

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 7, 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 Horne to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion and the motion to adopt the agenda was passed unanimously by the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

February 1, 2024 – Regular Meeting Minutes and February 29, 2024 Growth Plan Meeting Minutes and Budget Amendments– Commissioner Pirro made a motion to accept the minutes as written which was seconded by Commissioner Wood and was passed unanimously by the vote of the board.

PRESENTATIONS –

1. The Proclamation for May 2, 2024 to be the National Day of Prayer was read by Mayor Jones. Both Mayor Jones and Commissioner Wood signed the proclamation.
2. Stewart Hill with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co. P.A. presented the 2022 Audit Report to the board. A good report was shared about the audit other than it being late getting to the auditors due to a turnover in employees.
3. Bianca Ramos spoke to the board about the therapy horses that is housed in her backyard in the back portion of the Windwood Subdivision. Mrs. Ramos let the board know that she has acquired some land around the Eastover area to move the horses. She needs an extension of time due to needed repairs and maintenance to the current property so it is safe for her horses. The mayor and commissioners thanked her for coming to the meeting. Commissioner Pirro made a motion to extend Mrs. Ramos’ deadline to have her horses moved to April 30, 2024. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion and the board agreed unanimously to approve the extension.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

OLD BUSINESS –

- a) Approval of the Inflow & Infiltration Study agreement. Each board member was given a copy of the agreement ahead of the meeting due to its length. Commissioner Pirro had

one question about the payment in full. In the agreement it states that the vendor will invoice us as the work is being completed but will need payment no later than 3 days after the funding from the state is received. Commissioner Vogt made a motion to approve the agreement and Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the agreement with WithersRavenel.

- b) Purchase of New Garbage Truck- A new quote from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. for a 2024 Freightliner with a DP 5000 25 YD capacity was shared with the board prior to the meeting so they could review the new quote and all the warranty information thoroughly. Commissioner Pirro made a motion to purchase the truck and Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to purchase the new garbage truck. The truck will take 90-120 days to construct and deliver to the town. The truck will cost \$247,500.
- c) Approve amended 2022 audit agreement with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co. P.A. The price on the original agreement had to be increased due to the extra time the accountant had to spend on completing the audit and the employee turnover at the town hall. Commissioner Horne made a motion to approve the agreement and Commissioner Pirro seconded the motion. The board was unanimous in approving the amended agreement.
- d) The board had voted previously to order more signs. The board decided at tonight's meeting to order one sheet of metal material to have 24 speed bump signs with poles to be installed as complaints are brought forward to the town hall or commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a) A new Nondiscrimination Policy and Conflict of Interest Policy was presented to the board for approval. Commissioner Horne made a motion to approve the policies and Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. The board's vote was unanimous.
- b) The town's 2023 Audit Agreement with Thompson, Price, Scott, and Adams & Co. P.A. was presented to the board for approval. Commissioner Pirro made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve the agreement.
- c) Tracy Miller with Titan Environmental Solutions was presented to the board as our new water ORC for the town. Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the new ORC. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to name Tracy Miller as our new water ORC.
- d) Quote for PWC to replace 2 pumps at the Clinton Rd. lift station. Commissioner Vogt made a motion to approve the quote from PWC. Commissioner Horne seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to have PWC replace both pumps at the said lift station.

CLOSED SESSION- G.S. 143-318.11 Talk with town lawyer about enforcing utility bill payments.

Commissioner Wood made the motion for the board to enter closed session at 7:54 pm. Commissioner Horne seconded the motion. Board vote was unanimous.
Commissioner Pirro made the motion to come out of closed session at 8:05 pm.
Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. Board vote was unanimous.

STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- a) Town Clerk's Report – Town Hall will be closed March 29th for Good Friday holiday. Next Growth Planning Meeting will be April 23, 2024. Someone from the used truck department is coming to look at our current garbage truck. Police chief interview on March 18th at 6:00 pm. Whitney has FMS/Southern Software training in Myrtle Beach on March 19th, 20th & 21st. Connie has Disaster Relief training at Mid Carolina COG on March 13th. Connie is asking the primary school students to draw Christmas pictures to get a mock presentation to see how much the lighted ornaments for the park will cost. Whitney is setting up a meeting with the Fire Department to help plan Christmas activities on the day of the parade which is December 14, 2024.
- b) Chief of Police Report –
- c) Stedman Fire Department –Banners will be visible in the town to advertise smoke detector safety and they will issue out new smoke detectors to anyone who needs them.
- d) Planners Report – None
- e) Code Enforcement Report – None
- f) Mayor and Board of Commissioners – Mid Carolina Council of Government dinner, March 28, 2024, 5:30 pm, Salemburg Justice Academy.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Horne to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Wood to adjourn the March 7, 2024 meeting at 8:22 pm.