Present: Mayor Mac Martin, Council Members S. Paige Bowers, Joe N. Moss, Harrison R. Holladay, Ken Dill; Town Administrator Phillip D. Mishoe; Fire Chief Ed Reynolds; Assistant Town Administrator Tom Cloer; and Town Clerk Susan A. Brewer.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mac Martin.

Joe Moss rendered the invocation.

Town Administrator presented the proposed budgets for year 2018-2019

General Fund
General fund is balanced. No millage increases or any other increase in business license is needed and using 42k from reserves to balance. We’ve used the reserve to balance for the last 5 years but have never needed it. Don’t be alarmed by the reserve number sometimes you just need to get it to balance. The Department Managers don’t spend it if we don’t have it. The value of a mill went up about 2k per mill. That little bit helped balance the budget.

Police Department
The increase in the value of a mill funded the increase in salary expenses in that department that were approved half way through last years budget.

Fire Department: We’ve created 4 volunteer positions to man the fires station between 8 – 5, Monday – Friday because we have to be classified as volunteers our involvement will be minimal in who mans those positions. The funding for these volunteers will be shared with Pickens County 50/50. The fire department is not requesting an increase for this. The funding has been there.

Enterprise Funds

Water, Sewer and Sanitation funds are presented as balanced. We are not requesting adjustments to the rates in order to balance. We are not requesting adjustments in order to balance. Dean is not anticipated any new equipment in the upcoming year.

Two percent COLA survived the budget. The town’s percentage for retirement went up 1% so they we have budgeted for that. Christmas bonus will be $300 dollars across the board for everyone. Workers Comp went down this budget year but it will go back up next year because of some injuries.
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Mayor Martin asked about the funding on the volunteer status. Phillip Mishoe said he had talked with the labor Attorney and the only way we can fund this was to classify them as a volunteer. The duties will not change. Just the classification.

Public Comments
There were no public comments.

With no objections Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Brewer, Town Clerk

Approved: ________________