

Budget Meeting

March 25, 2026, 7:00PM

Mayor Michael Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the following Council Members attending: Vice- Mayor Bruce Stoneberger via phone call, Councilwoman Robyn Good, Councilman Douglas Purdham, Councilman Joseph Mauck and Councilman Jeremiah Knight. Others present at this meeting: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Police Chief Rebecca Jenkins, Treasurer Leon Stout, Foreman Ryan Gaunt and Parks Director Teri Beers.

Mayor Knight gave the Invocation and Councilman Mauck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:00 PM Councilman Knight made a motion to move that the Town Council Convene in a Closed Meeting for the discussion of Personnel Matters, as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 Subsection A 1, seconded by Councilman Purdham.

Mayor Knight calls for a Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yay

Vice-Mayor Bruce Stoneberger via phone
Councilman Douglas Purdham
Councilman Joseph Mauck
Councilman Jeremiah Knight
Councilwoman Robyn Good

Voting Nay

Councilman Knight makes a motion the Council leaves the closed meeting and return to open meeting seconded by Councilman Mauck.

Mayor Knight calls for a Roll Call vote:

Voting Yay

Vice-Mayor Bruce Stoneberger via phone
Councilman Douglas Purdham
Councilman Joseph Mauck
Councilman Jeremiah Knight
Councilwoman Robyn Good

Voting Nay

Mayor Knight states we are now in open meeting at 8:18 pm

A motion was made by Councilman Knight to appoint Chris Stoneberger as Captain of the Stanley Police Department at \$70,000 salary, seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilman Purdham to raise Nick Alger salary at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to \$45,000, seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilman Mauck to raise Chief Rebecca Jenkins salary to \$75,661.96, seconded by Councilman Purdham. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

List of items each department would like to be added if room in the budget:

Admin:

- Website \$3k
- Time clock system that works with Southern Software \$6k

Police:

- Tasers just in case they aren't covered by a grant estimated cost \$15k
- Add a storage room and a meeting room for \$10k

Public Works:

- Vacuum trailer \$80k-90k
 - Councilman Mauck mentioned a used one from Charlottesville we could inquire on
- Privacy fence at the shop \$3k
- Shop building \$10k

Sewer Plant:

- Filter Press \$45k
- Paint Digester \$90k-100k
- Belt Press \$16k

Parks and Recreation:

- Pool liner
- Repair Richard Good shelter roof

- Re-mulch the playground
- Replace two windows upstairs of the Hawksbill Hall
- Fix the light that overlooks the pool
- Sand the volleyball court- \$7,000 was donated by PACA for this

Items already put in the budget:

- Library steps \$5k
- Al Good Drive project \$30k
- Sewer Infiltration work \$40k
- Sewer equipment maintenance \$24,662
- Loan for sewer equipment maintenance \$20,450
- 3% employee raises

To help off set these costs a suggestion on raising outside town limits trash rates by \$1.50 first can any additional would be an extra \$1.

There was brief discussion on lowering the tax rate with the county's new assessment. A motion was made by Councilman Purdham to advertise the tax rate reduction at 21 cents from 26 cents, seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

Town Manager Pettit stated the first quote for the office windows with Lowes was a cheaper grade window and recommends going for the better-quality window. A motion was made by Councilman Mauck to purchase the better windows for \$9,630.72, seconded by Councilman Purdham. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

There will be two Public Hearing on April 15th first one at 7pm for meals tax second at 7:15 pm for real estate tax reduction rate.

Mayor Knight asked to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 PM, a motion was made by Vice-Mayor Stoneberger, seconded by Councilman Purdham.

Michael Knight, Mayor

Julienne Atkins, Clerk