

Stoneville Town Council
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2019
7:00 PM

Present: Present were Mayor Ricky Craddock, Mayor Pro Tem Lori Armstrong, Councilmen Chuck Hundley, Henry Thornton, Jerry Smith and Johnny Farmer. Also, present were Interim Town Manager/Human Resource/Finance Officer Joanna Dalton, Town Clerk Sherri Darnell, Police Chief Frank Moore, Police Officer Lee Edwards, Fire Chief Tim Brown, Public Works Director Mark Malloy, Auditor Craig Hopkins and Town Attorney Lisa Arthur.

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

Minutes: Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the last meetings. Mayor Pro tem Armstrong made the motion. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda: Mayor Ricky Craddock asked for a motion to approve the Agenda with a change to Old Business Item #6 rescheduling until April 15, 2019 at 5:00 PM. Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the Agenda with this change. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Resignation of Councilmember/Mayor Pro tem Lori Armstrong.

Town Attorney Arthur stated that Mrs. Armstrong tendered her resignation from the Town Council to the Clerk in order to accept the appointment of Town Manager. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Town Manager Oath:

Mayor Craddock administered the oath of office to Town Manager Lori Armstrong. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Nominations for Mayor Pro tem:

Mayor Craddock asked for nominations for Mayor Pro tem. Councilman Thornton made a motion for Chuck Hundley. Councilman Smith seconded. Councilman Hundley accepted. Motion carried.

Recognition of Steve Evans:

Mayor Craddock read the incident report and then read the Paramedic's Prayer Plaque which was then presented to Steve Evans "Our Hometown Hero".

2018/2019 Audit Contract:

Mr. Craig Hopkins of Gibson and Company read over the provisions of the Contract to Audit accounts for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. After little discussion, Councilman Smith made the motion to move forward with this contract. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

USDA Letter of Conditions for Purchase of (2) Police Vehicles:

Ms. Nikki Denny of USDA explained the process and the entire packet of information to Council. After some discussion, Councilman Farmer made the motion to proceed. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Proclamation Month of the Young Child:

Mayor Craddock read the proclamation and asked for a motion to approve. Councilman Thornton made the motion to approve the proclamation. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Zero Litter Resolution R-2019-05:

Mayor Craddock read the resolution and asked for a motion of adoption. Councilman Smith made the motion to adopt. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Appoint Litter Prevention Advisory Committee Member:

With no one having any nominations, Councilman Hundley made the motion to table until the May meeting. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Records Retention Update:

Town Clerk Darnell explained that the NC State Archives are revamping the records retention schedules and "General Records" will be updated on an annual basis. Councilman Thornton made the motion to approve the schedule. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Downtown Core Group-Stoneville Farmer's Market:

Mrs. Jodi Lester presented the Downtown Core Group's plan for a Farmer's Market starting Saturday, April 27th and running every Saturday until October 26th. Mrs. Lester explained the mission statement, vision and the agreement for vendors. After some discussion, Councilman Farmer made the motion to proceed after the Town Attorney had reviewed the Vendor agreement. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Vacant Council Member Seat:

Town Attorney Arthur stated that nominations were needed to fill the vacant council member seat. Councilman Hundley made a motion to nominate Bill Farris. Councilman Thornton seconded. Councilmen Hundley and Thornton voted YAY with Councilmen Smith and Farmer voted NAY.

Councilman Smith made a motion to nominate Rex Tuggle. Councilman Farmer seconded. Councilmen Smith and Farmer voted YAY with Councilmen Hundley and Thornton voting NAY.

Mayor Craddock broke the tie stating elections are this year and voted for Bill Farris. Vote carried 3 to 2 for Bill Farris to fill the vacant seat.

American Tower Lease Extension Proposal:

Town Attorney Arthur explained that American Tower wants to extend their lease agreement with the town for the cell tower at the Highway 770 water tank. After some

discussion, Councilman Farmer made the motion to leave as is. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Public Comments:

Jodi Lester spoke regarding abating the 2 properties on N. Henry Street.
Tammy Evans spoke regarding abating the 2 properties on N. Henry Street.
Steve Evans thanked everyone for presenting him the award.
Lupo Galvan spoke regarding the mausoleum repair.

Old Business:

Abatement 212 N Henry Street:

Ms. Samantha Land returned to discuss the progress of the cleaning up of her property. After some discussion, Councilman Farmer made the motion to have the property completely cleaned up as of April 12th. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Abatement 105 N Henry Street:

Mrs. Jean Wicker returned stating that she still had no funds to do any repairs. Councilman Farmer made the motion to abate the property after negotiating quotes up to \$10,000.00 and work out a payment plan. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Abatement of Store Fronts:

Town Attorney Arthur stated she had sent a certified letter to the owners of 117 N Henry Street to contact her directly, but she has not heard anything. The owners of 103 N Henry Street have contracted to have their façade fixed. After more discussion, by consensus, council stated to have 105 and 117 N Henry Streets abated and either place liens on the properties or offer payment plans.

Mausoleum Update:

Finance Officer Dalton stated that we have received 2 quotes for the repair of the roof and overhang; however, the quotes do not cover the same specifications. Council wants to hear from STAT Construction regarding their quote and request his presentation. Councilman Thornton made the motion to table this until the May meeting. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Rockingham County Arts Council Donation Request:

Councilman Farmer made the motion to table until the budget meeting on April 15th. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

Town Manager Report:

The Mural Ribbon Cutting will be held at 12 Noon on April 11th.
Aaron Manuel Cruise In is April 19th 5 to 8 PM.
Seeking USDA grant funding for a new Public Works Building
Easter Egg Hunt is April 20th at 2 PM at the Park

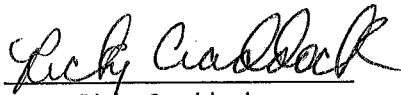
Executive Session:


Mayor Craddock asked for a motion to enter into executive session. Councilman Thornton made the motion. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Craddock stated that a personnel matter was discussed. Councilman Thornton made a motion to give Finance Officer Dalton a \$3,000.00 bonus as Interim Manager. Councilman Farmer seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Mayor Craddock then asked for a motion of adjournment. Councilman Thornton made the motion. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.


Mayor, Ricky Craddock


Town Clerk, Sherri Darnell,
CMC, NCCMC

