

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF RECESSED MEETING
10:00 A.M. April 12, 2013

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Hubert Gregory
Gene Branon
Betty Driver
Phillip Graham
Tony Hall
Eddie Norman

STAFF PRESENT:

Christopher Ong, Town Manager
Tim Parks, Chief of Police
Perry Williams, Director of Public Works
Dina Reavis, Finance Officer
Paul Lowe, Director of Development and Planning

Mayor Hubert Gregory called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 12, 2013 as recessed from the meeting of April 8, 2013.

FY 2013-2014 BUDGET WORKSESSION

GENERAL FUND

The Town Manager presented a draft budget for FY13-14, noting \$50,000 anticipated loss of revenue for expiration of Hold Harmless payments. Capital requests were heard which included: a vehicle replacement request from Administration for \$22,785; a request from Planning and Zoning for \$2,000 to invest in a façade grant program for downtown businesses; a Police Department request for \$41,000 for vehicle replacement, in-car computers, a server, guns, radios, and bulletproof vest; and a Streets Division request for \$4,000 for street sign replacement to meet new reflectivity standards.

WATER-SEWER FUND

Requests from Water and Sewer included: \$490,715 for the Dam Remediation; \$12,600 for DR5000 and Autoclave 8000; \$3,000 to roof two buildings at the Waste Water Treatment Plan; \$7,000 for BOD5 Test Incubator; \$70,000 for camera replacement and \$133,000 for a backhoe.

It was the consensus of the Board for staff to purchase capital items with any available monies in the current year's budget, and for the Town Manager to bring back budget scenario(s) with capital requests and COLAs.

POWELL BILL

There was a discussion on Powell Bill funds and the Public Works Director advised the importance of paving Cherry Street when the jail construction was finished. The Board discussed using Powell Bill fund balance for street resurfacing projects. The Board identified an immediate need to pave South Street and Adams Street. There was a discussion regarding extending the end of the current right-of-way and putting in a proposed cul-de-sac. The consensus of the Board was to make sure to get ownership of the land before putting in the proposed cul-de-sac. There was also a need identified to patch behind the library.

RESERVE OFFICER PAY

There was a discussion regarding the pay for reserve officers. After consideration of market pay and risk involved in the line of duty, the consensus of the Board was to set the hourly pay rate at \$13.00 effective at the start of the next fiscal year and budget \$32,000 for reserve pay.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

There was discussion on special appropriations, including a new request from Forbush Fund Run and a requested increase of \$500 from the library. After some consideration, it was the consensus of the Board to maintain current funding levels and not to fund the new request.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Board discussed developing a succession plan for key positions and developing a tuition reimbursement incentive plan to reward employees.

TOWN PARK AMPITHEATRE

There was a discussion about limiting ampitheatre rentals to Town sponsored events only, given the limited capacity of the Town Park and in light of the size of recent events that have caused trash and parking issues. It was the consensus of the Board to look into the rental policy to prevent future capacity issues.

CLOSED SESSION

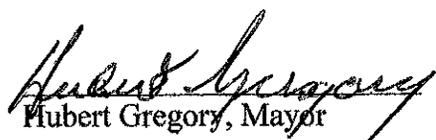
At 11:22 a.m., Commissioner Norman made a motion to go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) to discuss personnel issues. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Driver and unanimously approved.

RECONVENE RECESSED SESSION

Mayor Gregory reconvened the recessed session at 11:42 a.m. after coming out of closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Norman made a motion to adjourn at 11:42 a.m. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Driver and approved unanimously.


Hubert Gregory, Mayor