

Special Meeting Minutes
Budget Workshop
June 4, 2013

Mayor Lewis called the Special Meeting to order at 10:00am to hold a Budget Workshop. Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, Dale Bachmann, and J.W. McClenny were all present. Police Chief Dennis Murray attended, as did Nashville Graphic reporter, Amanda Clark.

The first topic of discussion was the town's group health insurance renewal. Mayor Lewis reviewed several Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO options, as well as two HSA options, and how they compared to the current Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan. If we remain with the current plan, the premium increase would be 12.9% or \$6,018. Lewis recommended the town go with Blue Options HSA Alternate 11, Combo 248439, which has a \$2,500 individual annual deductible and pays 100% after the deductible is met. The employee would pay 100% out of pocket until the \$2,500 deductible is met, and the town reimburses the employee after the first \$1,000, which is the current Health Reimbursement Plan. For prescription drugs, the employee will pay the entire cost of the drug and the town will reimburse the employee for the amount above the present co-pay. Mayor Lewis advised the Board he would come up with a plan so the employee does not have to front any money except their part of the co pay. The town's premium will decrease 7.1% from the current plan for a savings of 3,315 in premium. Commissioner Bachmann moved to change the town's group health plan to the HSA with the \$2,500 individual deductible. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lewis will meet with the Raleigh City Manager tomorrow regarding negotiating the 14% proposed increase for sewer treatment. Mayor Lewis is optimistic he can negotiate no increase this year, since we paid a 15% increase last year. As soon as final answers are determined, Mayor Lewis will advise the Commissioners.

For the present, everyone agreed the town will not operate under a water tower contract; however, \$7,500 will be included in the budget to cover the cost of a required inspection or other emergencies. Mayor Lewis and Commissioner Bachmann will contact Southern Corrosion, a local company who gave a contract quote of \$7,500 to find out the change in terms and increase in cost if the town goes a year or two without a contract. They will report their findings at the next meeting. Commissioner Bachmann moved to terminate the contract with Utility Services for \$8,308.05 effective July 1, 2013. Commissioner Alford seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

After comparing the costs and other pros and cons for cypress wood mulch versus rubber playground mulch, Commissioner Bachmann moved to purchase a tractor-trailer load (80 cubic yards) of playground certified cypress wood mulch at \$16.50/cubic yard at a total cost of \$1,320 to be used in the playground curbs at the Wellness Park. The remainder of the mulch will be used at the West Hanes park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and carried unanimously.

Chief Murray advised the guns he requested were \$299.99 each at Walmart, and he has received no answer from Chris Tripp for costs for a desktop computer he requested. After a brief discussion, everyone agreed to add \$3,000 for two guns and a fireproof file cabinet to the existing \$7,000 in departmental supplies, totaling \$10,000 for departmental supplies in the police department.

Bennie Lewis advised Mayor Lewis he can fireproof the old jail for less than the cost of one new lateral fireproof file cabinet (\$3,500). The old jail will then be used for storage of town records. Fireproof cabinets will no longer be needed.

Commissioner Bachmann requested to add another officer for a few hours on Friday and Saturday night, reminding everyone Chief Murray was injured in an altercation trying to arrest someone a couple of weeks ago. Everyone agreed there is enough money in the 2013-2014 police salary budget for the extra coverage requested.

Mayor Lewis advised he believes the water rate can remain at \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons and \$8.00 accessibility fee.

Items clarified in the Parks and Recreations budget were: (1) add \$9,000 to maintenance of buildings and grounds to the \$3,600, totaling \$12,600; (2) add \$3,000 for Wellness Park improvements for landscaping and plantings.

With the purchase of the swimming pool, the Board approved the following 2012-2013 budget amendment to cover expenses of getting the pool open by June 15, 2013:

<u>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>
DEPT 591 SWIMMING POOL		
10-591-0200	Salaries	1,200.00
10-591-0500	FICA Employers	95.00
10-591-1100	Phones, Postage	50.00
10-591-1300	Utilities	200.00
10-591-1500	Maint. Bldgs & Grounds	1,500.00
10-591-1600	Maint. Of Equipment	300.00
10-591-2600	Advertising	200.00
10-591-3300	Dept. Supplies	1,065.00
10-591-3800	Legal Fees	700.00
10-591-3900	Prop Tax Expense	705.00
10-591-5500	Permits	390.00
10-591-7400	Capital Outlay	<u>1,380.00</u>
TOTAL		7,785.00
<u>GENERAL FUND REVENUES:</u>		
10-363-0000	Swimming Pool Fees	5,000.00
10-390-0100	General Fund Bal. Approp.	<u>2,785.00</u>
TOTAL		7,785.00

Commissioner McClenny moved to approve the amendment, Commissioner Bachmann seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Everyone was in agreement for Mayor Lewis and Jennifer Lambert to submit the figures the in the 2013-2014 budget for Department 591-Swimming Pool at the June 10, 2013 meeting.

Painting of the sidewalks was tabled for the immediate future. Mayor Lewis advised that we could pay for this from General Fund monies, but it could not be paid from Powell Bill street funds, as this would be considered aesthetic improvements. The town's direction on this project will be discussed at a later date.

Clerk Lambert advised that Logics continues to work on available options for the hardware/software upgrade, suggesting that cloud computing for all Logics applications might be the less expensive route for the town and have all other files on a separate server. The estimate of \$15,000 for the upgrade is included in the new budget and split between administration, water and sewer. Three computers operating on Windows XP will no longer be supported after December 2013. Replacement costs for these units will be about \$1,055 each, which is what the town paid for Dale Bachmann's new computer. Shelly Woodruff and Dale Bachmann already have upgraded to Windows 7. Chris Tripp advised that new Dell computers have Windows 8 and they are working on an upgrade to Windows 8 to include a start button. Depending on which way the Board decides to go with the server upgrade, the cost could change slightly.

Commissioner Alford moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert, Clerk

Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr.
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Danny Alford
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