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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF STANARDSVILLE, VA., WAS HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 13th, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL.

PRESENT: Council Members: Richard Early
Doris Swenson (Absent)
Kevin Kelley
Matthew Kime
Michael Payne, Mayor
Maynard Sipe, Town Attorney
Michael Wolkowicz, Clerk

Mayor Payne called the meeting to order asked for a Roll Call vote. Voting Present were Richard Early, Kevin Kelley and Matthew Kime, Doris Swenson was Absent.

**Public Comments**

Not wishing to delay public attendees Mayor Payne invited Mr. Blakey to make his regular comments.

Mayor Payne next invited Board of Supervisors member Mr. Catalano to provide his comments about County matters: 1) He provided updated information about the recently approved Reservoir Project and Waste Management and their future expandability that affects the Town of Stanardsville. He suggested teaming with the Town to coordinate grant applications and fielded questions about planning for the impoundment of water, pipes for the antiquated water system and financial aspects; 2) He read a draft of a letter of support for the William Mills House Project and the renovation of the property and its contribution to the Town and County's economic development; 3) He commented about the services of the local Volunteer Fire Depts. and provided contact information for the outstanding checks previously written and uncashed; 4) He provided comments about ongoing water and access infrastructure discussions by the County for the Blueridge Meadows Project. Mayor Payne asked for a Consensus of the Council to engage with the County for grants in support of County projects which was then proposed by Councilman Kelley and seconded by Richard Early; Voting in Support were Richard Early, Kevin Kelley and Matthew Kime.

**Clerk's Report and Financial Report**

Clerk Wolkowicz reported on the minutes for the October meeting and Councilman Kime motioned to accept the amended minutes which was seconded by Richard Early; Voting for the motion were

Richard Early-Aye, Kevin Kelley-Aye and Matthew Kime- Aye; Motion passed. Clerk Wolkowicz then went over the monthly financials noting payments for the William Mills House. Matt Kime noted corrections made to the previous tabled reports affect the current report and Kevin Kelley motioned to table the reports from June which was seconded by Matthew Kime; Voting for the motion were Richard Early, Kevin Kelley and Matthew Kime.

**William Mills House**

Mayor Payne mentioned a request for the availability of storage space in the basement of the William Mills House by Renaissance. Due to proposed renovation of the house this was declined.

Mayor Payne noted an IFP for bids for the renovation of the William Mills House advertised on the UVa website and requested a special meeting to open the bids on Nov. 2nd at 3 PM. Further, he noted special written protocols for any meeting with prospective bidders as well as described a prepared presentation he requested and proposed signage and zoning changes.

**Old Business**

Clerk Wolkowicz reported that Mr. Lamb had not submitted a proposal yet and said that Gary Greenwood was a possible substitute.

Mayor Payne reported that the sidewalk post office mailbox would be moved.

Attorney Sipe reported on the Stanardsville Cemetery negotiations. He noted technical aspects of taking control of the cemetery and that there was still an issue of funds for maintenance of the property and that fund raising would be necessary as they had $71K in a bank account which would not cover future maintenance in perpetuity. Attorney Sipe recommended making an Association to run it and a discussion ensued about protocols. Kevin Kelley motioned for Attorney Sipe to move forward with the negotiations which was seconded by Richard Early; Voting for the motion were Richard Early, Kevin Kelley and Matthew Kime.

New Business

Richard Early noted the passing of former-Councilman Jon Newton's wife.

Mayor Payne suggested that Attorney Sipe's Sign Ordinance be tabled until the December meeting.

Mayor Payne noted the request for road closure of Main St. to accommodate the Parade of Lights on December 6th which was motioned on by Matt Kime and seconded by Kevin Kelley; Voting for the motion were Richard Early, Kevin Kelley and Matthew Kime.

**SIDC Update**

Mayor Payne noted the Car Show would take place.

**Executive Closed Session**
There was no need for one.

**Approval of Non-budgeted Expenses**
There were none.

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

Respectfully submitted

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Michael Wolkowicz, Clerk