

MINUTES APRIL 28, 2014

BUDGET MEETING 6:30pm

Mayor Pardue and all Council Members present. Mayor Pardue called the meeting to order.

The bid for \$1,000 for 208 Carr Street was approved at the April 14, 2014 meeting. The check we received from the closing in the amount of \$1,000, it paid all the taxes on the property, but \$76.33. We need to have the Board release these taxes.

Council Member Green made the motion to approve the tax release in the amount of \$76.33 on 208 Carr Street and Council Member Moore, seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

The Town Manager, Scott Buffkin mentioned our meeting we had with the County on April 16, 2014 about collecting Town taxes. The Board decided not to move forward with the County collecting our taxes, because it was not cost effective at this time.

Budget discussion involved going through the general fund and water expenses line items. This discussion proposed:

2.5% merit increases up to ½ of employee's, no cost of living increase discussed at this time...

Building maintenance line item was discussed in detail because the town needs to do some major repairs on rental property and property owned. The old town hall, fire station and roofs on rental property need to be taken care of soon. The library was not included in this discussion. Resurfacing the parking lot for the current town hall (quote \$3,977) from Carter and Kirk. More discussions will take place on building maintenance in the next budget meetings.

Roger Reece addressed the Board on his budget request. He would like to propose a 5% salary increase, buy 2 vehicles and sale 2 vehicles. Have a reserve line item for Chief's car and detectives car. Need more staff to control drug crimes. Other line items that was increased is due to the overall cost inflation.

Roger Reece spoke about the mold issue at the fire station and needs to be addressed soon. The Board would like to get natural gas at the fire station.

As the police department moves its operation to the fire station building, maintenance will be addressed one step at a time.

Tim Collins addressed the Board on his budget request for the street department. Part-time help needed for the summer mowing...buy a new excavator, which \$11,000 would come out of street, water and powell bill. The right away line item budgeted, \$10,000 to cut back trees on all right

aways. There will be a spring clean up and Tim needs to set a date for this event. The gray dump truck needs to be replaced and a new snow plow.

Council Member Moore would like a quote on more Christmas lights down Hwy 67. We talked about the banners also, and thought it would be a good idea to get a quote on them as well.

No more extensions on the Greenway grant. Expenses on greenway will be mowing and sowing grass.

Revenue line items will be discussed at the next budget meeting.

With no pending business to discuss Council Moore made the motion to adjourn and Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

Mayor, Gene Pardue

Town Clerk, Lynn Trivette