

BUDGET WORKSHOP
MAY 25, 2017

The Town Council held a Budget Workshop at 7:00 pm with the following Council members present: Councilman Powell Dew, Jr. Councilman Donnie Bass, Councilwoman Jackie Grice and Councilwoman Coley Rhodes. Councilman Ken Horne arrived at 7:10 pm. Also present were Town Manager Gary Davis, Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey, Mayor William Edmundson, and Police Chief Orlando Rosario.

Mr. Davis presented the proposed budget for FY 2017-2018 to the Town Council for their review. Mr. Davis is **not proposing an increase** in property taxes this upcoming Fiscal Year. Mr. Davis is proposing a \$1.00 increase in In-Town and Out-Of-Town solid waste fees. Town Manager Gary Davis is also proposing \$1.50 increase in the flat sewer rate and a 2% COL increase for all employees, the Mayor and the Town Council.

The total proposed budget for the General Fund: \$794,600.00
W/S Fund: \$754,200.00
Electric Fund: \$2,746,400.00
Total Budget: \$4,295,200.00

Powell Bill Fund: \$25,000.00

The consensus of the Town Council was that there were no issues with the proposed budget.

At this time, Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Town Council that Robert Watson has finished his 6-month probationary period. Mr. Davis recommended that Mr. Watson be declared a full-time employee and receive the customary 5% pay increase. This would be made retroactive to May 11, 2017. Councilman Horne made a motion to grant Robert Watson the customary 5% pay increase, retroactive May 11, 2017, for completing his 6-month probationary period and be made a full time employee. With a second by Councilman Bass, all Council members present voted favorably.

Town Manager Gary Davis stated that Chief Rosario has completed his 1-year probationary period. Mr. Davis recommended that Chief Rosario be made a full time employee and receive the customary 5% pay increase. Councilman Horne made a motion to grant Chief Rosario the customary 5% pay increase for completing his 1 year probationary period and be made a full-

time employee. With a second by Councilwoman Grice, all Council members present voted favorably.

At this time, Town Manager Gary Davis asked the Council to give permission for the administrative staff to be paid every two weeks on the same schedule as the Police Department. With the pay schedule as it currently is, there is an additional payroll being done for only 3 employees. Councilman Horne made a motion to change the administrative staff pay cycle to every two weeks as with the Police Department. With a second by Councilwoman Grice, all Council members voted favorably.

Councilman Horne made a motion, with a second by Councilwoman Grice, to adjourn. All Council members voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting was closed at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha Bailey
Town Clerk/Finance Officer

William Edmundson
Mayor