

**Board of Aldermen
Special Meeting
March 23, 2015
5:30 P.M.
Minutes**

Present: Mayor Dale Baldwin, Alderman Calvin Green, Alderman Tom Hartman, Alderman John Reeves, Alderman Stephen Shoemaker, Alderman Brett Summey, Town Manager Brantley Price, Wesley Barker, Heather Holdaway, Matthew Levi, Eric Miller, Jeff Rose, Charles Call, Erik Hoffmann.

At 5:30 p.m. Mayor Baldwin called to order the special meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Consideration of Resolution for ARC Grant Funding

Brantley explained this potential grant funding to the Board stating this would be funding for the well project and sludge dewatering project. A resolution would need to be approved by the Board to apply for ARC funding and for the Town to provide \$100,000 in funding towards this project. The \$100,000 will show Town support for the projects and will increase the Town's chances of receiving grant funding. Brantley said hopefully the Town will get up to \$300,000 in ARC grant funds and the Town would then apply for approximately \$200,000 in loan or grant funds from USDA. Brantley said USDA may not approve grant funds due to the Town having \$594,000 in the water/sewer unrestricted fund balance. With no discussion, Alderman Green made the motion to approve this resolution and to apply for grant funding. Alderman Shoemaker seconded with a vote of 5-0 in favor.

Consideration of Resolution Opposing any Modification to Chapter 18-B of the North Carolina General Statutes- Selling Liquors at Distilleries

Brantley explained to the Board this resolution would support the ABC board's opposition of the current Senate Bill 24 that would allow the sale of spirituous liquors at distilleries. Haskell McGuire discussed this bill at the last meeting. With no discussion, Alderman Reeves made the motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Alderman Shoemaker. The vote of 5-0 in favor.

Discussion of Town Budget- FY 2015-16

The budget discussion took place among each department head who explained items they would like to include in their respective budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. Highlights from Administrative include potential raise in Town tax rate from \$0.42 to \$0.43 due to the County's recent revaluation. The Board recommend to wait and see what the County would do before moving forward on this. Further, the Town would be paying \$25,000 towards the GE expansion as agreed upon with the incentive grant. Health insurance quotes are not in at this time and would be discussed at a later meeting date. Items discussed for the Police department included increase in overtime, increase in uniforms and increase in drug task force funds. Also the department is asking for a new Ford SUV police car at an estimated cost of \$47,000. Requests from Streets include construction administration for Jefferson Ave. & Second St. improvements, \$10,000, additional paving costs of \$50-75,000, new barricades and detour signs, replace metal on maintenance building, salt for roads, adding power to bumpouts, a small track hoe and a new rhino ATV to be split between streets and the park. Park budget requests included the repair and repainting of the tennis courts, painting of fence around cemetery and mulch for play areas. Requests from the water department include a new flow meter, chemical feed pumps, lawn mower and SCADA upgrades. It was discussed the water line replacement for Burkett Ave. and Graybeal Ave. would be a fully funded grant from CDBG at a cost of \$490,000. Further, \$5,000 would continue to be put back each year for replacement of water meters which have a 20 year span. The sewer department requests include a sewer

jetter, UV system maintenance, pump for scum tank, belt press rental until a system is installed, new pump for Greenfield pump station and a 40' x 40' shed to cover filter system at sewer plant.

With no further items to be discussed, Alderman Reeves made the motion to adjourn the special meeting. Alderman Hartman seconded with a vote of 5-0 in favor. The time was 6:30 p.m.

Dale Baldwin, Mayor

Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk