

MINUTES MARCH 23, 2015

BUDGET MEETING 6:30pm

Mayor Pardue and all Council Members present. Mayor Pardue called the meeting to order.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve a bench to be placed at the Lila Swaim Park walking trail in memory of Wesley M. Holcomb who worked for the town 20 years and Council Member Darnell, seconded the motion, passed unanimous 4-0.

PARK USAGE

Coach Tim Caudle took his traveling softball team (10 year old girls) to the park on Saturday, March 21, 2015 to practice 10am. Tony Anthony had a team on one field and Tim was going to use the other field next to Tony. The confrontation seemed to start after Tim was going to drag the field with a vehicle. Tony Anthony and Tim Caudle had heated words and Tim was told the park was private and he needed to leave and was not to use these fields for any practice. This is not the first issue with using the fields to practice ball.

Tim addressed the Board and wanted to know if the park was public or private? The fields are public and not private said the Board. The Board agrees the field schedule should be discussed and if no ball games are scheduled then others can practice on the fields. The field's maintenance is volunteered by Tony Anthony and he does a superb job. No other maintenance is needed by others using the fields.

The Board would like for the Town Manager to speak with Tony Anthony concerning the ball fields and discuss the field schedule. The Board would also like the Town Manager to call Tim Caudle and let him know if the park is not scheduled for games then he is welcome to use the fields.

The administration office at the town does not have a schedule for the ball fields.

NOISE ORDINANCE

Several citizens have complained about the race car again at Carter and Kirk Paving. The citizens would like for the noise to stop. The ordinance reads:

§ 130.11 UNNECESSARY NOISE PROHIBITED.

The conducting, operating, or maintaining of any garage or service station in any residential area so as to cause loud or offensive noises to be emitted there from between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

The race car is in compliance with the town's ordinance. The Board would like the Town Manager to call Mike Brown the owner of the race car.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Department Head Requests

1. Lynn Trivette.....
 - 2 computers - one at the drive-thru and the other one at front entrance for water collections. The current computers are 2006 and the quote is under \$1,000
 - used town vehicle, our current 1996 is on its last leg. \$5,000

Lynn and Tim.....
2. meter readers and software addressed for the street department. Waiting on current quote from HD Waterworks, Don Bull, but last year's quote was \$24,000. The current meter readers are outdated and can no longer receive parts for them. It is imperative to have a maintenance agreement in place at all times on meter readers, because they control our billing. After June 2015 we are on borrowed time.
3. Tim Collins.....
 - vault around pump at the river \$10,000
 - valve on Mineral Springs water tank \$15,000..would allow to pump quicker so the Arlington tank want run low
 - 2 pump upgrades \$25,000
 - \$16,000 left from this year's budget, would like to purchase a used skid steer and keep the gray 2-ton truck
 - replacement of Kevin Webster if he decides to retire. The town would continue to pay Kevin's insurance under the retiree health insurance plan for at least 7 years.
 - small tractor \$25,000
 - a request to allow a per diem to be given for the usage of our personal cell phones
4. Roger Reece.....

The department would request a \$30,000 increase in the annual salary budget to be competitive with other close surrounding area salaries to possibly prevent any job turnover that would reflect in high cost of re-hiring and training. The increase would reflect \$3,000 in each officer's current salary. After researching other areas, Elkin PD/Yadkinville PD, I determined that our officer's

with similar rank and service were making \$3,000 to \$5,000 less in annual salary. Jonesville is the lowest paid in the County including Boonville and East Bend.

It cost \$34,700.00 to train an officer for a 6 month period. The officer that is leaving was here for only a year and the money is his reason for going with the County. I hope you look over my research budget packet and help my department, because I want everyone to stay with Jonesville.

The other line items for the department are either increased, decreased or stayed the same based on this year's expenses. The capital outlay vehicle I increased to \$42,000, because \$32,000 only covered the vehicle and not to equip the car.

Revenue Projections
(continued)

Council Directives
(continued)

The next scheduled budget meeting is Monday, April 27, 2015 at 6:30pm.

With no pending business to discuss Council Member Moore made the motion to adjourn and Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, passed unanimous 4-0.

Mayor, Gene Pardue

CMC, Lynn Trivette