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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF STANARDSVILLE, VA., WAS HELD ON MONDAY JULY 14th, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL.

PRESENT: Council Members: Richard Early
Doris Swenson
Kevin Kelley
Matthew Kime

Michael Payne, Mayor

Maynard Sipe, Town Attorney
Michael Wolkowicz, Clerk

Noting that a quorum was present, Mayor Payne called the meeting to order and Doris Swenson motioned to call the Regular meeting to order which was seconded by Kevin Kelley; Voting for the motion were Doris Swenson-Aye, Richard Early-Aye, Kevin Kelley-Aye and Matthew Kime- Aye; Motion passed. Mayor Payne inquired if the Council had read the June 9th and 16th Minutes for the previous meetings. The Council answered in the affirmative. Kevin Kelley motioned to drop the alternate labeling of the monthly meetings from REGULAR and CONTINUING designations, in light of increased topics the Council had taken on, to solely REGULAR which was seconded by Doris Swenson; Voting for the motion were Doris Swenson-Aye, Richard Early-Aye, Kevin Kelley-Aye and Matthew Kime- Aye; Motion passed. After other suggested amendments to the wording Doris Swenson motioned to approve the amended June 9th Minutes which was seconded by Kevin Kelley; Voting for the motion were Doris Swenson-Aye, Richard Early-Aye, Kevin Kelley-Aye and Matthew Kime- Aye; Motion passed. Doris Swenson then motioned to approve the amended June 16th Minutes which was seconded by Kevin Kelley; Voting for the motion were Doris Swenson-Aye, Richard Early-Aye, Kevin Kelley-Aye and Matthew Kime- Aye; Motion passed.

Clerk's Report and Financial Report

Clerk Wolkowicz reported the changes in parking, that he had fielded phone calls and highlighted items in the financial reports provided such as the arrival of the Fire Program check, the receipt of funds to the Town's Brokerage account, the paying of the yearly VRSA Insurance bill, and the change-over to a new checking account. Due to a discrepancy in the 4th of July checking report line-item, Matt Kime motioned to defer the June Financial Report which was seconded by Richard Early;

Voting for the motion were Doris Swenson-Aye, Richard Early-Aye, Kevin Kelley-Aye and Matthew Kime- Aye; Motion passed.

William Mills House

Mayor Payne informed the Council on his encouraging meeting with the Perry Foundation and Roy Dye made comments. Mayor Payne noted his fund-raising attempts and then shared recent architectural drawings he had received with the Council and asked for suggestions and fielded questions about the project's design. Specifically, he highlighted ADA (Disability) features placed into the design and a discussion ensued regarding any changes that would have to be made to the building and prior plans as well as the proposed timeline. Kevin Kelley noted a donation from the local American Legion of a flagpole to the William Mill's House.

Old Business- Tax Ordinances

Mayor Payne updated the Council on his contacts with the County on the proposed taxes. Attorney Sipe provided letters to County for the Council's approval. Suggestions and amendments were made to the letters and associated documents for the Food & Beverage and Transient Occupancy taxes.

New Business

Mayor Payne noted the removal to the Library's Pollinator Garden. Further, he suggested another 'Let's Chat' event which may be held in conjunction with an SIDC event.

Other Matters before the Council

The finalization of the wording of the Comprehensive Plan was discussed by Matt Kime and a special work session was proposed for August 16th at 8 AM at the Methodist Church and Maybelle's.

Attorney Sipe noted his contact with the Stanardsville Cemetery committee, said they were financially stable and needed to meet with them further.

Richard Early noted the passing of former Councilman Wilbur Morris and Mayor Payne called for a moment of silence in remembrance.

Doris Swenson noted the need for the trimming of the trees on Main St. and it was decided that El Zol would be approached.

New Business

Roy Dye discussed his contacts with the Perry Foundation regarding the construction of bathrooms for the Pavilion and a MOU agreement between all interested parties. Mayor Payne brought up legalities of Town involvement and wording of documents. A discussion ensued.

County Update

No representatives were present.

Comments from the Public

Mr. Blakey made formal comments regarding local governance and local church exemption of taxes. Mayor Payne provided further clarification.

Executive Closed Session

There was no need for one.

Mayor's Comments

Michael Payne reported on all those volunteers involved in the successful 4th of July 5K marathon, the parade, the beer garden, and the attendance of the fireworks festivities. Matt Kime reported on Maybelle's involvement. Future funding needs for the event were discussed.

STAR and SIDC Updates

There were none as the representatives were resting after their 4th of July volunteerism.

Approval of Non-budgeted Expenses

There were none.

Adjournment

Richard Early motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Doris Swenson; voting for the Motion were Richard Early-Aye, Kevin Kelley-Aye Matthew Kime- Aye and Doris Swenson-Aye; Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

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Michael Wolkowicz, Clerk