

REGULAR MEETING
STANLEY TOWN OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017, 7:30 pm.

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order with the following members of the Council in attendance: Bruce Stoneberger, Duane Layman, Jeremiah Knight, Mike Uram and Jason Campbell. Others attending this meeting were as follows: Roger Moyer with Burner Well Drilling, Mark Stroupe with the Homecoming Committee, Town Manager Terry Pettit, Treasurer Leon Stout, Georgia Duncan and Wendy Bundy with the Page News and Courier.

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

Mayor Knight inquired if there was any Public Comment or additions on the tentative Agenda for tonight's meeting. Town Manager Pettit noted the need to add Mark Stroupe to the agenda. Councilman Uram noted he would like to add the recipients of the Community Enhancement Award Jerry and Daisy Leake, if they are able to make the meeting. Mayor Knight noted to add under New Business the possibility of advertising in the local paper for a local church pastor to lead the Invocation at Council Meetings. Councilman Uram noted the need to add under New Business the Community Enhancement Award recipients for October 12th thru November 12th. Motion was made by Bruce Stoneberger, seconded by Jason Campbell to adopt the Agenda as amended. Passed Unanimously.

Mark Stroupe was first to address the body noting they have made money with the trailer in the amount of \$3,700.00. Mr. Stroupe also added they have ordered letters, flags and signs for the trailer advertising Elephant Ears. Mark stated they have been busy at the fair, car show, Heritage Festival and will be at the Ed Good Park for the Christmas parade. Mark also noted the 3-top vocalist from the singing competition at Homecoming will also perform. Mr. Stroupe noted he would also asked Council to not allow street vendors to set-up during the Homecoming and any other events at the park. There was a lot of discussion on this issue with more research and discussion to follow before this can be resolved. Mark thanked the Council for their time and left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Roger Moyer with Burner Well Drilling then addressed the council noting that they had been experiencing problems with the new well and that the water stream had stopped and were forced to drill to about 700 feet. They have now hit water and were pumping around 400 gallons per minute and will spend the next three to four weeks clearing it up. After the water has cleared, then the 72-hour pump test can start which is required by the Virginia Department of Health. The cost of the well will increase also, and Mr. Burner provided estimate figures to the council. Council advised Mr. Burner to proceed with the well.

Police Chief Ryan Dean arrived at the meeting at 8:10 pm.

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Mayor Knight inquired if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes from the previous month's meeting as presented in writing. There being none, Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to approve the minutes as presented. Passed Unanimously.

The Treasurer's/Financial Statement was presented. After brief discussion, Mayor Knight noted the need to approve the Statement in the amount of \$392,855.83. Motion was made by Bruce Stoneberger, seconded by Duane Layman to approve the same. Passed Unanimously.

The Monthly Paywarrant was presented with the following inquires:

Councilman Campbell inquired about Bill #29 (Visa - \$8,000.00 – Library Purchase) the Library will reimburse the town. Treasurer Stout noted they would.

Councilman Campbell asked about Bill #31 (Josephine O'Neill - \$260.00 – Office and Bathroom Cleaning) why are we paying someone to clean the bathrooms at the Ed Good Park. Terry noted we had received numerous complaints about how dirty the bathrooms and shelter were. Town Manager Pettit noted we will soon stop having her clean the shelter because of the weather.

Councilman Campbell also inquired about Bill #32 (Security Deposit Refund – \$500.0) what kind of security deposit was this. Treasurer Stout noted it was security deposits for water service when they moveout.

Councilman Duane Layman inquired about Bills # 55 and # 58 (Red Bud Supply - \$312.98 Safety Gloves and Select Specialties – \$86.21 -Safety Gloves). Leon noted they were two different types rubber gloves used at the wastewater plant and public works department.

Councilman Jeremiah Knight asked about Bill #46 (Janney and Janney - \$2,859.92 – Attorney Fees). Mr. Stout noted it was for 7 months of attorney fees because he doesn't send monthly bills.

Councilman Jason Campbell inquired about Bill #67 (Hidden Acres Gun Shop - \$152.00 – Police Ammunition). Chief Dean noted it was for Qualifying at the range.

Councilman Mike Uram inquired about Bill #43 (General Code - \$1,195.00 – Code Update Maintenance). Mr. Pettit and Leon advised it was to maintain the general code on line.

Councilman Duane Layman asked about Bill # 65 (VUPS - \$23.10 – Street Markings) Terry Pettit noted anytime we are going to dig we must notify Miss Utility to mark the lines when

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repairing a leak.

Councilman Uram asked about Bill #109 (The Power Connection - \$793.00 – Generator Repair). Mr. Pettit noted it was for Lift Station C.

Councilman Uram also inquired about Bill #111 (Racey Engineering - \$975.00- Surveying) Town Manager noted it was surveying at Well # 7 for the road and to determine if the tree near the wastewater plant was on the town's property.

Mayor Knight inquired about Bills # 55 and Bill # 115 (Waste Management - \$8,032.05 – Residential Trash Pick Up and Waste Management - \$8,032.05) were these for two months bills. Treasurer Stout noted it was for two different months.

Councilman Uram inquired about Bill #142 (Page News and Courier - \$585.00 – ad for Labor Day Fest). Leon and Mayor Knight advised it was for the ad advertising the Labor Day Fest that was rained out.

Mayor Knight asked about Bill #68 (Penny Markowitz - \$570.00 – Painting) was this for Homecoming. Treasurer Stout noted it was for Homecoming and it was reimbursed.

Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to approve the Paywarrant totaling \$166,414.99. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Pettit at 8:25 pm. proceeded to update the body on the projects we have going on such as, the Safe Route to School Grant. Mr. Pettit noted the contractor was to start this week weather permitting but we have not seen him.

Mr. Pettit noted the Library Addition outside work is almost complete and the inside will be finished very soon. Terry noted Leon has done a really good job ordering the furnishings for the library using a credit card with a \$5,000.00 limit.

Terry stated he has put off the removal of the asbestos and mold in the basement for a couple of weeks to check with our insurance to see if there is any coverage for this problem.

Town Manager Pettit noted Mayor Knight and he attended the VML Conference in Williamsburg and there were several informative sessions. Mayor Knight noted it was his first time at the conference and he feels he received a wealth of information. It was noted there was information on use of body cameras in police departments and on consequences of having prayer at meetings.

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The Town helped get permission from several local businesses to participate in Page County High School's Homecoming by allowing their art students to decorate their windows in businesses blue and white to join in the celebration.

Mr. Pettit noted he needed a count on how many are planning to attend the Chamber Banquet on Thursday, November 2nd and recommendation for business of the year.

Terry also noted S.V.E.C. is almost complete with pole replacement and now we will have to up-date the connections for our Christmas Lights. Mr. Pettit noted it will be about \$500.00 to make these up-dates.

Town Manager Pettit noted Council asked that he and Leon look into finding a new Website Designer for the town's web page. It was noted the current one we have will not allow us the ability to use it the way we want. Mr. Pettit noted we found several but two of them seem to fit our wants and needs in a price range that is reasonable. Leon Stout gave Council a brief synopsis of the two, Vision EFX is the one out of Harrisonburg it's one-time fee \$3,400.00 and Emerge Technology is the other, out of Virginia Beach and its one-time fee \$4,200.00. Treasurer Stout noted both are very similar but feels Vision EFX is the one he likes better because we can control it ourselves, very user friendly, easier up-dating and managing of the monthly calendar, up-dated pay pal and seemed willing to work with us. There was discussion about which company to go with and Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman that we should go with Vision EFX because Leon likes this company and he will be the person using it the most. Passed Unanimously.

Recreation Director arrived at the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Police Chief Ryan Dean addressed the Council at 8:38 pm. noting his monthly and quarterly reports were included in his report.

Chief Dean advised his department had received a Byrne Justice Grant to purchase a wireless outdoor camera system, taser cartridges, polo shirts and buzzer and camera for the front door of the police department.

The Chief also noted Southern Software will be coming to train us on this new system in the next month or so.

Chief Dean noted they have answered more calls already this year than were answered all last year.

Police Chief Dean noted the new officer, Brian Puffinburger, started October 2nd and will

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be going through field training the next couple of weeks and will also be attending school resource officer school in February. Chief Dean noted Officer Puffinburger is working out well with the department. Chief Ryan Dean further advised the office is getting crowded and we may have to move his office next door. The Chief also advised he had been able to get some desk from Army Surplus and is hoping to get them sometime next week.

Chief Dean at 8:50 pm. advised that was all he had unless there were any questions, there being none he thanked the Council.

Recreation Director Chuck Short presented his report noting we (Tony and himself) have not had any luck finding the leak at the pool even with sonar. Mr. Short noted the lines they could test, there was no leak found but he was unable to complete the testing because he didn't have a plug that fit the other lines. Mr. Short said he was still waiting to hear from Tony about finding a plug to finish the testing. Chuck noted there are a lot of lines to be tested and as he advised before they started it would be a labor intense job. Chuck noted he spoke to another company from Northern Virginia Area with a different kind of dry testing but can only do it on the weekend and it will probably take about 3 weekends and their rate is \$700.00 for the first 2 hours and \$250.00 per hour after that. Mr. Short noted he is having a problem with leaves getting in the pool and that is one of the reasons he was wanting to do this project at the end of the season. Recreation Director Short noted he knew this was going to be a long project and he is concerned if we can beat the winter.

Chuck also noted he found a company that has coupling for the bowl at the skatepark and he continues to wait on a fax with information. Mr. Short noted from what he can tell it will look like the coupling we have, but he won't know until he receives it. Recreation Director noted he thinks it will take about 60 pcs to replace all the trim. The idea of replacing the coupling with a type of metal was brought up with Chuck noting that will be very expensive.

Chuck also advised he didn't receive a single entry for the co-ed softball tournament.

Mayor Knight and Chuck Short discussed the itinerary for the Red Ribbon/Halloween Party. The Mayor also noted the need to try to get sponsors to help us with this event and he had a list of people to contact and ask each Councilman and Chuck to take a few and see if they would donate.

Mr. Short noted his plans for a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Ed Good Park on November 11th at 5:00 pm. There was discussion about the time, whether to have fireworks and a candlelight ceremony.

Recreation Director Short noted he has been thinking about having a men's basketball

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league this year but will have to make sure it will be alright to use the gym and whether there is enough interest. Mr. Short noted he knows he will have problems with enough coaches and bigger problem with finding referees.

Chuck advised he put up the Tobacco Free Signs but stated he feels we will lose bookings if we don't have a designated area for tobacco use. Mayor Knight inquired if he put up all the signs and Chuck advised he installed what he had. It was noted there were still several more to put up. There was much discussion on this issue and will be continued.

Mr. Short advised the need to replace the shingles on Creekside Cottage and would like to get it done. There was brief discussion and Chuck was advised to get a price and let the Town Manager know so he can pass it on to Council. Mr. Short thanked the Council and left the meeting at 9:32 pm.

Councilman Jeremiah Knight inquired when the Mayor was going to finish the bridge at the Ed Good Park. After some discussion Mayor Knight advised he would get it done as soon as he can.

Mr. Pettit noted the water leaks on Judy Lane and Judy Lane Ext. need to be fixed as soon as possible before VDOT starts paving. Terry continued that Virginia Rural Water sent a man with the detector, but he couldn't pinpoint one certain leak causing this amount of water. Mr. Pettit noted we have 1500 ft. of 2" water line to put in that is anywhere from 6 ft. to 12 ft. deep. Town Manager advised he had spoken with A-Team and they will and can do this job for \$2,200.00 a day, getting it completed in 2 weeks and do a good job for us. Terry noted we can't get this work completed in time to take advantage of VDOT's paving. Mr. Pettit noted we have funds in the CIP Water Improvement C.D. that would allow us to hire A-Team if Council approves. There was discussion on this issue with Motion being made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman to allow Town Manager Pettit use \$20,000.00 out of the CIP C.D. to hire the A-Team to install the water line on Judy Lane Extended. Passed Unanimously.

Councilman Uram went over his Water Leak Report and his concern of the millions of gallons of water loss, the length of time repairing the leaks and the re-occurrence of a leak in the same area. Mr. Uram noted Mill Creek Road was one of the worst areas for leaks and concerned about the problem. Town Manager Pettit noted the age of the pipe is the reason for all the water leaks in that area.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted under New Business, the need to set Curfew for Halloween. After a short discussion Motion was made by Jason Campbell, seconded by Jeremiah Knight that treat or treating end at 9:00 pm. and off the streets at 10:00 pm. Passed Unanimously.

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Mr. Pettit also noted we need to set a date for the Christmas Dinner and after a brief discussion the dinner was set for December 20th, 2017 at the Stanley Fire Department.

Terry Pettit noted the Stanley Pharmacy closing and the impact it would have on our town and its citizens. After some discussion on the issue, Mr. Pettit noted the need to recognize Vance Bryant in some manner. Councilman Uram noted Mr. Bryant has done a lot for the Town of Stanley and it is the least we can do. Town Manager Pettit noted we will recognize him during this up-coming year's Homecoming.

Mayor Knight noted one of the topics at the VML Conference was the controversy over prayer before meetings and the problems it can cause. Mayor Knight inquired if we should run an ad in the local paper for a local clergy to pray, send invitations to clergy or take turns with council members or bring someone to have pray. It was noted Luray has a moment of silence before meeting and Shenandoah goes right into the meeting.

Councilman Uram noted his Community Enhancement Award Winner for October 12th thru November 12th is Jonathan and Brandi Hilliard's residing at 266 Aylor Grubbs Avenue.

Mr. Pettit noted the need to discuss the request from Mark Stroupe with the Homecoming Committee, not to allow street vendors during the homecoming event. There was much discussion on this issue with the body wanting Town Manager Pettit to contact the Town Attorney to get his advice.

Councilman Uram noted unemployment rate is getting better it is at 4.3%.

Councilman Uram noted his concern about the \$24,000.00 that is owed to the Town of Stanley in Real Estate Taxes. After discussion on this issue, Council wants letters sent to all Real Estate Tax payers owing 1st half taxes and older. There was further discussion on several other concerns regarding tax issues.

Motion was made by Duane Layman at 11:05, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to adjourn this meeting. Passed Unanimously.

Michael Knight, Mayor

Norma Cubbage, Clerk

