

MINUTES
MARCH 31, 2017
BUDGET WORKSHOP
8:00am

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

Discussion: Water Revenues and Expenses

Growth and Water Rates

Discussed water fees line(item) and talked about implementing a 5-year plan for the water fund and its operations.

Discussed the Yadkin County Water Sales (line item)

In reviewing the Yadkin County water sales detailed report (A/R) and the payment detail report to Yadkin County (A/P) which is for billing and collecting for their 95 water customers the Board questioned why the money paid to the County for their 95 water customers totaling \$117,836.94 in the 9th month (rates increased last year) was so much higher than the one showing the sale of water to them in the 9th month which was \$56,246.70 (rates were increased last year)? The Board is concerned that this could be affecting the water revenues somehow and would like for the staff to look into these two line items.

- Priority Goals:

Fund Balance increase

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General Fund increases because it is not helping the water fund

LGC takes us off their list

- Little Creek Apartments 2- 2” meters, Timberwood 6” meter and all motels need new meters.

Tim addressed the Board concerning Timberwood Apartments on Triplett Street that does not have a meter that is read during the month so their billing is determined by a flat fee. The goal is to install the 6” meter so the town will be able to read the meter and determine actual usage that can be billed. Tim has been doing a 3-month study on the flat fee and he feels this would increase revenues slightly. Other projects for new meters that would help increase revenues are also in the discussion stages.

- Environmental Finance Center Network/LGC recommended (Tools and resources for small water systems that will help us deliver a message)
- 5- Year Plan.....the Board can take their packet home and look over the proposed scenarios from the EFCN study. Council Member Moore would like at the next budget workshop to engage in recreation of our own rate plan using the EFCN spreadsheet to see other rate options. Also using the Dashboard from the UNC School of Government to compare other towns our size and their rate plans.
 1. Scenario #1 (First year we break even) +620
 - a. (does not include capital projects, repairs or depreciation)
 2. Scenario #2 (First year we break even) +8017
 - b. (does not include capital projects, repairs or depreciation)

Water Expenses

- Environmental Finance Center Network/LGC recommended (Tools and resources for small water systems that will help us deliver a message)
- 5- Year Plan (a 3% inflation is built into the plan)
- Yearly Operations (line items) One Example:

Tim discussed with the Board that we are in our 9th month and there are no funds in “supplies line item” to order any residential meters and we have 3 months left in the year. Tim is concerned about emergency repairs and simply day to day operations in all other line items.

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Jonesville/Yadkin County working together to find a solution on water testing results.

- Shane and Billy testing together before and after the Eck Road tank temporarily offline
- Quote removing the tank from the system, the two stand pipes and adding a booster pump to the line to increase the pressure going to PVH and Cracker Barrel
- Quote to dredge the reservoir
- County mapping our lines and valves with GIS
- Monthly meetings

No action was taken at this meeting and the next budget workshop will be Friday, April 7, 2017 at 8 am and will continue discussing the water fund and its operations.

The Town Manager position has been filled by Michael Pardue from Elkin, NC and he signed his agreement today. He also observed the budget workshop. His start date will be Monday, May 8, 2017.

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

Gene Pardue, Mayor

Lynn Trivette, CMC, NCCMC