

MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL
June 11, 2019
Whitsett Town Hall Building

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at the Whitsett Town Hall. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Richard Fennell, Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown, Council Members Jerry Rice, Cindy Wheeler, and Lee Greeson.

Also present were Town Administrator Ken Jacobs, CPA Wanda Baldwin of Cobb Ezekiel Loy & Company, P.A., *The Alamance News* reporter Tomas Murawski, and one town resident. Absent was Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia.

Mayor Richard Fennell asked Council Member Jerry Rice to offer the invocation. Mayor Fennell then asked for a motion to officially open the June public hearing. A motion was made by Council Member Lee Greeson to open the hearing; motion seconded by Council Member Jerry Rice. Following the unanimous vote, Mayor Fennell declared the hearing in session.

Mayor Fennell stated that the item open for discussion and public comment during the hearing would be the proposed 2019-2020 Town Operating Budget.

Preview copies of the proposed operating budget were available for the public after publication of the hearing notice in a newspaper of general circulation, as well as at the hearing. The proposed detailed budget had been provided to the members of the Town Council at the May meeting, and the budget ordinance formally adopting the budget had been provided in Council's advance packets.

1. Proposed 2019-2020 Town Operating Budget

Mayor Fennell asked for any input from the public on the proposed budget, and with none, stated for the record that the current property tax rate of \$0.15 per \$100 valuation would be maintained for the upcoming budget year, and would account for over 52% in revenues for the General Fund.

The aggregate operating budget would total \$202,960 with a split of 85% attributed to the General Fund and 15% to the Water Fund. In addition, the final June 2019-2020 proposed budget reflected an \$8,625 or 4.4% increase over last year's budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fennell offered those present a final opportunity for questions or comments; and with none, asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Jerry Rice made the motion to close the public hearing; motion seconded by Council Member Cindy Wheeler. Motion carried by unanimous vote, and the June 11, 2019 public hearing was adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m., to then proceed with the regular Council meeting.

/s/

Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

/s/

Richard Fennell, Mayor

APPROVED: July 9, 2019