

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
STANLEY TOWN OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015, 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Purdham called the hearing to order at 7:00 pm. with the following Council Members attending: Mike Knight, Bruce Stoneberger, Duane Layman, Mike Uram and Martha Graves. Others attending the hearing were as follows: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Chief Timmy Foster, Accountant Leon Stout, Regina Hilliard with Luray/Page County Chamber of Commerce, Cathy Marston Principal at Stanley Elementary School, Rodney Ring and Charles Dye with HD Water Supplies, Georgia Duncan, Ronnie McCoy, Larry Owens, Joyce Smith, Danny Presgraves, and Clerk Norma Cabbage.

The Clerk read the notice as published in the Page News and Courier for two consecutive weeks prior to the hearing.

The purpose of this hearing is to allow the citizens of the Town of Stanley to express their views and comments on this issue.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted this issue has been before the Town Council for a vote but the town attorney advised it had to go through the Public Hearing process.

Mr. Pettit noted we are the only local town that manually reads water meters. Mr. Pettit further noted with the new system there will be less errors, more revenue for the town and town tax revenue will not pay for meter system. Mr. Pettit also noted there is \$30,000.00 in this year's budget for Water Improvement that could be used to help with this project.

Mayor Purdham inquired if Town Manager Pettit had received any comments on this issue. Mr. Pettit noted the only comments he received were verbal.

Mr. Pettit noted that representatives from HD Water Supplies were here to answer questions about the water meter system. Charles Dye noted this was one of the most effective drive by systems on the market. Mr. Dye noted the meter is installed and the hand held device picks up the signal and sends it to a thumb drive. Mr. Dye continued that when the employee has completed all of the readings he brings the thumb drive in and the readings are down loaded onto the computer. Mr. Dye noted it will take one employee, after getting familiar with the system, about 2 hours to read the inside water meters. Mr. Pettit noted it usually takes 4 men about 2 days to read these meters. Mr. Dye noted this will give the other employees time to work on other jobs. Councilman Uram had several questions about the meter system such as the life of the meter, the increase in revenue and how long have these meters been out. Mr. Dye noted the meters have been out since 2000, the meters have 20 year warranty and there will be a substantial increase in water revenue. Georgia Duncan noted she was not in favor of the new system, noting it is very costly, and that it did not work properly as she explained to the body. Joyce Smith also noted she is not in favor of the new meter system noting we could use the money in the water

system in another way and if the meters don't last but 10 years we will have to replace them again. Mr. Dye noted the manufacturer Neptune, is a reliable company that stands behind their products. There were many more questions and discussion on this issue.

Joyce Smith noted they fix leaks over and over again at the same place and now they are putting in new pipe. Mrs. Smith noted there must be a lot of iron pipe in the ground and maybe we should look at replacing water lines instead of meters. Mrs. Smith was advised it would take millions of dollars to replace the water lines.

Mayor Purdham thanked everyone and closed the hearing at 7:40 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Purdham called the meeting to order with the following Council members in attendance: Mike Knight, Bruce Stoneberger, Duane Layman, Mike Uram and Martha Graves. Also attending this meeting were as follows: Ronnie McCoy, Adam Pettit, Billy Good Jr., and Jason Foster with the Stanley Little League, Regina Hilliard with Luray/Page County Chamber of Commerce, Cathy Marston Principal at Stanley Elementary School, Joyce Smith, Georgia Duncan, Danny Presgraves, Town Manager Terry Pettit, Town Accountant Leon Stout and Chief Timmy Foster.

The Invocation was given by Mayor Purdham and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Knight.

Mayor Purdham inquired if there were any additions or changes to the tentative Agenda as presented for tonight's meeting. There being none, Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Mike Knight to accept the Agenda as presented. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Purdham recognized Regina Hilliard with the Chamber. Regina noted she was serving as Interim President until someone was appointed. Regina noted they would be going after the VTC Marketing Grant in the Amount of \$50,000 again this year. Regina noted the numbers from July, August and September are as follows: Tourists Calls - 1610, Local Calls - 1493, Unique Web hits - 19,534, Visitors Guides - 22,057, Visitor Down Load Guides - 708 Mrs. Hilliard also noted current members are 387 and 134 tourism members. Mrs. Hilliard noted the 5K Mud Trail Challenge was good this year with 143 participants and hope to have it again next year hopefully in Stanley. Mrs. Hilliard also noted it was only possible with the hard work from our volunteers which there were about 50 this year.

Mrs. Hilliard noted she hopes to see all of the Council at the Annual Chamber Banquet on November 6th at the Mimslyn Inn. Mrs. Hilliard further noted all the award nominations have been made and the winners will be announced at the banquet. Mrs. Hilliard noted she would like opinions from the towns on what the Chamber can do for them.

Councilman Uram inquired if there were any numbers from the hotels about how many stayed during the Mud Challenge and how far away did they come. Mrs. Hilliard noted because of it being a 1 Day Event there probably would not be any numbers. Mrs. Hilliard thank the Council and left the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Cathy Marston Principal at Stanley Elementary School was next to address the Council noting she was to encourage this body to visit the school and try to build a relationship with a student or students. Mrs. Marston noted Stanley is a great place to live and work and that you don't always have the opportunity to live where you can build relationships. Mrs. Marston noted some of these children have no outside contacts other than those during the school day and they need mentors in their life. Mrs. Marston noted she would like to have each member to commit to giving 25 minutes a month to visit the school, during lunch and sit down with a student and talk to them. Mrs. Marston noted that this may encourage students to build a relationship with you or

another person which may help them in their life. Mrs. Marston noted kids can help our community to be a better place and through this interaction allow them to become even better citizens. Mrs. Marston noted she strongly encourages each person to stop by the school and visit with a student.

Recreation Director Chuck Short arrived at the meeting at 8:10 pm.

The Stanley Little League was next to speak to the Council at 8:10 pm. Spokesperson Adam Pettit noted they were here to ask the Town to help them expand the number of fields for the kids to play. Mr. Pettit noted the Little League was growing again and there are not enough fields for them to play. Mr. Pettit and the other representatives noted they are willing to do their part to help with this effort and they have funds to use to help build at least one field. Mr. Pettit noted if the town would be able to purchase the property near the present fields this would be good so everything could be together. Mr. Pettit noted with this property they could make another full size field and make improvements to the existing fields. Town Manager Pettit inquired if the field on Park Road was being used by the Little League anymore. Adam Pettit noted they did not use it anymore and it would cost at least \$50,000.00 to get it in shape to be used. Adam Pettit noted the Little League would like to see the Recreation Department get more involved and work together more. Adam Pettit noted if we are able to get land and to be able to build at least one field then we could start hosting Travel Ball Tournaments that will bring in money. Adam Pettit noted they could try it for a couple of years to see how it works and would be willing to share the money with the Town to help pay off the land. Adam Pettit noted the Little League has a strong Board who are willing to work hard to keep this going and we feel the Little League helps keep kids off the street and gives them something to do. Adam Pettit stated no kid will be turned away from playing Little League even if they don't have the money and it would be great if kids with disabilities could also have a chance to play ball. Councilman Knight inquired would the Little League be interested in the land at the Hawksbill Pool for the ball fields. Adam Pettit noted they would much rather have all the fields in once location. There was further discussion about the location for the ballfields and it was the conclusion that it would be best to sell the some of the property at the pool to help purchase the land closer to the existing ball fields. The group from the Little League thanked the Council and advised them to keep them informed.

Mayor Purdham inquired if there were any additions or changes to the minutes of the previous month's regular meeting as presented in writing. Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Duane Layman to approve the same. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Purdham also inquired if there were any additions or changes to the minutes from the Special Meeting held on October 05, 2015 meeting as presented in writing. Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Duane Layman to approve the special meeting minutes as presented in writing. Passed Unanimously.

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The Financial Statement and accompanying Note were presented. Councilwoman Graves inquired if the transfer of \$20,000.00 from the General Account to the CIP Account. Mayor Purdham noted the Financial Statement in the amount of \$277, 200.31 was approved as presented.

The Monthly Paywarrant was presented with the following inquires:

Councilman Knight inquired about Bill #6 (Commonwealth Engineering) which lift station were the supplies used on. Town Accountant Stout noted it was for all the lift stations.

Councilman Stoneberger inquired about Bill #23 (Pennoni Association) what was done at the pool. Town Manager Terry Pettit noted engineering fees related to the DEQ Sewer Permit for the pool water discharge.

Councilman Stoneberger inquired about Prepaid Bill #6 (Precision Seamless Gutter) what happened to the gutter. Town Manager Pettit noted it was torn down by vandals and had to be replaced.

Councilman Knight inquired about Bill #27 (Rockingham Coop) how many pair of boots were purchased. Accountant Stout noted it was 2 pair of boots.

Councilman Knight inquired about Prepaid # 5 (Larry Austin) what all was done. Town Manager Pettit noted he repaired 2 driveways which were damaged fixing a water leak, pour cement for BMX Bike Ramp and poured slab for picnic table at playground.

Councilman Knight inquired about Prepaid Bill #15 (Larry Parsell) what was done to the vehicles. Mr. Pettit noted the handle had to be replaced on the Colorado and a windshield was replaced in a vehicle because as an inmate was weed eating it through a rock into a passing vehicle's side window.

Motion was made by Mike Knight, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to approve payment of the October Paywarrant in the amount of \$159,900.52. Passed Unanimously.

Recreation Director Chuck Short presented his monthly report beginning at 9:05 pm. noting we did get TOT Money from the County. Mr. Short noted he was unable to get 15 year cover he had to get a 12 year cover. There was much discussion about the cover, the way it has to be anchored and the storage of the cover. Mr. Short noted the price was good through October 27, 2015. Motion was made by Mike Knight, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to authorize the Recreation Director Chuck Short to order a pool cover. Passed Unanimously.

Mr. Short also noted he had repainted the roof on the Large Shelter because it looked

horrible after the inmates finished painting. Mr. Short noted he wants to get started on replacing the roof on the pump house and will probably wait until spring to replace the door. Mr. Short noted the door will cost about \$500.00.

Mr. Short noted basketball will start the third week of November with the girls starting first. Councilman Knight inquired if there would be anyway the boys could start first this year. Mr. Short noted at one time all three of the leagues worked together not to have leagues overlap but that has stopped. Mr. Short noted now he tries to please everyone by switching every 5 years which is the length of time that child would be eligible to play in this league. Mr. Short noted he has more problems working out a schedule with the school to use the gym. Mr. Short noted Cathy Marston has been great to work with the basketball scheduling. Mr. Short noted he was sorry about the scheduling issue but noted the boys would start the end of January.

Mr. Short noted he feels this is a good time to do something about additional fields for the Little League, since they are willing to help. Mr. Short further noted we could sell some of the land at the pool to help purchase the other property. Mr. Short noted he feels we need to act now since we have the opportunity to purchase this property. Mr. Short noted it takes a lot of work and people to host ball tournaments but even if it doesn't happen they still need another field.

Mr. Short noted we need to do something about the other field on Park Road if the Little League is not using it anymore. Councilman Knight stated the Youth Football League using it for practice but they need to come talk to the town to get permission and sign a waiver releasing the town from any obligations. Mr. Pettit noted he would talk to Chris Hall. Councilman Uram noted we need to provide the necessary tools for these leagues and inquired are we staying competitive with the other towns.

Councilman Knight inquired if the renters at the cottages have paid their rent for October. The Clerk advised neither had paid rent for this month. Councilman Knight noted he would bring a rental contract that is much better than the one we have now. Councilman Knight noted he wants notification every month of how much each renter paid and the balance due by each in his packet every month. There was discussion about the renters and what to do about the current situation. Motion was made by Mike Knight, seconded by Mike Uram to start the eviction process against the renters of the cottages at Hawksbill Park. Passed Unanimously. Motion was made by Bruce Stoneberger, seconded by Mike Knight to take legal action against both renters on the past due rent. Passed Unanimously.

Chief Timmy Foster addressed the Council at 10:05 pm. noting of a tragic incident involving the reckless use of a firearm which occurred at the apartments on West Main Street.

Chief Foster noted the bicycle incident which also happened on West Main Street that the

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young man had minor injuries. Chief Foster noted the bicycle went into the path of the vehicle, but there were no charges filed.

Councilman Uram noted a healthy community is a safe community. Mr. Uram noted transients move from place to place and most of the time there are more domestics violence calls and alcohol related incidents and noted we need to try to improve this by starting in the schools with Community Policing.

Mayor Purdham noted Halloween, Saturday, October 31st from 6:00 pm. until 9:00 pm. with curfew at 10:00 pm.

Georgia Duncan noted that the extra police patrolling has helped and she appreciated it.

Town Manager Pettit presented his Administrative Report at 10:20 pm. noting the latest hold-up with the Enhancement Sign Grant it is with the type of concrete used for the post holes that VDOT will approve. Mr. Pettit noted after contacting VDOT, Racey Engineering back to VDOT they have approved Sacrete that can be purchased at Trancom.

Mr. Pettit noted in reference to the Safe Route to School Grant, nobody put in a bid on this project and he sent a letter to VDOT. Mr. Pettit further noted Racey Engineers advised him that contractors said the job was too small to bid. Mr. Pettit noted he was waiting to hear from VDOT.

Mr. Pettit noted that the town attorney has been busy in court and he has nothing to report on Well #7.

Mr. Pettit noted Scottie at the Stanley Flower Shop did make the town an ornament for one of the VML Christmas Trees in Richmond.

Town Manager Pettit noted we were able to send two employees to Pennsylvania to look for a Bucket Truck and were able to bring one home. Mr. Pettit noted we paid \$18,000.00 for the truck and it is outside for them to see.

Mr. Pettit noted he will putting a list of surplus equipment in the Page News and Courier as well as our facebook and webpage pages. Mr. Pettit noted bids will be opened at our November meeting. Mr. Pettit noted Council will need to set reserve on these items.

Mr. Pettit noted, as they are aware, the County gave all the towns \$10,000.00 TOT Money. Mr. Pettit noted we will use this towards a new pool cover. Mr. Uram noted we need to come up with a plan for next years' TOT Money and have documentation on our request.

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Town Manager Pettit noted Water Tank #2 has been sand blasted, cleaned and painted and will be ready to be placed back in service November 4th. Mr. Pettit noted the public works crew has been working days and nights to keep the tank full but not over running by cutting wells on and off based on water usage and they are to be commemorated on their efforts.

Mr. Pettit noted DEQ is accepting applications for potential grants for new storm water best management practices, buffer restoration and low impact development projects and others. Mr. Pettit stated it is a 50/50 matching funds grant. Mr. Pettit also noted Page County takes care of the Storm Water issues for the entire County and it is the feelings of the other towns to let them continue doing so. Councilman Uram stated he feels we should apply for the grant even if we get curbing. Mr. Pettit noted he would have to check to see if it covers curbing.

Mr. Pettit noted the Town of Shenandoah had a major valve break near their storage tank which caused the pressure increase on Friday afternoon. Mr. Pettit noted this caused at least 19 water lines to break with loss of water and water pressure. Mr. Pettit noted he offered them manpower and equipment but all they wanted was to borrow was repair clamps.

Mr. Pettit noted he had received numerous complaints on the debris from the Habron house on Judy Lane. Mr. Pettit continued to note the house was condemned and torn down and the County has given him a time to have this cleaned up. Mr. Pettit noted he suggested letting the Fire Department burn the debris but they would not allow us to go this route but he is working with the County to resolve this problem as soon as possible.

Mr. Pettit noted the DEQ Permit to discharge at our wastewater permit expires March 2016 and we are beginning the process as required 6 months prior to the renewal date. Mr. Pettit noted it takes several months to complete this application.

Mr. Pettit noted VML will be hosting several regional suppers to provide local government officials information about the 2016 General Assembly Session. Mr. Pettit noted Front Royal will be the closest one for us to attend and if anyone would like to go let him know.

Mr. Pettit noted the Council Meeting next month falls on Veterans Day and needs to know when Council wishes to have it. After brief discussion Tuesday, November 10th was the date chosen.

Mr. Pettit also needs to know who is going to the Chamber Banquet so he can notify them.

Councilman Uram noted unemployment numbers are looking better and he would like to loan Gary Breeden the owner of DR's some old pictures of the town to display in his eating area at his place of business.

Mayor Purdham noted it was time for New Business.

Mayor Purdham inquired if there was a motion on whether to proceed with the new water meter system or not. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Mike Knight to proceed with borrowing no more than \$391,000.00 plus the \$50,000.00 Grant Funds for the new water meter system. Councilman Uram note he felt this was too much money and feels it should be put on a referendum and let the people of the Town vote on the issue. Mr. Uram also noted he feels we should consider putting it in sections and not all at one time or consider replacing the old water line when installing the new meters. Mr. Uram noted he didn't want to raise taxes to pay for this system. There was further discussion on this issue.

Mayor Purdham called for a Roll Call Vote:

Voting For:

Mike Knight
Bruce Stoneberger
Duane Layman
Martha Graves

Voting Against:

Mike Uram

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made at 11:10 pm. by Martha Graves, seconded by Duane Layman that the Town Council convene in a Closed Meeting for the discussion of Legal Matter, as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 Subsection A7.

Voting For:

Mike Knight
Bruce Stoneberger
Duane Layman
Mike Uram
Martha Graves

Voting Against:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made at 11:35 pm. by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Knight that the Town Council leave the Closed Meeting and return to Open Meeting. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Purdham states Council is now in Open Meeting.

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Motion was made at 11:36 by Martha Graves, seconded by Duane Layman to Adopt a Resolution to Certify the Closed Meeting was held for the purposes allowed under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and that while in the Closed Meeting only those matters identified in the Motion to hold a Closed Meeting were discussed.

Mayor Purdham calls for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTING FOR:

Mike Knight
Bruce Stoneberger
Duane Layman
Mike Uram
Martha Graves

VOTING AGAINST:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Purdham noted Town Manager Terry Pettit is to continue negotiations on the land purchase.

Motion was made at 11:40 pm. by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Knight to adjourn this meeting. Passed Unanimously.

Douglas L. Purdham, Mayor

Norma Cabbage, Clerk

