

## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

June 17, 2014

Present: Mayor George B. Holleman

Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Poole

Commissioner Edd Elliott, Jr.

Commissioner Ronnie Robinette

Commissioner Jack I. Lerner

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Holleman at 5:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Reverend Danny Loudermelk. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the minutes as presented for the June 3, 2014 regular scheduled meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

The 2014 ACHS NC State Softball Champions were honored by the Taylorsville Town Council. They were 35 and 0 for the season and undefeated. The team was recognized in USA Today magazine. All members of the Town Council expressed their congratulations to the team. All team members were presented with a medal & town pin.

The oath of office was administered to new Police Chief Dennis James by Mayor Holleman. Doug Bowman was promoted to Captain and re sworn in by Mayor Holleman.

Mayor Holleman opened the 2nd public hearing on the reading of the proposed fiscal budget for 2014-2015. Town Manager David Odom gave an overview of the proposed budget and individual departments. The General Fund budget totals \$1,718,310 and is balanced with a property tax rate of 35 cents per \$100 valuation. The proposed budget reflects an estimated 7.1% increase in revenue. The majority of the increase is to an improvement in sales tax revenue. As a word of caution this reflects increased cost of goods and provisions rather than a significant change in consumer spending. Citizens are not buying more, simply paying more. Real Property values are flat to receding, the true impact of the revaluation cycle will be known by December 2014. The Board is advised that a double digit decrease in Town of Taylorville property values should be expected 10% or greater. Values for real property were established in 2007 and the entire economy has changed since 2008. Expenditures for the 2014/2015 General Fund total \$1,718,310 a 3.2% increase from the amount budgeted for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. All Budgeted Funds for full time employee wages-longevity-performance will result in a 2.0% increase. Also included in the proposed budget is a performance bonus of 2% in July and (2%) in December, a decrease to fund a possible incentive program in the future. The Majority of the costs associated with the adjustment are funded by retirement of employees and increased apprentice contract and part-time workers. It should also be noted that a flat hourly rate for inmate supervision, and part-time, non-apprentice employees, will maintain \$12.75 per hour.

The budget for the Water & Sewer Fund totals \$1,885,878 an increase of 14.8%. This amount includes a 10 cent/1000 for residential rate increase due to ongoing water and sewer improvements, cost increases in wastewater treatment, system upgrades, and major replacement projects. The majority of our customers who use less than 5,000 gallons per month will see an average monthly increase of less than \$.80 cents per month. High use account will bear the majority of the proposed rate increase due to the increasing block rate schedule.

Expenditures for the Water & Sewer Fund total \$1,885,878. The amount represents direct Town Council actions to continue improvements to public infrastructure, ongoing grants, and expansion of water and sewer capacity, and diffuser replacement in two basins at the sewer plant. The Town replaced air diffusers in 2008 they operate 24-7-365 and they just like a set of tires wear out. This repair alone will exceed an estimated \$75,000. The water and sewer fund struggled to remain self-sufficient for decades; today the enterprise fund is viable, productive, and essential service, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the current Town Board.

In conclusion, the total proposed balanced budget totals \$3,604,188.00 for the general fund, enterprise fund and all on-going grants and capital improvement projects. Mayor Holleman stated that it was a good budget. With no other comments or discussion the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the proposed budget for FY 2014-2015 as presented. The water and sewer rate increase will be made effective 6-17-14. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A which is attached and made a part of these minutes.

A year in review was presented covering the hospital grounds rehabilitation, the new urgent care medical facility, the water efficiency project on the east side of town, the Millersville sanitary sewer project down NC 16 S to the old Wittenburg School, and the demolition of 2 old houses. New sidewalks were completed along Hammer Motor company, the Register of Deeds, across from Board of Elections and near the YMCA. The new cemetery land property purchase, the Veterans flag pole project and the rehabilitation of the cemetery rental houses.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the following budget amendments at year end.

- 1- Increase the general fund fund balance allocation by \$114,760.00 to balance departments within the general fund
- 2- A transfer from general fund contingency to departments within the general fund of \$26,240.00
- 3- A transfer within the W&S department to balance

The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B1, B2 & B3 which are attached and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> change order for the Millersville project for the additional bore & encasement of 95 foot of pipe totaling \$35,126.25. The additional money will come from contingency; therefore, the budget will not increase. The motion was passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 5, 2014 at 5:30 pm in the council

chambers.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

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Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk