

**Budget Meeting**  
**Stanley Town Office**  
**Wednesday, March 30, 2015 at 7:30 pm.**

Mayor Purdham called the meeting to order with the following Council Members in attendance: Mike Knight, Bruce Stoneberger, Mike Uram, Duane Layman, and Martha Graves. Also present at this meeting were: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Accountant Leon Stout, Police Chief Ryan Dean, Public Works Foreman Ryan Gaunt, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Knight, Sewer Plant Operator Forest Atwood.

Councilwoman Graves started the meeting in prayer and Vice-Mayor Knight led the pledge of allegiance.

Town Manager Terry Pettit opened the meeting at 7:30 and notified the council that this budget will be a little different than normal. He had asked the Heads of each department to come in and give their one year and five year outlook on what their department needs.

Assistant Town Manager Elaine Knight noted that the office does not ask for much. Over the years we have been told that because of a possible new building, air condition was not a good option and that was years ago. The only thing we ask for is that the windows be sealed. The sealing of the windows was also promised a while ago and still has not been done. Ms. Knight noted that the office did need a shredder.

Recreation Director Chuck Short noted they really did not need anything substantial at the pool within one year, but he has been asked about a basketball court at the Ed good Park. He noted that the Courts could cost up to \$12,000.00 each. We also need to keep in mind that the little league will be starting on the field in the next few years and what they cannot do, we will have to help them out.

Police Chief Ryan Dean noted to the council that he didn't have any other items to add to the budget than the police car and building. He did add that by August of 2017 that it will cost us approximately \$ 21,000.00 to move to another computer software. Southern Software will be a better option than the ID Networks we have now, which will be over \$ 30,000.00 to install. We would like to add a 5<sup>th</sup> police officer and possibly look at the LEOS program.

Sewer Plant Operator Forest Atwood noted that the plant did not need anything in the upcoming year. We are looking at replacing a generator that went out at the plant that will cost \$33,000.00 which has to be done. He did suggest to the council that we are looking at a plant inspection in a few months to renew the plant license and eventually, depending on plant operations and town growth, a upgrade of the plant is possible in the future.

Public Works Foreman Ryan Gaunt noted that the biggest need for the water department is another truck. There are five employees and 3 trucks. When one truck needs maintenance, it is hard to get any work done. Instead of getting a backhoe with the grant/loan we should be getting a mini excavator and another skid loader. This would provide better equipment for repair water lines and we would use the current backhoe to fill trucks at the old shop. The water department needs smaller tools in the near future because the older ones are wearing out. In the longer term, big projects like replacing water lines should be contracted out because we have only five employees and the project never gets completed. There are several examples throughout the town.

The council reviewed the feedback from the department heads and agreed that the Windows need to be sealed or replaced in the office for about \$4,000.00 and that a pick-up truck for the water department for \$ 15,000.00. Some of the pick-up truck cost can be offset if the army dump truck is sold.

The council discussed the revenue rates and if any should be adjusted. They agreed that the real estate rate be increased one penny from .24 to .25 and that outside water be increased by \$ 1.00 per month.

Mayor Purdham adjourned the meeting at 11:00 pm.

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Doug Purdham, Mayor

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Leon Stout, Temporary Clerk