, which have to be done.

Town Manager Pettit also noted A-Team Construction did a good job on Ridge Road and Brock Drive repairing the sewer lines, which had dropped, as well as installing new water lines. Town Manager Pettit also noted they did a good job grading, seeding and putting property back like it was before.

Town Manager Pettit noted the Water Improvement Project which consist of installing 400 feet of 1-inch water line down Arley Road in order to supply water for a future Bed and Breakfast they are planning to open. The project was put out for bid and received 1 (one) bid for \$20,800.00.

Town Manager Pettit noted he is working with Masonite and the EDA in order to get sewer at the plant.

Town Manager Pettit noted at 9:45 pm. an ordinance being adopted providing continuity in the government of Stanley. After brief discussion Motion was made by Councilman Mauck, seconded by Councilman Purdham to adopt the Ordinance Providing for Continuity in The Government of Stanley, Virginia which is attached.

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Purdham
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Town Manager Pettit noted in order to advertise the budget in the local paper we need to move the meeting to Wednesday, June 17th.

Motion was made at 9:50 pm. by Councilman Knight, seconded by Councilman Layman that the Town Council Convene in a Closed Meeting for the discussion of Personnel Matters, as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 Subsection A1 and for the discussion of Legal Matters, as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 Subsection A7.

Mayor Knight calls for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Purdham
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion was made by Councilman Knight, seconded by Vice Mayor Stoneberger not to purchase the Buracker (Ballfield) Property.

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Purdham
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Councilman Purdham, seconded by Councilman Layman to make Terri Beers and Joey Long fulltime employees as of June 1, 2020.

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Purdham
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Councilman Mauck, seconded by Councilman Layman at 10:20 pm. to adjourn this meeting.

VOTING YEA:

Vice Mayor Stoneberger
Councilman Layman
Councilman Knight
Councilman Purdham
Councilman Mauck

VOTING NAY:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Michael Knight, Mayor

Norma Cubbage, Clerk