

**MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2015**

**BUDGET MEETING
6:30pm**

Mayor Pardue and all Council Members present except Council Member Green was absent. Mayor Pardue called the meeting to order.

BUDGET WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FAIR SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION AND SENATE BILL 369 IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE LEGISLATURE

The Board was excited about the drafted resolution supporting fair sales tax and hopefully the results will be big news!

SKID STEER/TRAILER

The Public Works Department found a one owner 2004 skid steer with 500 hours on it for \$15,000 and a trailer that goes with it for \$2,500 totaling \$17,500. Billy Robbins is the only person that has serviced this skid steer and he says it is a good deal. This skid steer can be used in several areas around the town especially the Greenway. Pictures were passed around for the Board to see.

Council Member Moore made the motion to approve the purchase of the skid steer up to \$17,500 including the trailer and Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, passed unanimous 3-0.

PARK USAGE

Town Manager had a meeting with Tony Anthony concerning the public using the park and the letter that was sent to him. The meeting went cordially, but the issue is still not solved. The Board would like an hourly and daily schedule of games made out for the town hall to have so the communication to others wanting to use the ball fields will be available for all.

Council Member Wall suggested posting specific signs at the park with times and also open to the public signs.

The Town Manager will generate another letter asking for a schedule to me made.

TELEPHONES/PER DIEM

We discussed the department heads receiving a certain per diem toward their personal cell phone bill due to those who are using them for work purposes. This would eliminate the Nextel bill which is around \$400.00 a month.

Council Member Darnell would like for the Town Manager to talk with Yadtel first to see if they have any recommendations for cell services.

INSURANCE

The office staff has met with two outside insurance agents this budget year and has found the town employees better coverage at a lower cost. We are hoping for an estimated savings around \$24,000 a year.

SPRING CLEAN UP

June 1st – 5th 2015 will be the week for the spring clean up and it will be posted on the website, paper, town hall and placed on water bills.

PHONE TREE

Getting various messages to the citizens besides the newspaper and website was discussed. Example: Spring Clean Up. The idea of a phone tree was a thought and this idea could be discussed with Yadtel when they are called about their cell services.

ABC CONTRACT (2) MEMBERS

The Town needs to appoint two members for the ABC Board and these members do not have to reside within the Town of Jonesville.

Names were discussed: Issy Hinshaw, Regina Adkins, Neil Finger, James Gillespie, Jennifer Kirk and Phyllis Salley.

MS. SMITH VEHICLE DAMAGE

The town's insurance denied the claim for the Smith couple that had reported their vehicles damaged on North Mineral Springs. The Town has done all they can do concerning this complaint and the couple will need to seek other advice from their insurance company.

SPEED BUMPS

No action taken on the speed bump discussion. The Board will discuss more.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Reece addressed the Board again with his concerns for his departmental salaries to be increased this budget year by \$3,000 each, so the department would be competitive with other surrounding police salaries.

Capital Reserve is showing \$10,000 in the line item and the plan is to sale the Crown Vic (green car) Scotty Vestal drives for \$2,000 to \$3,000 dollars, then purchase a newer used SUV (Tahoe).

NEXT BUDGET MEETING

The next scheduled budget meeting is Monday, May 18, 2015 at 6:30pm.

We have some items that need to be sold within the departments including the town car. A resolution will be drafted and proposed at the next town meeting.

With no pending business to discuss Council Member Moore made the motion to adjourn and Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, passed unanimous 3-0.

Mayor, Gene Pardue

CMC, Lynn Trivette