

**MINUTES
MAY 23, 2016**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP
6:30pm**

Mayor Pardue and all Council Members were present except Council Member Moore. Mayor Pardue called the meeting to order.

Discussion: General Fund

The Board does not propose a tax increase on real property. Looks promising that the sales tax line item will increase estimated at \$40,000.

Increasing the vehicle tax will allow an increase in the paving line item (Powell Bill) estimated at \$50,000.

The street department numbers were addressed again decreasing the salary line item by a full-time salary. Town Manager does not recommend hiring a full-time person at this time.

Council Member Wolfe would like to request a newsletter in this year's budget.

Council Member Wolfe would like to request cell phone reimbursements in this year's budget if possible.

Council Member Wolfe would like to see part-time hired full-time in the street department.

Discussion: Water Fund

The Board does not propose a water increase at this date in time, but maybe a small increase in September.

Reimbursement to general fund line item for salaries in Administration that help out the water department has been decreased by \$20,000.

Council Member Wolfe discussed researching the customers that are under 1,000 gallons monthly.

Need to have more discussion on Little Creek and Timberwood Apartments concerning their flat rates.

Tim Collins addressed the Board concerning security needed at the water plant. The Board mentioned a propane tank and fencing. No action was taken.

Tim Collins addressed the Board concerning re-reads and how much time it is taking to return to the same house numerous times. A meeting is suggested with the Administration department to establish some rules but to maintain good customer service.

Council Member Wolfe would like to look into reducing landfill costs but our contract is not up with Waste Management for another two years.

No action was taken at this meeting.

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

Gene Pardue, Mayor

Lynn Trivette, CMC, NCCMC