

Town of Stanton Board Meeting  
Minutes  
February 24, 2025

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Bauer called the meeting to Order.

**2. Prayer**

The Meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Greer of Salem Church, Mason

**3. Roll Call**

All members were present

**4. Public Hearing**

4.1 Pastor Greer gave a presentation on a proposal for a “Unity in the Community” festival for Stanton residents as well as surrounding area residents to come out have some fun and interact with businesses and city officials that would promote economic growth, he would like to have this on September 20<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Stanton.

**5. Approval of the Minutes**

5.1 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting---January 13, 2025---Vice Mayor Jones motioned to accept/approve with corrections, Alderman Dancy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion Carried

**6. Financial Reports**

Alderman Dancy motioned to accept/approve, Alderwoman Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried

**7. Public Comments---** (3 minutes to comment on concerns pertaining to the agenda) ---  
None

**8. Mayor's Comments---**Please see Mayor's Report

**9. OLD BUSINESS\*\*\*\*\*STATUS UPDATE\*\*\*\*\***

9.1 Establish new time for monthly Board or Mayor and Aldermen meetings---  
postpone to March---must have a public hearing to change time and a 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Reading

- 9.2 Discussion on naming of Stanton Bridge on Wilkerson Street---Alderwoman Johnson explained that she had Alderwoman Smith clarify which bridge she was referring to; City Recorder provided board with breakdown of what was spent on bridge reconstruction and who provided it. Alderman Dancy motioned to leave Wilkerson Bridge as-is as that was grant funded by the State of Tennessee; no 2<sup>nd</sup> was made and motioned died on table. *The bridge remains as the Town of Stanton's bridge located on Wilkerson St in Memoriam of Ruffie "Joe" Jones.*

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- 10.1 TCRS Report and Update---report regarding back paying employees for employment time prior to commencing TCRS for the Town. Mayor has attached a Resolution to request a new study based on the original motion: calculate employee pay for all years in State government employment and pay 5-previous years-worth of TCRS based upon the amount, not to exceed \$90,000. Mayor has invited Tim Joyce from the State's Finance Division, to address the board at the March board meeting to explain the TCRS report and answer questions.
- 10.2 Resolution correcting Resolution 230613B---to correct a previous Ordinance that was passed with amendments to the original but not recorded correctly; the recommendation is to pass a resolution amending the filed Ordinance to properly reflect the previously approved verbiage by the board as noted in the minutes of the June 13, 2023 Special Called meeting. Alderman Dancy motioned to accept/approve; Vice Mayor Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried
- 10.3 Resolution to apply for the 2025-2028 THDA HOME Grant---To pass a Resolution for the Town of Stanton to apply for the 2025-2028 Tennessee Housing Development Agency HOME Grant; Town will be applying for \$750,000 Grant. Alderman Dancy motioned to pass Resolution as written; Vice Mayor Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.
- 10.4 New VOIP Phone System---to advise the Board of the purchase of a new VOIP phone system to increase efficiency as the Town prepares for the growth. Mayor advises that the existing phone line (731-548-2565) will remain active, and the number will be forwarded to the new system. The Number can be un-forwarded in the event of power or internet failure. No action required.
- 10.5 Discuss Renewing Grass Cutting Contract---currently paying out \$32,899.68--- to determine whether to renew the current grass cutting contract with James Humphreys beyond April 2025. Material dispersed to board members for review and to present at the March board meeting for discussion and a motion.
- 10.6 Fire Department Grant Award---notifying the board of the award of Tennessee Volunteer Firefighters Equipment and Training Grant to the Stanton Fire

Department; asking Board to pass motion to move \$2,500 from sale of Public Works equipment to Fire Department budget to cover the remaining balance or acquiring the RIT Pak. Alderwoman Johnson motioned to move the funds to fire department; Vice Mayor Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

- 10.7 Water Leak Adjustment Request---Approve or Deny water leak adjustment requests --- Request have been submitted three (3) have not submitted within the last twelve (12) months and one (1) submitted a request for an adjustment but had already been given a credit in December 2024. The board held to the Town's Water Leak Reimbursement Policy, which authorizes one (1) approved reimbursement per twelve (12) month period. Alderwoman Johnson motioned to approve requests by Ms. Louvern Tucker, Laura Smith, and Tina O'Connor, but deny the request by William Adams because he had been approved a previous adjustment at the December 17, 2024 Board Meeting; Alderman Dancy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

**11. Good of the Order**

- 11.1 Planning Commission Meeting will now be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

**12. Adjournment**

Alderman Dancy motioned to adjourn, Vice Mayor Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting adjourned.

**Approval:**

---

Robert Dancy

---

Linda Jones, Vice Mayor

---

Alderwoman Tucker Johnson

---

Alderwoman Laura Smith

---

Norman Bauer Jr, Mayor