

REGULAR MEETING
STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 12, 2026, 7:30 pm.

Mayor Michael Knight. called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the following Council Members attending: Vice-Mayor Bruce Stoneberger, and Councilman Douglas Purdham, and Councilman Jeremiah Knight. Others present at this meeting: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Police Chief Rebecca Jenkins, Parks Director Teri Beers, Treasurer Leon Stout, and Randy Arrington with Page Valley News. Presenting at the meeting are Vance Bryant and Craig Owens with Bethlehem Church and Jordan Autry with Valley Rise Above.

Absent from the meeting are Councilwoman Robyn Good and Councilman Joseph Mauck

Mayor Knight stated due to Councilman Knight attending late he will be acting as the 3rd to make a quorum until Councilman Knight arrives.

Mayor Knight gave the Invocation and Vice- Mayor Stoneberger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA:

Mayor Knight asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda as presented. Town Manager Pettit stated there will be two additional presentations added to the agenda and possibly removing Victoria Cleveland since she's not here. The first addition will be Vance Bryant and Craig Owens and the second Jordan Autry. A motion was made by Councilman Purdham to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Vice-Mayor Stoneberger. Passed Unanimously.

Absent: Councilman Knight, Councilman Mauck, and Councilwoman Good

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS:

Vance Bryant and Craig Owens representing Bethlehem Church asked the Council if they could display advertising of their revival event on September 27th- 30th for 7-10 days at Ed Good Park on the digital sign instead of placing a banner on the fence. Town Manager Pettit stated whatever the council decides tonight sets the precedence of the future since we don't have a policy set in place for the new digital sign. He stated that the two signs on either end of town are only displaying town events. Mr. Bryant stated that a policy can always be changed and it's a community sign. Vice- Mayor Stoneberger stated that since multiple Council members are absent, he suggested we discuss it with the other members before we decide.

Jordan Autry with Valley Rise Above stated he would like to have a great relationship with the town and hopes the town will work with him in this organization. He stated that they now have two recovery homes that are in compliance with the state of Virginia. One location is

at 270 West Main that holds up to 6 males and the moment they only have two. The other location is 5163 Millcreek that holds up to 6 women, and they have one. These homes no longer house sex offenders. They are both fully insured and Mr. Autry stated he will provide the paperwork. They have multiple programs to help these individuals to get back on their feet. They house them for 60-120 days. Mr. Autry provided a form he would like the towns signature basically stating we are supportive of the program. He would also like the town to notify him if they have any volunteer work for these individuals. Valley Rise Above will be hosting a Page County Recovery Rally on Saturday September 19th at the Luray Greenway.

Councilman Knight arrived at 7:50 PM

Mayor Knight stated there is an email in the council packet requesting lifting a ban from the parks. The council was all in agreement that a year ban from the parks was in place so the ban will stay and not be lifted.

PASSED MINUTES APPROVAL:

Treasurer Stout stated Park Director Beers needs to be removed from attending since she wasn't at the meeting and on page 6 a motion was made by Councilman Mauck to go into closed session not Councilman Purdham. Councilman Purdham made a motion to approve the amended past minutes, seconded by Vice-Mayor Stoneberger. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

Absent: Councilman Mauck and Councilwoman Good

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Stout stated he will be opening a CD at 3% with the \$66,000 in the reserve account. Vice-Mayor Stoneberger asked roughly how much we have invested in well #7. Town Manager Pettit stated we've paid between \$800k-\$900k. Town Manager Pettit there is approximately \$13,000 worth of homecoming expenses and grant expenses that will be reimbursed to the general fund. With no other questions or comments a motion was made by Councilman Purdham to approve the Treasurer's Report, Pay Warrant, in the amount of \$367,449.41 and the Loan Portfolio, seconded by Vice-Mayor Stoneberger. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

Absent: Councilman Mauck and Councilwoman Good

Councilman Knight left at 8:24PM. Mayor Knight is now acting as the 3rd councilman.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

There has been an issue within town business owners not turning in the correct amount for their business licenses. Moving forward the town will be requesting proof of tax information on what was turned in the year prior to obtaining a business license.

Valley Rise Above is requesting a signature that commits the town to support in many ways in their program. Council will provide what we can without signing a contract.

Three letters have been served this month for inoperative vehicles, one has complied, two have not.

We are still waiting for the approval of local businesses to film a video of the town with the TOT funding.

Corecom is running fiber optic work for Brightspeed throughout Stanley and Shenandoah and would like to lease Baileys Dog Park to store their equipment for \$250 a month with provided insurance. Council agreed not to lease the property.

Donation of time in the personal policy handbook the only change that was made was that the Personal Committee would need to approve the decision not the Town Manager.

The next town and county meeting will be held on August 19th at 7:00 PM at the Stanley Volunteer Fire Department.

OLD BUSINESS:

There has been a change to the contract with the Chapel Village and Pond Avenue sewer project that the owner will own the pumpstation not the Town.

Due to Lowes ordering the wrong size windows in the town office we are now projecting the installation date for September.

We are still waiting on estimate for the price of the roof of the new digital sign at Ed Good Park.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Jenkins stated there were 582 property checks in the month of July due to homecoming and police visibility.

Councilman Purdham suggested mentioning to the county and surrounding towns to do a county wide national night out.

There was some discussion on using the commonwealth attorney for the town cases rather than the towns attorney to save on cost. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Stoneberger to use the commonwealth attorney to take over all cases within the town effective September 1st any new cases while still allowing the town attorney to finish old cases, seconded by Councilman Purdham.

Mayor Knight calls for a Roll Call vote:

Voting Yay

Vice-Mayor Bruce Stoneberger
Councilman Doug Purdham

Voting Nay

MOTION CARRIED

Absent: Councilwoman Robyn Good, Councilman Joseph Mauck, and Councilman Jeremiah Knight.

PARK AND RECREATION REPORT:

Music in the park was held on August 1st as well as handing out the homecoming awards due to the rain on Saturday of Homecoming.,

There were 400 people who attended our National Night out. 355 of them swam and 396 hot dogs, chips, and a drink were given out.

The cardboard race with PACA will be held at the pool on August 15th at 10am.

Cottage renters are paid and up to date.

The suggestion of moving the Halloween Block Party to Ed Good Park along the walking trail with costume contests on the performance center has been tabled to the next council meeting.

WATER/SEWER REPORT:

Town Manager Terry Pettit stated we are in the process of changing the High Max Couplings with welded ones due to amount of pressure well number 7 puts out.

Repairs on the belt press at the sewer plant are scheduled to be repaired in the next few weeks. We are still waiting for the second quote on painting the digester.

He also stated that he, Ryan Gaunt and Brandon Kyle went to Grottoes to see their sampling stations and how they work since we will be installing them in the future.

The wastewater permit has been approved for the next five years.

Mayor Knight asked to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 PM, a motion was made by Vice-Mayor Stoneberger, seconded by Councilman Purdham.

Michael Knight, Mayor

Julienne Atkins, Clerk