

REGULAR MEETING
STANLEY TOWN OFFICE
Wednesday, August 12, 2015, 7:30 pm.

Mayor Purdham called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. with the following Council Members in attendance: Mike Knight, Bruce Stoneberger, Duane Layman, Mike Uram and Martha Graves. Also attending this meeting were: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Accountant Leon Stout, Vance Bryant, Connie Painter and Danny Presgraves.

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

Mayor Purdham inquired if there were any changes or additions to the tentative Agenda as presented for this meeting. There being none Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Uram to adopt the Agenda as presented. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Purdham recognized Vance Bryant allowing him to address the body. Mr. Bryant noted he would like to give a brief report on the 5K Race. Mr. Bryant distributed an overview of this year's race to the Council. Mr. Bryant noted there were 63 entries for the race, 33 walk and 30 ran. Mr. Bryant noted it was a successful event and a lot of that is due to the great volunteers that work on this event. Mr. Bryant noted there are 9 committee volunteers and 16 others helped the day of the event. Mr. Bryant thanked the town crew, Stanley Police Department, Page County Sheriff's Department, Stanley Rescue Squad, residents along the race route and all the others that helped with making this event a success. Mr. Bryant noted 36 businesses donated T-Shirts and 24 others donated door prizes. Mr. Bryant noted the financial totals were \$6,790.00 in revenue, \$1,245.17 in expenses and \$5,544.83 profit. Mr. Bryant further noted he hopes to continue having this event; not only does the proceeds go for a good cause as the Ed Good Walking Trail, but is good for our health and physical fitness. Members of Council advised Mr. Bryant they had heard good reports on this year's race and appreciate his dedication and hard work he puts into making this event happen. Mr. Bryant noted he enjoyed helping with the race and that he had great committee volunteers that work hard to make this happen. Mr. Bryant also noted they try to make each participant feel special and to be good representatives of the town. Mr. Bryant noted talking to many people they do not realize where the Ed Good Park and Walking Trail really are located and maybe we should look at the possibility of moving the sign or putting up another near Main Street. Mr. Bryant also suggested the possibility of moving the buildings so that the park can be seen when passing through town. Councilman Knight inquired if they had ever thought about changing the route of the race to run down Judy Lane. Mr. Bryant noted they had but couldn't because of the Railroad Crossing but he is still looking at other possible routes.

Connie Painter a Committee Volunteer who was also in attendance, noted her concern as well as Mr. Bryant's with people not being able to see the Park because of the location of the buildings. Mrs. Painter noted maybe another sign would be helpful. Mr. Bryant and Mrs. Painter thanked the Body and left the meeting at 7:50 pm.

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

The Financial Statement and accompanying Note were presented. Councilman Uram inquired about an error in the adding. After a brief discussion and some calculating, it was found there was not an error on the statement. Mayor Purdham noted the need for approval of the Financial Statement. Motion was made by Mike Knight, seconded by Duane Layman to approve the Financial Statement in the amount of \$277,135.81. Passed Unanimously.

The Monthly Paywarrant for August was presented with the following question:

Councilwoman Graves inquired about Bill # 5 (Commonwealth Engineering) was there something wrong at the pump stations. Mr. Pettit noted it was for supplies for the pump stations not repairs.

Councilman Uram inquired of Bill # 9 (Flags, USA) how many flags were purchased. Accountant Stout noted it was 30 flags plus brackets to hang them.

Councilman Knight inquired if we had received any of the new Town of Stanley Flags that we are planning to sell. Town Manager Pettit noted we had not received any as of yet.

Councilwoman Graves inquired of Bill # 18 (Old Dominion Brush) were these brushes for the new sweeper we got. Mr. Pettit noted it was for the new sweeper.

Councilman Stoneberger inquired about Prepaid Bills # 16 & 30 (Renosys Corp. & Olympia Pools) was anything covered by warranty. Mr. Pettit advised unfortunately nothing was covered by warranty.

Councilman Uram inquired about the following Bills # 14, 16, 19, 20, 29 & Prepaid Bills # 16, 19, 20, 28, 30, 32, 33, 34 were all for the pool repairs to open totaling \$7,600.00. Mr. Uram inquired when do we put a cap on what we spend. Mr. Uram also noted we need to be careful on how we spend our money because this money is coming out of someone else's budget. Councilman Knight noted we don't have a lot for our citizens in the town and he feels we need to keep the pool open for the people.

Mayor Purdham noted the need for a Motion so that the August Paywarrant in the amount of \$135,530.87 can be paid. Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Duane Layman that the paywarrant be paid. Mike Uram voted against this motion. Motion Passed.

Mr. Pettit noted the Recreation Committee met to discuss some issues one being how

good the fence at the Ed Good Park looks since it has been completed. Mr. Pettit noted he had received several compliments on the fence. Mr. Pettit also noted they have marked the location for the trail bridge and the BMX Bike Ramp Project is going to get started on Thursday. Mr. Pettit also noted they discussed what playground equipment to get as Pioneer Bank is donating funds to purchase more equipment. Mr. Pettit noted they are working to finish the flag poles at the park and hope to have them completed very soon.

Mr. Pettit note they looked at the property on Memorial Drive that has been offered to the town and further noted the Little League would love to have this land.

Mr. Pettit noted the committee discussed several ideas such as volleyball and corn hole tournaments, diving contest and swimming lessons with the Recreation Director Chuck Short and he advised he had tried all of them and they just didn't work. Mr. Pettit noted they also discussed the possibility of having inmates paint the roof on the large shelter and repairing the roof on the pump house. Mr. Pettit noted there was discussion on the possibility of keeping the pool open past Labor Day but Mr. Short noted it would cost too much to keep it open all week just to use on the week-end.

Mr. Pettit advised Mr. Sours is now 2 months behind on rent at the small cottage and Mr. Greenwood is a month behind at the large cottage. After some discussion on this matter and Mr. Pettit was advised to notify both renters they need to move.

Accountant Leon Stout left the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Mr. Pettit note he would let Mr. Uram speak on the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting. Mr. Uram noted we need to be concerned about non-revenue water loss. Mr. Uram noted he is very concerned about this problem because it is costing taxpayers' money. Mr. Uram noted we are fixing the bad leaks but we still need to get more information on ways of controlling non-revenue water loss.

Mr. Pettit noted Mr. Uram and himself will be meeting with VDOT on Thursday, August 20th at the town office to discuss sidewalks and several other issues.

Mr. Pettit presented his Administrative Report beginning at 8:30 pm. noting Racey Engineering will be marking the sites for the Welcome to Stanley Signs on Wednesday. Mr. Pettit continued to note he has contacted Sign Pro to order all of the supplies they need to begin construction of the signs.

Mr. Pettit noted he hopes to have bids on the Safe Route to School Grant by next month's meeting if he can complete all the forms.

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Town Manager Pettit noted he has submitted all the forms and the Planning Grant is continuing to move forward.

Mr. Pettit noted he completed the sewer inspections for the town at the Family Dollar Store but the rainy weather has held up completion on the parking lot.

Town Manager Pettit noted the County attorney and Town attorney are finishing the deed for Well #7 and he has been working with both of them to complete the required easements.

Mr. Pettit noted as Council is aware we have been awarded a grant and a loan from Rural Development for the amount of \$441,000.00 (\$391,000.00 loan and \$50,000.00 grant) for the automated water meter system. Mr. Pettit noted the payments will be \$2,296.00 for 20 years at 3.625% interest. Mr. Pettit further noted he would need Council's approval as a motion to accept this. Motion was made by Mike Knight, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to accept the loan and grant from Rural Development.

Mayor Purdham called for a Roll Call Vote

VOTING FOR:

Mike Knight
Bruce Stoneberger
Duane Layman
Martha Graves

VOTING AGAINST:

Mike Uram

MOTION CARRIED 4-1

Councilman Uram noted his concern with spending this large amount of money and feels the citizens of the town should have the right to vote on this project for this amount of money and time of commitment for payment. Mr. Uram further noted he feels we should repair and replace our water lines before getting a new water meter system. Mr. Uram noted we are losing a lot of water and this should be a big concern for all of us.

Recreation Director Chuck Short arrived at 8:45 pm.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted he will be attending the VML Conference in Richmond on October 4th – 6th. Mr. Pettit noted he needed to know if anyone from the Council would like to attend.

Mr. Pettit noted he received a letter from Page County in reference to a trash issue which states it has been dropped for the time being. Mr. Pettit also noted each Council Member should all receive copies the same letter.

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Mr. Pettit noted Keith Griffith and himself met with a VML Representative who tries to improve on safety policies and improve present safety practices. Mr. Pettit further noted they are implementing several new policies and one of those is hands free cell phone communications (blue tooth) while operating town vehicles.

Keith Griffith's term on the Water Quality Committee with the County is about up and has agreed to serve another if Council wishes. Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Uram that Keith Griffith serve as the Town of Stanley's representative on the Water Quality Committee. Passed Unanimously.

Mr. Pettit noted he was still in need of a bucket truck.

Recreation Director Chuck Short noted the pool opened August 3rd and averaged 85 swimmers for that first week and now this week we have an average of 25. Mr. Short noted this has been a trying year but we finally are operating. Mr. Short noted he appreciated the help sticking around through all of the problems we have had this year. Mr. Short noted he thinks he has a very small leak nothing to cause any real concern at this point it may even be evaporation. Mr. Short noted he will take care of it before next season as well as we will probably have to replace the strainer in the pump house, it is in bad shape and outdated. Mr. Short was asked about the cost of a new strainer and he advised fiberglass around \$2,300.00 to \$2,500.00 and stainless steel around \$3,200.00 to \$3,500.00. Mr. Short noted he would prefer the fiberglass strainer. Mr. Short noted he was planning to close the week of August 31st.

Mr. Short noted the Recreation Committee discussed having a Labor Day Festival on September 05, 2015 at the pool with Blue Grass and Rock n Roll Band, swimming, corn hole tournament, food and fireworks to end the day around 8: 30 pm. Mr. Short noted we will need volunteers to help with this event. Mr. Short noted we will charge a fee at the gate, swim free during the day and stay to watch the fireworks. Mr. Short noted we will be selling food all day at the concession stand at the pool. Mr. Short noted if anyone knows some good bands to let him know so he can get in touch with him.

Councilman Knight inquired about having inmates paint the roof of the large shelter so that it can get done before fall and winter. Mr. Short noted he would rather paint the roof himself and was going to get it done very soon.

Mayor Purdham noted he would like to have a free night swim for the patience people have shown during this season and having to open so late. After some discussion the free swim is scheduled for Thursday, August 20th at 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

Councilman Uram inquired what did Mr. Short anticipate the cost of the pool in the coming years. Mr. Short noted he knew we were going to have a pool cover because we have

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tried different things and they have not worked. Mr. Short noted anything can happen at any time you just never know.

Town Manager Pettit noted Chief Foster is unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Mayor Purdham noted it is time for New Business to be discussed.

Mayor Purdham noted the need to recognize Brownie Cave's 100th Birthday in some way. Town Manager Terry Pettit noted he would talk to the family to get an idea of what we can do.

Council Mike Uram noted there are 52 businesses in the town and they contribute a lot of revenue for the Town of Stanley and he feels we can give something back to them. Mr. Uram noted he has come up with a plan for some free advertising for period of time on our website.

Mr. Uram noted the dog feces problem is getting worse with it moving onto our side streets as well as Main Street. Mr. Uram noted we really need to take care of this problem.

Motion was made at 9:40 pm. by Bruce Stoneberger, seconded by Mike Uram to adjourn this meeting. Passed Unanimously.

Douglas L. Purdham, Mayor

Norma Cabbage, Clerk

