



Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting
Minutes
January 21, 2025

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bauer called the meeting to Order.

2. Prayer

The Meeting was opened with prayer by Alderwoman Smith

3. Roll Call

All the members were present.

4. Public Hearing

- 4.1 Ordinance 25-01-21 regarding amending Ordinance 080520 creating a violation/penalty. Section---Open 7:00 – closed 7:05 – **No public comment**

5. Approval of the Minutes

- 5.1 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting---December 17, 2024----Alderwoman Johnson motioned to accept/approve with corrections, Alderwoman Jones 2nd the motion. **Motion carried**

6. Financial Reports

Alderman Dancy motioned to accept/approve, Alderwoman Jones 2nd the motion.
Motion carried

7. Public Comments (3 minutes to comment on concerns pertaining to the agenda)

Rev. Humphrey's wanted to know about the amendment to Ordinance 080520
Susie Taylor—wanted to know if property owners would be given a warning before being penalized

8. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Bauer stated that he has been attending a lot of meetings and enjoying all the people coming out to introduce themselves to him. He has modified the Town's daily hours:

- Town Hall Monday - Friday - 8:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Library Monday - Friday - 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 Saturdays - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Mayor intends to replace ATA with another IT Company in the near future. The company advised him in a meeting that Stanton is too small and not their priority.

The Mayor has appointed Alicia Smith to the Planning Commission.

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

- 9.1 Solar Panel Bridge---Update---The Solar Panel Bridge has been completed. The solar panels in the front of the building are now connected to the electrical system at the Town Hall and they should decrease the utility bill.
- 9.2 Amendment to Ordinance 080520---Slum Clearance---wanting to amend the existing Slum Clearance Ordinance to allow for penalties/fines for violations. Alderman Dancy motioned to accept/approve, Alderwoman Smith 2nd the motion. **Motion Carried**
- 9.3 Surplus and disposition of Public Works equipment---Status Update---to update on the disposal of the Public Works equipment such as the Truck, Tractor and Backhoe. They are going out for bid for 14 days through GovDeals.com.
- 9.4 New Public Works vehicle---Board approves the purchase of new public works vehicle to be purchased under the excess USDA grant funds. The lowest bid was for a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 1500. The bid was approved by USDA for purchase. We are currently awaiting the graphics and safety lighting.
- 9.5 Establish new time for the Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meetings---wanting to amend the time of the regular monthly meetings to an earlier time. Alderwoman Johnson motioned to move time to 6:30 every third Tuesday of each month; Alderwoman Jones 2nd the motion. **Motion Carried** on first reading of the ordinance.
- 9.6 Selection of Engineer of Lead Service Line Inventory---on 12/17/2024 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting each member completed a grading rubric to

select an Engineer for the Lead Service Line Inventory; we received two (2) bids A2H and TLM Associates. TLM Associates was selected.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- 10.0 Nomination of Vice Mayor---Alderwoman Johnson nominated Alderwoman Jones to be Vice Mayor, Alderman Dancy 2nd the Motion. **Motion carried.**
- 10.1 Order of Condemnation and Appropriation of parcel 006.00 on Map Page 134-- the Town has acquired the parcel of land adjacent to the existing wastewater Lagoon via eminent domain. On January 6, 2025, the Circuit Court of Tennessee ordered the condemnation and appropriation of the aforementioned property to the Town of Stanton and the next step is to present this to the Planning Commission for annexation.
- 10.2 Resolution for Codification and revision of Stanton Ordinance---resolution authorizing the codification and revision of Town Ordinance; the Town's codes are dated 1984, as the Town's codes are over 40 years old we need to have a complete codification and update to the Ordinances. MTAS offers this service at a cost of \$3,500 with 50% of the deposit to be placed on the waiting list. Alderman Dancy motioned to accept/approve; Alderwoman Johnson 2nd the motion. **Motion carried.**
- 10.3 Discussion of Storage Unit rented by the Town---to evaluate the need to continue renting a storage unit for the Town's purpose---the Town has been renting a 10 ft x 10 ft storage unit for approximately 2 years at a cost of \$200.00; it is located at Cube Smart in Arlington, TN 30 miles from the Town Hall, is filled with old non-current encyclopedias and boxes of old documents. The mayor wants to have all copies digital and then have Shred it truck comes out and shred documents. Alderman Dancy motioned to get rid of unit and encyclopedia's, Alderwoman Smith 2nd the motion. **Motion carried.**
- 10.4 Personnel Policy---to update Town of Stanton's current Personnel Policy to include TN required policies, adjust leave and accrual policy add provisions for compensatory time, and clarify full-time and part-time employee definitions. Board is not required to take any action at this time will have Michael take a look at this and help make changes if needed.
- 10.5 Document Clerk Position---want to create a new line item in Town Hall salary budget line for a Document Clerk. This person will have all paperwork digitized and organized, and scan all documents at storage unit into system. Alderman Dancy motioned to accept/approve, Alderwoman Johnson 2nd the motion. **Motion carried**

- 10.6 Economic and Community Development Fellowship---this person would work on behalf of the Town in attracting retail and commercial businesses and would help to re-establish and create jobs in our community. Hoping to discuss the pros and cons of hiring an unpaid Town of Stanton ECD Fellow to help with our Economic and Community Development.
- 10.7 Water Leak Adjustment Policy---Needing to establish a Water Leak Adjustment Policy---we currently do not have a water leak adjustment policy in place, this policy will spell out the responsibilities, calculation method and limit the number of requests from residents per year. If residents want an adjustment on the water/sewer bill they must have a plumber's affidavit that has been notarized and only one (1) adjustment per 12-month period. Alderman Dancy motioned to accept/approve, Alderwoman Smith 2nd the motion. **Motion carried**
- 10.8 Discussion on Naming Stanton Bridge on Wilkerson Street---Alderwoman Smith wants the Board to consider naming the bridge on Wilkerson Street after Adams Chapel C.M.E Church. Alderwoman Johnson motioned to accept/approve the naming of the bridge; Alderwoman Smith 2nd the motion but clarification was needed due to the naming of the bridge in Remembrance of Ruffie Jones that was done on December 11, 2024; and after further discussion Alderwoman Johnson requested to rescind her motion.

11. Good of the Order

11.0 Planning Commission Meeting on January 23, 2025, at 5:30 pm

12. Adjournment

Alderman Dancy motioned to adjourn, Alderwoman Jones 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourn.