

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 1, 2024-----7:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Martin L. Jones, Commissioner Billy Horne, Commissioner Louis Wood, Commissioner Paul Pirro, and Commissioner Ralph Vogt

STAFF PRESENT

Connie Veeder, Town Clerk/Finance Officer, Admin. Assistant Whitney Barlow, Attorney Donald Hudson, Deputy White

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jones led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Jones called for adoption of the agenda. Motion was made by Commissioner Pirro to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion and the motion to adopt the agenda was passed unanimously by the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

January 4, 2024 – Regular Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Wood made a motion to accept the minutes as written which was seconded by Commissioner Vogt and was passed unanimously by the vote of the board.

PRESENTATIONS – Tony Porter, Code Enforcement Officer from Mid Carolina COG reported a total of 32 cases of violations in Stedman, 27 of those cases have been closed. There are 2 open housing cases, they are considered abandoned properties. These cases will be brought back to the board in approximately 6 months for decisions on next steps for these properties. He has dealt with 2 livestock cases in the town, the horse situation has been one of them. Mr. Porter has found that the citizens in Stedman are easy to work with.

PUBLIC FORUM – Paul Lynd brought up his concerns about the horses being kept in a backyard in his neighborhood. He also brought up his concerns of future issues with neighbors raising farm animals in the small lots throughout the neighborhood. Mr. Lynd asked the town board to review our ordinance and make changes to prevent this in the future. Mayor Jones stated that the horse issue is being reviewed and the town would look into updating the ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS –

- a) The Inflow & Infiltration Study update. Bill Cowan and Leonard McBryde from WithersRavenel joined Mayor Jones, Mrs. Veeder, and Samantha Wullenwaber (Mid Carolina COG) at the town hall to meet about the completion of the task order to move forward with the I & I study. The funding was reviewed and a decision was made to hold off on the purchase of generators for the lift stations and to put the funding towards the process of pinpointing the problem areas of the sewer system. The WithersRavenel team also stated they would help us acquire extra funding to have an Asset Inventory and

Assessment study (AIA) completed. Once the team prepares the task order a special meeting will be called to approve the plan.

- b) Growth Plan Meeting date February 29, 2024 at 6:30 pm.
- c) Recap of PWC meeting January 31, 2024- The meeting with PWC was very positive and lasted two hours. A lot of information was shared in the discussion. PWC is creating a profile sheet with contact names and phone numbers for any emergency or situation that occurs. All parties agreed that communication is key in building a strong relationship. Quarterly meetings will be set moving forward to discuss any issues and updates from both sides. PWC agreed to share updates on maintenance to lift stations, concerns, and future repairs that are needed so the town can plan for the cost ahead of time.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a) Sourcewell Registration is free to the town. This allows us to piggy back on quotes, prices, and contracts that are offered to other municipalities. Mayor Jones called for a motion to approve the registration to Sourcewell for the town. Commissioner Pirro made a motion to approve the registration and Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. The board vote was unanimous.
- b) New garbage truck quote – Mrs. Veeder shared a copy of a recent quote from Chip Taylor at Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. out of Kernersville, NC. The quote was for a 27-yard DP 5000 which is just like the truck we have but just a newer year and bigger capacity. The cost of the truck per the quote is \$257,370.00 and would have to be financed through the state. The board would like more information on the warranty and they would like to talk more about it at the Growth Plan meeting on the 29th of February or before if there is a special meeting called.
- c) Fee Schedule Updates - The commissioners were given a copy of the updated fee schedule for review. Mrs. Barlow has added a section of fees for water tap installation completed by the maintenance staff. A separate section of charges was created for easier viewing for us and the customers. Mayor Jones called for a motion. Commissioner Vogt made a motion to accept the updated fee schedule and Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The board vote was unanimous for the adoption of the new updated fee schedule.

STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- a) Town Clerk's Report – Town Hall will be closed February 19th for a federal holiday.
- b) Chief of Police Report – Deputy White spoke about the night time deputies. Some of them have unmarked cars. Deputy White said that some of the citizens have been telling him they have not seen the deputies at night.
- c) Stedman Fire Department –Brian Parker gave the 2023 report and monthly report for January 2024
- d) Planners Report – None
- e) Code Enforcement Report – None
- f) Mayor and Board of Commissioners – Quarterly Mayors Coalition Meeting, February 2, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Horne to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Pirro to adjourn the February 1, 2024 meeting at 7:41 pm.