

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**February 2, 2023-----7PM**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Martin L. Jones, Commissioner Billy Horne, Commissioner Mark Lee, Commissioner Paul Pirro, Commissioner Louis Wood

**STAFF PRESENT**

Town Clerk Connie Veeder, Admin. Asst. Whitney Barlow

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dr. Jimmy Atkinson from Stedman Baptist Church led the invocation and Mayor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

January 5, 2023 – Regular Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Pirro made a motion to accept the minutes as written which was seconded by Commissioner Wood and was passed unanimously by the board.

**PRESENTATIONS –**

- a) A proclamation and plaque was awarded to Johnny Horne for his service to the Stedman community.
- b) Delores Taylor, Director of the Cumberland County Community Development Department shared about several grant opportunities and services that her department offers to the residence of Cumberland County. For more information anyone can call her department at 910-323-6112.

**PUBLIC FORUM** – Nina Morton spoke about beautification of the Town of Stedman. She stated she would volunteer her time to help with a beautification project. Mrs. Morton also stated that she is going to run for the State GOP chair position.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

- a) The final quote for the technology upgrade for the Town Hall office was shared with the mayor and commissioners just for information. The upgrade will take place near the end of February.
- b) Follow up on park additions – Commissioner Wood stated he was going to attend a meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> and hopefully be getting a final proposal/quote for the additions of the bathroom facilities at the park.

### **NEW BUSINESS –**

- a) Samantha Wullenwaber, Director of Mid Carolina Council of Government presented a proposal to the board showing tasks and fees for services offered by the Council. Some of the services offered to assist municipalities includes Code Enforcement, upgrading/writing policies and ordinances, office assistance, etc.
- b) Connie Veeder presented the board with a first round quote to upgrade Spectrum services for internet and a new phone system for the office to manage the new technology upgrade. Mrs. Veeder stated that this was the first quote and she will be reaching out to Spectrum to see how the quote price can be lowered. She will continue collecting information for the changes.

### **STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

- a) Town Clerk's Report – Mrs. Veeder shared that the Town Hall will be closed one full day towards the end of the month to install the new computers and server once they arrive.
- b) Chief of Police Report – Deputy White was introduced as the interim police protection for the town.
- c) Stedman Fire Department – Stedman Fire Department along with Bethany Fire Department gave out Valor Awards to firemen who saved 3 lives in a house fire recently.
- d) Planners Report – None
- e) Code Enforcement Report – None
- f) Mayor and Board of Commissioners – Discussed the PWC water/sewer charges and the upcoming meeting. Also talked about the meters that have been installed near the lift station on Carol St. to help measure usage and air in the pipes which can cause incorrect meter readings.

### **Closed Session**

Commissioner Lee called for closed session at 7:45 pm to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously. The board came out of closed session at 8:15 pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Horne and seconded by Commissioner Pirro to adjourn the February 2, 2023 meeting at 8:20 pm.