
MAYOR:
KIM E WILEY



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Town of Estill
Special Called Council Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2024

The Special Called Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon at 5:00 pm.

Invocation

The invocation was given by Councilman J. Williams.

Present

Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon, Councilwoman D. Bolden, Councilman James Williams, Councilman Joe Hadwin, Town Administrator Tiffany Cooks.

Conference Call: Mayor Kim Wiley.

Absent: Clerk Treasurer Edna O'Banner.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Council stands and recites the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS

S&S Disposal Contract

Town Administrator Tiffany Cooks stated the town is currently using Wastepro Garbage Disposal and their services have increased from \$13.67 to \$29.37. We were tasked with looking for an alternative and we found S&S Disposal. We were instructed to negotiate with them to conclude what they could offer the town. They are willing to give us their services of disposal and garbage removal for \$21.33. This is still a big increase in the price, so later the Council will have to revisit in terms of raising the fee because the town would not be able to absorb the additional fee of eight or nine dollars. Per Dr. Cooks we will have to figure this out in January. The contract with S&S will start in February 2025. She stated that after tonight and upon approval she will have Mr. Kenneth Davis send Wastepro a letter informing them of our timeline. She also stated that S&S operates in the local areas. Dr. Cooks asked the Mayor and Council to enter into an agreement with S&S Disposal for disposal of residential services. Mayor Wiley asks when will the services begin with S&S Disposal? Town Administrator said in February, and This was the reason for the special called meeting to get the contract sign and they would need to get started ordering containers. Dr. Cooks stated that Mr. Hamilton has

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about four hundred garbage containers in the maintenance yard that he will be able to use and take trash from his containers only. She stated there are eight hundred citizens in the town and this is the reason for the rush to get the garbage containers. Councilman Williams ask will there be a lapse due to the dates. Ms. Cooks said our time actually started in November with Wastepro and we had ninety days so as soon as Wastepro ends then S&S will begin. Councilman Williams ask can we handle the fee without going up on the customer's bill? Dr. Cooks answered no because we have absorbed two increases this far. Councilman Williams asked will S&S have an annual increase. Ms. Cooks said yes, and it should be in the contract, there will be a 4% incremental increase, and she stated this is something that need to go into an ordinance, due to uncontrollable charges from the companies and the ordinance needs to reflect so we do not have to address this issue every year and the citizens will be aware. Councilman Williams ask can we have some of our people counting the carts for accuracy. Dr. Cooks said Yes, we will have to do an inventory. The containers will be notated and validated.

Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon asked for a motion to proceed with permission to sign a contract between the Town of Estill Mayor, Town Administrator Tiffany Cooks and S&S Disposal. Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon recognized Councilman J. Williams. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Councilwoman D. Bolden. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

American Rescue Funding (ARPA) Update

Dr. Cooks reminded the Mayor and Council that the ARPA funds have to be obligated before December 31, 2024. Dr. Cooks acknowledged Councilwoman Bolden for the quotes on the restroom for the park. Councilwoman Bolden stated before the contractor can do a diagram or have the architect drop some plans off. The contractor stated he needs the consent of the Mayor and Council before he can move forward. The funding for the restroom was already approved. The amount of the quotes is \$51,000.00 and \$66,800.00. Councilwoman Bolden said she asked the Public Works Director if we had sewer in the area and he stated no, so a mini lift station would have to be installed. Mayor Wiley stated that it would be beneficial to have both restrooms. Dr. Cooks said it must be ADA compliance.

Dr. Cooks said we already got most of the administrative items completed on the administrative side. The Police Chief is working on the obligation for the grill. She stated we had to complete some paperwork to get the surplus for the town's vehicle and it has been approved, so we are just waiting for the invoicing for the vehicle. The 800 radios will be ordered and invoiced on time. The Police Chief went to Columbia today and chose the vehicles for the Victim Advocate and officer. The vehicles are slightly used, and it costs \$35,000 for both of the vehicles, which is still in line with the budget.

Public works has completed all their purchases per Dr. Cooks. They are just waiting for the invoices, and they were able to negotiate a lower amount for the vehicles. Town Administrator Tiffany Cooks stated that the Fire Department and her were a little bit confused in terms of communication, but Chief Toone is pulling his items together. Community projects were

benches, planters and trash cans and they are on the way. They were ordered from Uline. The Bull Durham exterior lights are completed, and unfortunately there is a fixture that we do not have lights because there is no power, therefore we will have to wait until renovation begins on the building for power. The Park equipment had been ordered. Dr. Cooks said she may not have time for the grant side, because it will require the Mayor and Council to make selections, and she would have to get an application which is a process, and it would require the accountant to look at the funding. Dr. Cooks said at this time she did not have a total ARPA balance, but she will email the totals in time.

Dr. Cooks stated she met with the Christmas committee and the committee will be fronting their invoices for the 2025 season and this funding will come from the ARPA obligated funds.

Mayor asked what is the budget for the Christmas committee? Dr. Cooks said a total of \$3500 comes out of one account and \$1000-\$1500 comes out of the Hospitality account. An approximate total of \$4500.00. Mayor Wiley stated the Fall Festival saved their funds this year and the Christmas committee utilized its funds.

Dr. Cooks stated the ARPA funds are obligatory, and they would not be using the general fund account.

Mayor Wiley asked will the Fall Festival have their funds available for the 2025 fiscal year. Dr. Cooks stated they will have the amount that is allotted for the Fall Festival, approximately \$8000.00. Mayor stated we need some balance for the festivities.

ARPA Funding

Dr. Cooks requested to be able to use \$15,000.00 ARPA fund for the 2025 Christmas event. Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon asked for a motion to approve Dr. Cooks request to be able to use \$15,000.00 ARPA fund for the 2025 Christmas event. Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon recognized Councilman J. Williams. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Councilwoman requested to be able to use \$15,000.00 ARPA fund for the 2025 Fall Festival event. Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon asked for a motion to approve the request to be able to use \$15,000.00 ARPA fund for the 2025 Fall Festival event. Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon recognized Councilwoman D. Bolden. The motion was offered by Councilwoman D. Bolden; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Grant Funding Update

Dr. Cooks recognized Mayor for being on the call with the discussion about Dellinger.

EDA will be upfronting all the paid invoices that are in the book. As the town gets the cancelled check they will be reimbursed. There was an anonymous call with complaints about the wastewater treatment plant, but it worked to our advantage. The project will begin in January 2025. They are making any corrections that are needed.

Adjourn

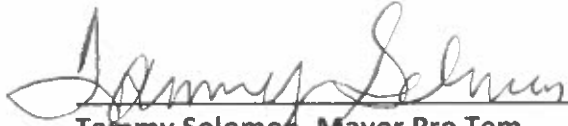
Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon recognized Councilman J. Williams. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Councilwoman D. Bolden. Council Voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm

ADOPTED this 18th Day of December 2024



Kim Wiley, Mayor



Tammy Solomon, Mayor Pro Tem



Dwanda Bolden, Councilwoman



James Williams, Councilman



Joe Hadwin Jr., Councilman

ATTEST:



Edna O'Banner, Clerk Treasurer