

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 5, 2017-----7PM
REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor pro-tem Martin L. Jones, Commissioner Jeremy George, Commissioner Peggy Raymes,
Commissioner Jordan Stewart

STAFF PRESENT

Town Attorney Tim Smith, Administrative Assistant Rebecca Johnson, Chief of Police Bob Stocks, Town
Clerk Christy Horne

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Peggy Raymes offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Peggy Raymes made the motion to add item to Consider Panhandling Ordinance under
Old Business to the agenda and Commissioner Jordan Stewart seconded and motion was carried
unanimously to adopt the revised agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Jordan Stewart made the motion and Commissioner Peggy Raymes seconded and was
carried unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes from September 14, 2017.

PRESENTATIONS

The First Baptist Church of Stedman was presented with a proclamation by Mayor pro-tem Martin L.
Jones in honor of their 100th Anniversary on October 1, 2017. The proclamation was presented to Mr.
and Mrs. Baggett as the pastor, Reverend Perry Melvin, of First Baptist Church was unable to attend.

PUBLIC FORUM---none

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Consider New Computers for Town Hall. Initial information on replacement and installation of
town computers was given to the board by Christy Horne/Town Clerk. Received a bid from
Southern Software, but need comparative information from other sources. The matter was
tabled for further review until other bids are available. Motion to table the matter until a later
date was made by Commissioner Jordan Stewart and seconded by Mayor pro-tem Martin Jones
and carried unanimously. .
- b. Consider Basketball Ordinance. An ordinance to replace a prior basketball ordinance that was
repealed during the August 3, 2017 meeting was read by Attorney Tim Smith. Motion to
approve the ordinance as written was made by Commissioner Peggy Raymes and seconded by
Commissioner Jordan Stewart and carried unanimously to approve the basketball ordinance.
- c. Consider Panhandling Ordinance. An ordinance regulating begging, panhandling and soliciting in
the Town was drafted by Attorney Tim Smith. A motion to adopt the ordinance as written was
made by Commissioner Raymes and seconded by Commissioner Stewart and carried
unanimously by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Map Cabinet for Town Hall. Commissioner Jeremy George introduced the issue of a lack of organization and protection for the town maps. Presently, the maps are housed throughout the building and he feels we need a map storage cabinet and filing system for the maps in order to access the maps faster and easier for town staff and to protect the maps. Commissioner George will help organize and make a spreadsheet or filing system for accessing the maps once a cabinet is purchased. The Town Clerk will determine the capacity of the cabinet needed and check online and local office supply stores for estimates on cost of map cabinet needed.

- b. Consider Joint Appearance Commission. Mayor pro-tem Martin Jones advised the board that the Town of Stedman seat on the Joint Appearance Commission is vacant and spoke to the importance of having representation from Stedman to serve on the Commission. The Joint Appearance Commission was established to promote the enhancement of the appearance of the communities located in Cumberland County and the nominee can be anyone in the Stedman community. No one volunteered for the vacant seat and Mayor pro-tem Martin Jones suggested that the Board, staff and the public present at the meeting put out "feelers" throughout the community for someone willing to serve on the Joint Appearance Commission.
Issue was raised concerning the status of a "sidewalk" committee. Commissioner George stated that former planner Jennifer Oppenlander was previously working on a sidewalk state funding program that is a 2 year process, but does not know the status of the project. Current planner Aaron Barnes will gather information on the status of this and forward the information to the Town.
Commissioner Stewart raised the issue of code enforcement within the Town. Town Attorney, Tim Smith, advised the Board that the County is currently working on an Interlocal agreement to enforce the County codes throughout the small towns in the county, including Stedman, and he hopes to have further information for the Board by the next meeting.

STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- a. Town Clerks Report
Made contact with Tyrus Clayton, town engineer, based on previous meeting to discuss storm drainage issues and Long Branch subdivision. I will cancel this meeting since being advised that we are no longer under contract with the Draper and Aiden engineering firm. Also, would like to start posting the current fiscal year minutes to the Town website to enhance customer service for the Town.

- b. Chief of Police Report
Spoke regarding wrecks in town where driver is incapacitated/unconscious and cannot make decision on towing services. Cumberland County does not have a rotation for wrecker services, but does have a contract with 301 Wrecker Service. Chief Stocks spoke with emergency management and they suggested we use a local service that meets the State requirements. There is only 1 towing service in town which is Crumpler's, but they do meet all the State requirements. A contract would not be required as this would only occur a few times a year for an incapacitated driver and also would be easier for local law enforcement to inspect for evidence when needed. There were 103 calls for the month and 2 of these were drug related incidents. Also, spoke about a school crosswalk for the entrance to Stedman Elementary School on Hillsboro Street. Spoke to Frank West from the DOT regarding this and he said that once the

sidewalk has been installed the crosswalk can be added. Currently, have no time estimate on when the sidewalk will be installed.

c. Stedman Fire Department

Chief Nobles advised that they do follow up on drug related incidents especially where children are concerned with social workers and others. The Fire Department uses Phillip's Towing in accidents where a tractor trailer is involved. They have responded to 375 calls this year and accumulated 2480 training hours. They are continuing to work with local law enforcement and the local schools to enhance and train for "Active Shooter" situations. They have completed projects to house a 30kw generator on a trailer for emergency use and also a high rise vehicle for water rescues and a 300 gallon fuel trailer for use during emergency situations. They have a 5 ton vehicle that will be coming to the fire station at a later date. Advised, that Mac Williams Middle School continues to be a designated shelter during emergency situations. The Stedman Fire Department as well as other fire departments will be in Raleigh on Friday (10/6/17) to be honored by Governor Cooper for NC Search and Rescue Day. Also, there should be an article in the Sunday paper reflecting on the one year anniversary of a water rescue that the Stedman Fire Department participated in during Hurricane Matthew.

d. Planners Report

Aaron Barnes advised that he is on the Joint Appearance Commission and said that they meet once a month to determine standards and issues related to appearance matters throughout Cumberland County. He stated that having someone from the Town of Stedman on the committee would be beneficial to the Town.

e. Mayor and Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Peggy Raymes is looking into having signs for Stedman businesses erected on the new Highway 24 and will have more information at a later date. Commissioner Jordan Stewart spoke regarding the 2017 Stedman Harvest Festival October 7 and urged people to attend. Commissioner Jeremy George spoke of the need to issue a request for qualifications to engineers to bid on storm drainage projects for the Town. He will work on the request and submit to the Town Attorney and the Town Clerk for review. Commissioner George would like to have a specific plan of action with well defined costs from the engineers before proceeding. The matter was tabled until the November board meeting in order to gather more information. Mayor pro-tem Martin Jones spoke regarding the GenX water issues that have recently been in the news. The Town of Stedman water has been tested by PWC and he wants Stedman residents to know the water is safe.

A motion was made by Commissioner George and seconded by Commissioner Raymes to go into closed session at 7:49 pm regarding some personnel issues. At 8:05 pm, Commissioner Raymes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and carried unanimously to go out of closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The October 5, 2017 meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor



IN RECONGNITION of "First Baptist Church of Stedman on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary"

WHEREAS, First Baptist Church of Stedman was established in 1917; and

WHEREAS, it is a honor to bring greetings to First Baptist Church of Stedman from the Town of Stedman; and

WHEREAS, First Baptist Church of Stedman has had much history transpire on its grounds as well as many transformed lives that have walked its halls; and

WHEREAS, First Baptist Church of Stedman has earned the respect of all its members and our citizens by its whole-hearted and dedicated participation in all aspects of the lives of its members and community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor pro-tem of the Town of Stedman, it gives me great pleasure to proclaim Sunday, October 1, 2017 the

One Hundredth Anniversary

and extend sincere appreciation to First Baptist Church of Stedman for its many years of service to its congregation and celebrate a rich past that has laid the foundation for the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Stedman to be affixed this the 1st day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and



Martin L. Jones

Mayor Pro-tem Martin L. Jones,
Town of Stedman

**ORDINANCE TO REGULATE PLACEMENT OF ANY GOAL, BACKBOARD, OR
NET APPARATUS INCIDENTAL TO BALL PLAYING
STEDMAN, NORTH CAROLINA**


BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Stedman;

Section 1. Ball playing on streets, sidewalks and alleyways.

In order to protect the safety of our citizens and, in particular, our children, it shall be unlawful for any person to place any goal, backboard, or net apparatus incidental to ball playing on the streets, sidewalks, or alleys of the Town in a manner that affects or interferes with pedestrian or motor vehicle traffic.

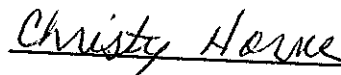
This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

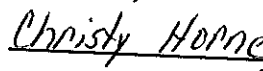
Adopted this 5th day of October, 2017.



Martin L. Jones, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:




_____, Town Clerk

ORDINANCE REGULATING BEGGING, PANHANDLING, AND SOLICITING

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN, NORTH CAROLINA, that;

Section 1. Begging and panhandling.

(a) Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Accosting another person means approaching or speaking to someone in such a manner as would cause a reasonable person to fear imminent bodily harm or the commission of a criminal act or damage to property in his immediate possession;

Beg, panhandle, or solicit contributions includes, without limitation, the spoken, written, or printed word or such other acts as are conducted in furtherance of the purpose of soliciting and obtaining money, alms or other contributions;

Forcing oneself upon the company of another person means continuing to request or solicit in close proximity to the person addressed after that person has responded negatively, such as by:

- (1) Blocking the passage of the person addressed;
- (2) Otherwise engaging in conduct, which reasonable could be understood as, intended to force a person to accede to demands.

Intimidate another person means acting in such a way as would cause a reasonable person to fear bodily harm or to do something he would not otherwise have done;

Public place includes streets, sidewalks, alleys, and other public property, as well as town-owned and town-controlled property and private property open to the public unless permission to solicit has been obtained from the town or from the private property owner or other person in authority.

(b) No person shall beg, panhandle, or solicit money, alms or other contributions in a public place in a manner so as to intimidate another person or by accosting another person, or by forcing oneself upon the company of another person.

(c) No person shall beg, panhandle, or solicit money, alms or other contributions from another person within 20 feet of an entrance or exit of any bank or financial institution or within 20 feet of any automated teller machine.

(d) No person shall beg, panhandle or solicit money, alms or other contributions while on private property if the owner, tenant, lawful occupant has asked the person not

to solicit on the property or has posted a sign clearly indicating solicitations are not welcome on the property.

(e) No person shall beg, panhandle, or solicit money, alms or other contributions while sitting or standing on a roadway or the shoulder or median of a roadway if such action impedes the normal flow of traffic.

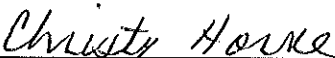
(f) Violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall subject the violator to a fine of not more than \$50.00 or imprisonment for not more than seven days.

ADOPTED ON THE 5th OF October 2017.



Martin Jans Mayor

ATTEST:



Christy Horne, Town Clerk