

Stoneville Town Council
Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2020
7:00 PM via Zoom and Live

Present: Present were Mayor Kathy Stanley-Galvan, Councilmen Chuck Hundley, Bill Farris, Henry Thornton, Jerry Smith and Johnny Farmer.
Also, present were Town Manager Lori Armstrong, Human Resource/Finance Officer Joanna Dalton, Town Clerk Sherri Darnell, Police Chief Frank Moore, Administrative Assistant Perry Webster, Fire Chief Tim Brown, Public Works Director Mark Malloy and Town Attorney Lisa Arthur.

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

Minutes: Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the last meeting. Councilman Farris made the motion. Councilman Hundley seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda: Mayor Galvan asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilman Thornton made the motion. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

COVID-19 Delinquent Fees:

The Governor's EO 124 placed a moratorium on applying late or delinquent fees and cutoffs through June 1st; however, the Governor has now extended EO 124 order until July 29, 2020. Telephone calls were made to the individuals with working numbers to inform them that they could pay in full or set up a 6 month payment plan. Statistics as of April were 32 delinquent accounts (\$1,600.00 in fees not charged) and 117 late accounts (\$1,402.99 in fees not charged). May had 48 delinquent accounts (\$2,400.00 in fees not charged) and 130 late accounts (\$1,243.97 in fees not charged). Now, with the extension, we must still waive late fees, delinquent fees and cutoffs.

Budget Amendment 8a:

This budget amendment \$10,000.00 for the new Police vehicle. Motion made by Councilman Thornton to approve. Second by Councilman Hundley. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Budget Amendment 8b:

Motion made by Councilman Farmer to hold off until after executive session. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Rockingham County United Message COVID-19:

Town Managers and Mayors met and decided to provide a united message for Rockingham County with Phase II reopening. County Commissioner representation was added and the first ever leadership message was aired on Star News on Thursday, May 21, 2020.

Schedule of Fees:

Councilman Farmer made a motion to address this document after the budget. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

AIA Resolution:

This resolution accepts the grant amount of \$90,000.00 from the State reserve for the Asset Inventory and Assessment project. Councilman Farmer made the motion to approve. Councilman Farris seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Public Comments:

Rabron Wiggins spoke against the water bill increases and the rezoning at Lemons St. and E Main Street.

Al Robbins spoke about drainage issues on Smith Street and against the rezoning.

Barbara Loughlin via Zoom spoke against the rezoning.

Laurence Messick spoke against the rezoning.

Rex Tuggle spoke against the rezoning.

Jake Hundley spoke regarding the project and presented key points for the rezoning.

Chuck Hunley spoke for the project and future growth for the town.

Robert Aldridge spoke against the rezoning

Mr. Laurence Messick gave the Clerk signed form letters from 15 residents opposing the rezoning.

Copy of all incorporated into the minutes.

Old Business:

Rezoning of Lot at Lemons and E Main Street:

Town Manager Armstrong stated that the Planning/Board of Adjustments met on May 5th and determined all 4 criteria were met and recommended to rezone this property to Highway Business. At the Council meeting that followed on May 5th, the item was tabled until this meeting. After much discussion, Councilman Hundley recused himself. Councilman Farris made a motion to rezone the property. Councilman Thornton seconded. Roll call: Councilmen Farris and Thornton voted yes. Councilmen Smith and Farmer voted no. Mayor Galvan was called upon to break the tie. She voted no with the number of residents being in opposition.

FY 2020-2021 Budget Final Approval:

After much discussion, Councilman Farmer made the motion to approve the budget without any increases; however, revisit in December or January for possible increases for staff. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

FY 2020-2021 Fee Schedule:

Councilman Farmer made the motion to increase cemetery plot fees by \$50.00 each making inside residents \$350.00 per plot and outside residents \$800.00; also instating a \$25.00 animal cage deposit which will be refunded if cage is returned undamaged. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Town Manager Report:

COVID-19 Phase II all town staff are following the guidelines and Town hall will reopen to the public on June 4th. There will only be one entrance to the building and that will be the front entrance. Police and employees will either park in the lot across the street or behind the building. To date our

expenditures have been \$2,722.03 on supplies. We also have a reimbursement account with FEMA. The Police Department has been on standby at this time due to the civil unrest. Employees have completed documentation for PTRC and phone interviews have been scheduled. The study is scheduled for completion by the end of July at which time will be presented to Council. The Fire Department has received approval of the State grant and will use McMichael Funds to purchase 6 more air packs. Officer Royals received praise from the Grand Jury Clerk on his professionalism and presentation. Where does my money go? Town Manager Armstrong created these to show how we receive monies and how it is spent. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Executive Session:

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

Regular Session:

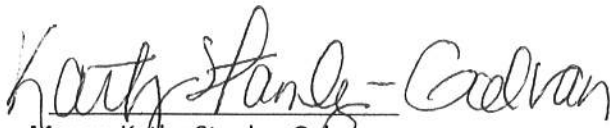
Upon return to regular session, Mayor Galvan stated a personnel matter was discussed with no action taken.

Budget Amendment 8b:

This amendment addresses the amounts needing adjustment with FY ending June 30, 2020. After some discussion, Councilman Farmer made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Councilman Thornton seconded. Motion carried. Copy incorporated into the minutes.

Adjourn:

Mayor Galvan then asked for a motion of adjournment. Councilman Hundley made the motion. Councilman Farris seconded. Motion carried.


Mayor, Kathy Stanley-Galvan


Town Clerk, Sherri Darnell, CMC, NCCMC

