

**TOWN OF CENTRAL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
CENTRAL TOWN HALL
1067 WEST MAIN STREET - CENTRAL, SC 29630
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020 – 6:45 pm**

Present: Mayor Mac Martin, Council Members S. Paige Bowers, Joe N. Moss, and Harrison R. Holladay, Town Administrator Phillip D. Mishoe; Fire Chief Ed Reynolds; Assistant Town Administrator Tom Cloer; Police Chief Steve Thompson; Deputy Town Clerk Mendy Fuller; Chad Hendricks, Russell Oglesby; and Town Clerk Susan A. Brewer.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mac Martin.

Lynne Chapman rendered the invocation.

Town Administrator presented the proposed budgets for year 2020-2021

Enterprise Funds

Water, Sewer and Sanitation funds are presented as balanced. We are not requesting adjustments to the rates in order to balance. We have not received an increase notice from our water supplier so we are able to balance without an increase.

Recycling and Sanitation

Sanitation is presented as balanced. We have struggled this current budget year to breakeven because of the expense of recycling. We have discontinued recycling. The expense that will go away is the wear and tear on the sanitation truck (tires, fuel, repairs). We understand that recycling is not a money- making endeavor but we expect to offset some of the cost. That was just not happening and has not happened for over a year.

General Fund

General fund is balanced. We are not requesting a mill increase this budget year. The value of a mill has increased by about \$1,000 so that has helped the budget. We are not requesting an increase in Business License. We are using 76k from reserves to balance. We've used the reserve to balance for the last 7 years but have never needed it. Don't be alarmed by the reserve number sometimes you just need to get it to balance. The number is really insignificant when you look at the total General Fund which is 2.3 million. The Department Managers don't spend it if we don't have it. We just need to plug a small number in the budget to get it to balance.

Police Department

We are moving forward with a lease agreement for four police cruisers. The funding will come from our savings on the dispatch services so it does not change the budget. We are in dire need of new vehicles for the PD. The PD is also, putting in for a grant for four more. I will keep you informed.

Fire Department includes 60k to fund payments for a new fire truck.

Recreation Center

The construction for the new gym has started. It is on schedule to be completed before the next basketball season. The new gym equipment has been installed. This budget reflects a \$24 increase in yearly memberships. This is necessary to continue to provide the level of service the members are accustomed to.

Overall

Two percent COLA survived the budget. The town's percent for retirement went up 1%, Workmen's Comp and property liability insurance also went up so, we have to budget for that.

Outlook

All of these revenue projections are based on historical data over the last 14 years. With the COVID-19 quarantine it is difficult to tell what the future holds. I have discussed this with other Administrators and MASC. We all expect that Business License's will be down and accommodation taxes will be down. We don't have accommodations taxes so we don't have to worry about it. Property taxes should remain steady.

In the enterprise funds (water and sewer) the college kids are mostly gone so our low water/sewer usage begin in the middle of March rather than the middle of May. We basically will have 6 months of low summer months usage rather than the normal 3 months. This will affect the current budget.

Provided the kids come back in the fall we should be fine in those funds.

Residential Sanitation should remain steady. Commercial Sanitation will depend on how many businesses survive our current situation.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

With no objections Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Brewer, Town Clerk

Approved: 07/06/2020

