

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
STANLEY TOWN OFFICE
Wednesday, April 08, 2015, 7:15 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING - Special Use Permit

Town Manager Terry Pettit called the Public hearing to order with Mayor Purdham and the following Council Members Mike Knight, Bruce Stoneberger, Mike Uram and Martha Graves, Stanley Planning Commission Members Winston Buracker, Timmy Rickard, Tim Prince and Ben Gray all in attendance. Also attending the hearing were as follows: Jim Ryan, John Robbins with the Chamber of Commerce, Robert and Bonnie Moore, Elizabeth Holeman, Marsha Dovel, Georgia Duncan, Donna Davis, Cindy Tate, Joice Smith, Terry Pettit, Leon Stout and Norma Cabbage.

Town Manager Pettit noted the Planning Commission has enough members present for a quorum and the Town Council also has enough members for a quorum.

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

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

Mr. Terry Pettit noted Jim Ryan is requesting a Special Use Permit that would allow him to build 2 Multi-family houses (Duplexes) on Hilltop Circle where he owns property. Mr. Ryan noted the houses will be 2 bedroom dwellings which he plans to rent to young families or elderly couples. Mr. Ryan also noted these houses will be well maintained.

Mr. Robert Moore inquired of how the houses will set. Mr. Ryan noted they would face the Roundhead. After further explanation it was noted the ends of the houses would face the back of the house they own on Chapel Road. Bonnie Moore noted she feels that to allow Mr. Ryan to put these duplexes on that property would be a big mistake. Mrs. Moore noted it would ruin their property and make the value of their house go down. Marsha Dovel and Elizabeth Holeman noted the house would be right in their back yard. The group also questioned the time of notification about this issue not giving them enough time. They also questioned how the town could allow someone to apply for a permit that would allow this to happen when it is a residential area. Mr. Pettit noted that is why persons can apply for a permit to change the zoning to allow him to build multi-family houses. Mr. Pettit noted he can build two houses on this property and not be required to have any permission from anyone. The group also noted there was a lot of traffic on this road, much of which goes well over the speed limit, and don't feel any more cars needs to be added to the traffic situation as well as the type of people that would be renting the duplexes. The group noted they already have apartments in the area and the trouble they have created and how they were supposed to be well maintained and they are not.

Bonnie Moore inquired of Councilwoman Graves how could they could vote to allow this to happen when they live in the neighborhood and could not be happy about these duplexes. The council person noted they would have to hear everything before making a decision on how to vote. Mayor Purdham noted he is recommending this council member abstain from voting on this issue. Councilman Uram noted his concern with the added vehicles and the closeness of the duplexes to the existing homes.

Town Manager Pettit noted he had not received any written comments concerning this issue.

Donna Davis noted she owns a home down the lane from the proposed site of the duplexes and is concerned that if this is allowed it will decrease the value of her house which she currently has for sale. Mrs. Davis noted if he only built two houses and possibility bought her house this would eliminate this problem.

Mayor Purdham stated there would not be a decision made on this issue tonight. Mayor Purdham noted they would be notified in advance of a decision being made.

The Hearing was closed at 7:30 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Purdham called the meeting to order with the following Council Members attending: Mike Knight, Bruce Stoneberger, Mike Uram and Martha Graves. Others attending this meeting are as follows: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Accountant Leon Stout, Police Chief Timmy Foster, John Robbins with the Chamber of Commerce, Cindy Tate, Georgia Duncan, Donna Davis and Joice Smith.

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

Mayor Purdham inquired if there were any additions or changes to the proposed Agenda as presented for tonight's meeting. Mayor Purdham noted the need to add 11A. Closed Meeting for Personnel, to the Agenda. Motion was made by Mike Knight, seconded by Mike Uram to approve the Agenda as amended. Passed Unanimously.

John Robbins from the Chamber of Commerce addressed the body noting he was here to give them an update on what was happening at the Chamber. Mr. Robbins noted they hosted a Job Fair today at LHS for the students from 1:00 pm. – 3:00 pm. and from 4:00 pm. – 6:00 pm. for others. Mr. Robbins noted there were between 18 – 20 vendors at the event and these were not high paying jobs but would be good experience. Mr. Robbins noted a meeting with the EDA and there are at least 20 Hub Zone Companies in Page County. Mr. Robbins also noted he did a press release noting this information and to hopefully put us on the map. Mr. Robbins also noted they had a forum with cabin owners from the area to discuss what is working for them in their rentals.

Mr. Robbins noted on Tuesday at the Mimslyn the Secretary of Congress was there for a photo opt but was good for everyone that attended. Mayor Purdham noted there some good ideas were brought up. Mr. Pettit noted federal agencies are coming to Page County leaving the Washington area and he's hoping this will put us on the map, opening us for more opportunities.

Mr. Robbins noted a new twist on tourism for Page County coming this spring focusing on women as seen through their prospective. There was some further discussion with Council and Mr. Robbins thanked the body for their time and left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Mayor Purdham inquired if there are any changes or corrections to the Minutes from the previous meeting and the Budget Meeting on March 25th as presented in writing. Councilwoman Graves noted in the minutes from the March Council Meeting at the bottom of page 1 the vote should be recorded as who voted for and against the motion. Councilwoman Graves noted in the minutes from the Budget Meeting, Richard Dorraugh's name needs to be taken off as he was not at the meeting. Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Uram to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting as corrected. Passed Unanimously

Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Uram to approve the minutes of the Budget Meeting as corrected. Passed Unanimously.

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The Financial Statement and accompanying note were presented. It was noted we still have not received a bill for the work done at the Ed Good Walking Trail by Hensil Good. The Financial Statement was approved as presented in the amount of \$276,591.68.

The Monthly Paywarrant was presented with the following inquires:

Councilman Knight - Bill #6 (Costco) - who has a membership. Accountant Stout noted Terry, Elaine, Chuck and Norma.

Councilman Knight - Bill #11 (HD Supply) - wasn't this a lot for supplies. Accountant Stout and Terry Pettit noted some of it was for supplies to install a Fire Hydrant on Pettit Drive.

Councilman Uram - Bill #26 (SVEC) - were we on the savings plan. Mr. Uram was advised that we have commercial rates.

Councilman Knight - Bill #19 (Reed's Tire) - what police vehicle is 204 and what was repaired. Chief Foster noted it is the 2005 Ford Crown Victoria and had the coil packs replaced.

Councilman Knight also inquired what police vehicle needed tires. Chief Foster noted it was for the 2012 Dodge Charger that Chad Brown drives and the tires had about 20,000 -22,000 miles on them. There was a brief discussion on this issue.

Councilwoman Graves - Bill #16 (Page Co-op) was the Fire Department reimbursing the town for their supplies. Accountant Leon Stout noted yes they reimburse the town.

Councilman Knight - Bill #21 (Standout Arts) we have to pay to change something on webpage. Accountant Stout noted it was a one-time thing and it was a lot better than paying \$55.00 a month with the other company.

Councilman Knight - Bill #32 (Woxco) why did we need this at the Public Works Building. Accountant Stout and Mr. Pettit noted it was for the torches.

Councilman Uram - Prepaid Bill #29 (Visa) what is snow meals. Accountant Stout along with Terry Pettit noted it was for the meals the guys ate while plowing snow and the money we get from VDOT just about covers all of this.

Councilwoman Graves - Prepaid Bill #27 (Returned checks & fees) have all of these been picked up. Accountant Stout noted all checks and fees have been collected

Councilman Uram - Prepaid Bill #16 (SVEC) we are just getting bill for Christmas Lights. Accountant noted it is always around this time of the year

Councilman Knight - Pre Paid Bill #29 (Steve's Trucking) thought it was a lot wrong with the dump truck. Accountant Stout and Terry Pettit noted there was an additional gas filter that was bad.

Motion was made by Mike Knight, seconded by Mike Uram that the paywarrant totaling \$129,709.22 be paid. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Purdham stated it was time for Old Business to be discussed.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted that Sign Pro ran into a problem with plastic they were going to use on the signs as it did not meet VDOT standards for the Enhancement Grant. Mr.

Pettit noted they would be able to get another type but this is just another delay.

Mr. Pettit noted the Safe Route to School Grant has also run into a problem. The school has not been able to find the paperwork from the property owner for the land the sign is on. Mr. Pettit noted he would have to look into this further and will keep Council updated.

Mr. Pettit noted we are still waiting on approval from VDOH for the Planning Grant.

Town Manager Pettit noted the Al Good Drive ditch problem has gotten better and seems to be running fine. Mr. Pettit further noted Mr. Jamie Rickard cleaned the ditch line behind the property he bought on Al Good Drive helping the water flow in the ditch. Mr. Pettit noted that Kenny Purdham is continuing to clean his part of the ditch and the Bailey Family are going to get together to discuss their part in this issue. Mr. Pettit also noted that Martha Shickle with Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission is coming and will also give some advice on this issue. Joice Smith noted there can be no equipment used no deepening or widening of the ditch. Mrs. Smith noted that we need to be educated on how to keep the ditch clean.

Mr. Pettit continued presenting his Administrative Report noting that Planning Commission Member Timmy Prince's term expires in June, 2015 and he is willing to serve another term if Council wishes.

Mr. Pettit noted several town employees attended a VDOT 2-day class on road safety held at the Stanley Fire Department. Mr. Pettit noted everyone passed the written exam and are certified in Intermittent Road Safety as required by VDOT.

Town Manager Pettit noted Keith, Bryan and himself will be attending the Virginia Rural Water Conference in Roanoke on April 13th thru 15th.

Mr. Pettit noted we will take comments on the proposed Noise Ordinance and the Enterprise Zone during Public Comment.

Mr. Pettit noted the Sprint Antenna Project on the building and water tower on Honeyville Avenue is complete and testing is planned for Tuesday (April 21st).

Town Manager Pettit noted he had included copies of the comprehensive plan in Council's packets so they can start to review.

Mr. Pettit noted the pump that had been sheared off at Well #1 has been replaced and is up and running.

Mr. Pettit also noted Sgt. Chad Brown is leaving our Police Department and we will be having lunch for him on Tuesday, April 21st at 12:00 pm. at the town office, all are invited to

stop by.

Councilman Uram noted his concern over the unemployment rate in our area and how he received 3 phone calls from individuals looking for jobs. Mr. Uram noted he would post a list of the top 50 businesses in Page County for anyone who might be looking for a job.

Council Uram also noted his concerns about the Pettit Drive ditch is very deep and there is no fencing to prevent children or animals from getting injured. Mr. Uram noted this may be an issue the Planning Commission could look at.

Mayor Purdham noted it was time for Public Comment.

Georgia Duncan addressed the body noting her concern with the town buying land behind the school to put more ball fields for the Little League. Mrs. Duncan noted she feels the land should have been offered to the school first. Mrs. Duncan noted the traffic is bad now without adding to it and people do not pay any attention to the speed limit posted as they fly up and down this road. Mrs. Duncan noted that adding more traffic to this road with additional ball fields is only going to make this problem worse. Mrs. Duncan noted the noise is also bad and this will only increase the problem, as well as the parking problem, car lights at night shining into your windows, persons roaming around all times of the day and night making you feel uneasy. Mrs. Duncan also noted if the town would purchase the land and put in ball fields she is concerned that this may cause more problems with yards flooding during heavy rains and lowering the real estate value of the homes in this area. Mrs. Duncan urged the town to not build ball fields on this property but maybe look into putting ball fields up at the Hawksbill Pool area.

Town Accountant Leon Stout left the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Town Manager Pettit noted the Little League came to the Council stating they need more ball fields some time ago. Mr. Pettit noted the school was asked about purchasing the land but they were not interested in buying. Mr. Pettit noted we town offered the Little League the land in Marksville as a possible site for fields but they would not make a commitment. Mr. Pettit nobody wants ball fields. Mr. Pettit noted no one wants ball parks and he does know the traffic is unreal.

Mayor Purdham noted he appreciates citizens coming and their input into town issues when it effects them.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted the Public Works' Department is busy mowing and we have the water leaks down to 8.

Chief Foster addressed the body noting he was available for questions at 8:35 pm. Councilman Uram inquired if there was a trend occurring with animal complaints, bad checks, domestics and fighting. Chief Foster noted he did not feel like it was a trend it was just the way it

happened.

The Recreation Report was presented in writing.

Mr. Pettit noted they were able to get the old tanks at the pool out without any problems and are waiting for the new ones to be plumbed.

Council inquired if the water level in the pool has gone down any more. Mr. Pettit noted it had not changed and thinks they will use dye to see if the liner is leaking. Town Manager noted the liner does have a warranty if that is the problem.

Councilman Uram inquired if the pool will open on time. Mr. Pettit noted that should not be a problem.

Mayor Purdham noted it was time for New Business.

Town Manager Pettit noted the need to appoint Timmy Prince to another term on the Planning Commission if Council wishes. Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Uram to appoint Timmy Prince to serve on the Stanley Planning Commission for another term. Passed Unanimously.

Mr. Pettit and Mayor Purdham noted the need to change the date of May's Council Meeting until May 20th.

Mr. Pettit noted another Budget Meeting will be on April 22nd at the Stanley Town Office at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Pettit noted at 8:48 pm. that the Noise Ordinance was next to be discussed and adopted if Council wishes. Councilman Uram had a concern about the ordinance addressing apartment noise or was that covered under Item I. After a brief discussion and being noted it would be the judgement of the police officer. Motion was made by Mike Knight, seconded by Mike Uram to adopt the Noise Ordinance as presented.

VOTING FOR:

Mike Knight
Bruce Stoneberger
Mike Uram
Martha Graves

VOTING AGAINST:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Pettit noted next to be discussed was the Enterprise Zone. After some discussion Motion was made by Mike Uram, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to adopt the Enterprise Zone-Chapter 91 – Stanley Town Code.

VOTING FOR:

Mike Knight
Bruce Stoneberger
Mike Uram
Martha Graves

VOTING AGAINST:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Pettit noted next was to set the 2016 tax rate. Mr. Pettit noted he had tried to find out how the assessments were going but did not receive an answer. There was some discussion and Council noted they would set the rate at the April 22nd Budget Meeting.

Councilman Uram inquired what is policy if a department in the town needs to purchase something are they allowed to purchase it without permission. Mr. Uram was advised if it was a budgeted item or a small ticket item they can or if a large ticket item it has to be brought to the town manager or to Council for approval. Mr. Uram was also advised that nothing can be financed without Council's permission.

Motion was made by Martha Graves at 9:05 pm., seconded by Mike Knight 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 Purdham calls for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTING FOR:

Mike Knight
Bruce Stoneberger
Mike Uram
Martha Graves

VOTING AGAINST:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Martha Graves at 9:26 pm., seconded by Mike Uram that the Town Council leave the Closed Meeting and return to Open Meeting. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Purdham states Council is now in Open Meeting.

Motion was made at 9:28 pm. by Martha Graves, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to Adopt a Resolution to Certify the Closed Meeting; the Meeting was held for 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.

VOTING FOR:

Mike Knight
Bruce Stoneberger
Mike Uram
Martha Graves

VOTING AGAINST:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Mike Knight, seconded by Mike Uram to hire Gerald Cubbage at a starting salary of \$36,000.00 per year effective April 16, 2015. Passed Unanimously.

Motion was made at 9:32 pm. by Mike Knight, seconded by Mike Uram to adjourn this meeting. Passed Unanimously.

Douglas L. Purdham, Mayor

Norma Cubbage, Clerk

