

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 24, 2024-----6:30 PM
Growth Plan Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Martin L. Jones, Commissioner Paul Pirro, Commissioner Louis Wood, Commissioner Mark Lee and Commissioner Horne

STAFF PRESENT

Connie Veeder, Town Clerk/Finance Officer
Whitney Barlow, Administrative Assistant
Bobby Smith, part time police officer

CITIZENS PRESENT

There were no citizens attending the meeting.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jones led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION:

There were four topics discussed during the meeting.

1. Businesses - The town is in need of commercial businesses to help bring in more revenue and traffic to the town. The board discussed the set back the town has due to being a dry town and not allowing alcohol sales. There are differing views from all parties of the board concerning alcohol sales in Stedman.
2. Houses – The town has three areas that have plans for housing developments but the hold up is the Fire Flow Inspections. There have been many conversations with the developers, PWC, and the town to collaborate a plan to correct the problems. At this time the development at Creekside is on hold because of the problem.
3. Infrastructure – The board discussed the issues with the town’s sewer system that have been brought to our attention by the engineering firm WithersRavenel. The cost estimate to repair the problems exceed \$1.5 million dollars. Funding from the state will be needed to complete these repairs. The lift stations are in need of being upgraded. The equipment is aging and the work PWC has to initiate to keep our lift stations operational during rain events is costing the town a lot of money.
4. Funding – Property taxes make up about 50% of the revenue that is brought into the town. Due to the extra expenses from the sewer issues that the town is incurring, the town will need funding to repair and upgrade the sewer to stop the extra expenses being paid out to PWC.

CLOSING:

Mayor Jones commented that this meeting had a lot of great discussion. Jones also asked if there was anything else from anyone that needed discussion. Commissioner Horne moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion and the September 24th meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

