

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2018 - 6:00 P.M.

A budget workshop was held on March 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Village Hall. Present at the meeting were Mayor Mark Baker, Mayor Pro Tem Myron Marion, Councilor Lee Ault, Councilor Boyce Shore, Councilor Lori Shore-Smith, and Administrator Dan Corder. April Bowman from the N.C. State Extension Office attended the session. Attendance was 7. No members of the press or public were in attendance.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order and asked April Bowman to provide information concerning plans for an agriculture cooperative extension center in Forsyth County. April showed a design for a multipurpose resource facility that would provide space for offices, livestock and horse shows, training facilities, riding trails, training space, etc. The County has a bond package that was passed in the amount of \$5 million and would seek partners in developing and using the space. This project is in the stages of selecting a site. One of these sites under consideration is the county property north of Rolling Hill Drive.

Mayor Baker stated that a bill is in the works at the Legislature to allow the Village to spend Powell Bill money on Park and Recreational needs for towns up to 3500 in population. If the bill passes, it would benefit the Village's budget dramatically. He then asked the Council if there were any needs that were on their minds for 2018-2019.

Items that came forward during this discussion were as follows:

- The Council should form a Strategic Committee to examine the use of the Village Park and the new land addition. This Committee would make recommendations to Council concerning facilities, use and costs. The Committee should consist of at least two Council members, 2 members of the PARC Committee, and also residents of the Village. Further discussion on this item will occur in regular Council meeting. Council members volunteering to serve were Boyce Shore and Lee Ault.
- The website should be updated as soon as possible. Money was provided in this budget for this purpose. This needs to be a priority prior to the end of the fiscal year.
- Computer and system upgrades for the Village offices should be budgeted.
- An additional welcome sign location similar to what we have at Reynolda Road should be explored further. It would be necessary to either lease a property for such a location or buy a small parcel
- Housing code enforcement and how the Village could assist with cost was debated. Administrator Corder will contact Housing Director Dan Kornelius and County Manager Dudley Watts.

Administrator Corder reviewed the budget spreadsheets and described how the Village would finish the current financial year. He presented several items to the Council

The review proceeded as follows:

- The Garbage and Recycling costs for 2018-2019 were reviewed. Recycling has increased by 36% since bi-weekly recycling started in July. Landfill fees are trending downward. Factoring in a growth factor of 15 houses and a CPI increase which is contractually guaranteed, the contract number for next year would be \$157,779.
- Health insurance costs were reviewed. Since the Village went to the State Plan costs have been reduced dramatically. The budget number to cover the cost would be \$23,000. In 2016-2017 the cost was \$38,329. Employee deduction costs of \$50 a month were covered by a salary increase last year.
- Mayor Pro Tem Marion and Administrator Corder advised the Council of the meeting with Gibson and Company regarding the Accounting Contract in 2017. The 3 year cost proposal was reviewed again and all agreed to have a contract drawn up for consideration for the April Council meeting.
- The Village Hall and remaining payments and interest payments were reviewed. The Village owes \$120,000 principal as of June 30, 2018. Although paying this balance off early was discussed, there was no direction to do so.
- Powell Bill balances were reviewed. Due to the balance in the account, no further revenues will be collected in 2018-2019. There is hope that this will be remedied by the Legislature in their next session.
- The Village needs to replace the current golf cart and also needs a full size tractor to mow the new land addition. Costs can be obtained either for used equipment or for new.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Shore-Smith and seconded by Councilor Ault. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By:

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