

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023
MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP
5:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson
Joe Wesson
Rebecca Johnson
Melissa Curtis

STAFF PRESENT

Chase Winebarger
Kelly Melton

COUNCIL ABSENT

Mayor Keith Warren
Bobby Mosteller

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:04pm.

INVOCATION: Councilman Joe Wesson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA: Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson asked for a motion to adopt the April 25, 2023 Budget Agenda.

Rebecca Johnson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to adopt the April 25, 2023 Budget Agenda. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Town Manager Chase Winebarger gave Council an update on the proposed Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Town Manager Chase Winebarger discussed the budget needs for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

PUBLIC WORKS: Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that Sanitation has budgeted a swap loader in the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget in the amount of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), but due to a wait time of twelve (12) to eighteen (18)

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months for the swap loader, Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that he would like for Council to consider preordering the swap loader so that Sanitation will receive and pay for said swap loader during fiscal year 2023-2024.

Rebecca Johnson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, for Sanitation to preorder a swap loader in the amount of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to be able to receive and pay for said swap loader during fiscal year 2023-2024. All were in favor.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143.318-11(a)(3): Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson asked for a motion to go into closed session.

Rebecca Johnson made a motion, and Clay Wilson seconded, to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143.318-11(a)(3) at approximately 5:27pm. All were in favor.

Clay Wilson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to come out of closed session at approximately 5:32pm. All were in favor.


PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET AND CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Town Manager Chase Winebarger presented to Council a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that the budget is balanced as required by the NC Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The Town's overall budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 totals six million one hundred forty-two thousand eight hundred sixty dollars (\$6,142,860.00). A few highlights of the proposed budget include no property tax increase; two-point five percent (2.5%) increase in water and sewer rates; no increase in sanitation fees; maintains current levels of services to citizens. Council must hold a public hearing on May 16, 2023, to adopt the budget.

Clay Wilson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to hold a public hearing on May 16, 2023, at 6:00pm, to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. All were in favor.

COUNCIL ADJOURN: Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Clay Wilson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:37pm.


Keith Warren, Mayor


Julie A Good, Town Clerk



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