

**Stoneville Town Council  
Meeting & Public  
Hearing Minutes  
May 2, 2017  
7:00 PM**

**Present:** Present were Mayor Ricky Craddock, Mayor Pro-Tem Chuck Hundley, Councilwoman Lori Armstrong, Councilmen Henry Thornton, Bill Farris and Jerry Smith.

Also, present were Town Manager Ken Gamble, Human Resource/Finance Officer Joanna Dalton, Town Clerk Sherri Darnell, Police Chief Frank Moore, Police Captain Brandon Rivera and Public Works Director Mark Malloy.

**Welcome:** Mayor Ricky Craddock welcomed the assembly. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation, Mayor Craddock called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** Mayor Ricky Craddock asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the last meeting. With no corrections, Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Farris made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Agenda:** Mayor Ricky Craddock asked if there were any adjustments to the originally submitted Agenda. With no changes, Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the Agenda. Councilwoman Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing:**

Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Councilwoman Armstrong made the motion. Councilman Farris seconded. Motion carried.

Town Manager Gamble stated that this is a request to apply to the USDA for grant funding in order to replace the current public works truck. The current vehicle has over 138,000 miles and high maintenance costs.

Mayor Pro-tem Hundley made the motion to allow the application to the USDA. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Farris made the motion. Councilwoman Armstrong seconded. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Proclamation for National Police Week:**

Mayor Craddock read the Proclamation and then asked for a motion to adopt.

Mayor Pro-tem Hundley made the motion to adopt this proclamation. Councilman Farris seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

**Proclamation for Public Works Week:**

Mayor Craddock read the Proclamation and asked for a motion to adopt. Councilman Smith made the motion. Mayor Pro-tem Hundley seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

**Proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week:**

Mayor Craddock read the Proclamation and asked for a motion to adopt. Councilman Thornton made the motion. Councilwoman Armstrong seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

**Police Women's Auxiliary (WASP):**

Mrs. Kristen Edwards presented the Women's Auxiliary of the Stoneville Police Department (WASP). Mrs. Edwards stated that the organization helps to raise funds for the police department as well as donate to local charities.

**Request for Water Bill Adjustment:**

Mr. Joel Hairston of 210 Deaton Loop asked Council to consider an adjustment to his water bill of \$1,184.69 due to a leak he had experienced. The leak had continued for three months while waiting for his landlord to make repairs. After much discussion, Councilman Thornton made the motion to reduce the total bill to \$906.09 and allow Mr. Hairston to make payments of \$75.51 in addition to his regular monthly bill for the next twelve months. Councilwoman Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Clean-Up Week Report:**

Public Works Director Malloy stated that all went well during the clean-up week with a total of 18 tons of debris taken to the landfill. Director Malloy asked that a suggestion be made for next year to ask that small items be boxed or bagged.

**Revision to Fall Festival Ordinance O-2017-3:**

Town Manager Gamble advised Council that this revision is due to adding an additional event to be held on Friday night prior to the Saturday festival. Councilman Farris made the motion to adopt this ordinance revision. Councilwoman Armstrong seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

**Executive Session:**

Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to enter into executive session. Councilwoman Armstrong made the motion. Mayor Pro-tem Hundley seconded. Motion carried.

**Regular Session:**

Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to return to regular session. Councilman Thornton made the motion. Councilwoman Armstrong seconded. Motion carried.  
Mayor Craddock stated that a budget matter was discussed with no action taken.

**FY 2017-2018 Budget Presentation:**

Town Manager Gamble gave the presentation for the Budget for FY 2017-2018.

**a. Approval of FY 2017-2018 Budget for Public Inspection:**

After much discussion, Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to approve the budget for FY 2017-2018.

Mayor Pro-tem Hundley made the motion to approve the FY 2017-2018 Budget with the following changes: 1) Eliminate Salary Study. 2) Eliminate Governing Board increase.

3) Replace 4% COLA with 3% COLA. Councilman Smith seconded. Councilman Thornton abstained. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

**Leaf Collection Contract Update:**

Town Manager Gamble stated that after repeated attempts to contact Mr. Wilson, he hasn't replied or came to Town Hall regarding the contract. This may have to be sent out for bids or handled in house.

**Application for USTA Tennis Court Refurbish:**

Town Manager Gamble asked for permission to apply for this 50/50 grant through the USTA. The total cost would be \$7,700.00 with a \$3,850.00 grant from USTA. Councilman Smith made the motion to allow the application. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee Report:**

Town Manager Gamble stated that fireworks would not be held this year at the park due to the lack of funding and certifications of fire department personnel required by ATF would not be completed until after July.

**Public Comments:**

Eugene DeMoss of 200 Forrest Street asked Council if the Animal Ordinance addressed cleaning up after your dog. Chief Moore stated that he had been in touch with the persons involved with Mr. DeMoss' incident and once research has been completed, that a possible revision to our current ordinance will be presented in the near future.

Johnny Farmer of 104 Pine Cone Drive spoke regarding the backflow prevention program and thanked Public Works Director Malloy for his help. Mr. Farmer also stated his concern regarding mud washing into the street on which he lives.

Kristen Edwards of WASP approached Council to advise that the program has decided to pay the first payment of \$75.51 for Mr. Joel Hairston.

**Old Business:**

**Backflow Prevention Update:**

Director Malloy stated that this process is moving forward with most everyone complying.

**Rotary Park Project Update:**

Town Manager Gamble reported that the owners have signed off on the property and we should be closing within the next 30 days. Public input and planning will begin in May.

**Town Manager's Report:**

The Town has received \$25,000.00 grant from North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) towards the Rebranding Project. This will allow purchase of way finding signage, street signs, trash bins, banners, etc. The check presentation will be Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the RCC auditorium.

Cynthia Blackburn is closing the Oak Run Mobile Home Park. This will impact our water/sewer revenues for the 17/18 year by approximately \$24,000.00, but our expense side will be lower due to the decrease of usage.

The Matthews Street Outfall Project still has one property owner that has not signed off. We are working through his attorney but may have to apply for an extension in June if not resolved.

The next Cruise-In is May 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 8 pm.

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**Regular Session:**

Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to return to regular session. Councilman Thornton made the motion. Mayor Pro-tem Hundley seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Craddock stated that a personnel matter and a budget matter were discussed with no action taken.

**Adjourn:**

Mayor Craddock asked for a motion for adjournment. Councilman Smith made the Councilman Farris seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Craddock stated that two economic development issues were discussed with no action taken.

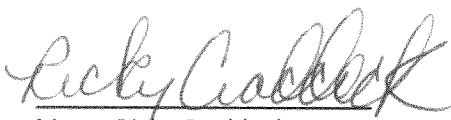
Councilman Smith made the motion that Town Manager Gamble receive the same 3% salary increase as staff on July 1, 2017. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

**Executive Session:**

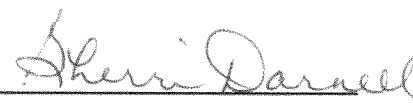
Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to enter into executive session. Councilwoman Armstrong made the motion. Mayor Pro-tem Hundley seconded. Motion carried.

Upon return to regular session, Mayor Craddock stated that a personnel matter was discussed with no action taken.

Mayor Craddock then asked for a motion of adjournment. Councilwoman Armstrong made the motion. Councilman Farris seconded. Motion carried.

  
Mayor Ricky Craddock



  
Town Clerk, Sherri Darnell,  
CMC, NCCMC