

Town of West Jefferson - Board of Aldermen
Special Budget Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2016 | 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Dale Baldwin, Alderman Calvin Green, Alderman Jerry McMillan, Alderman John Reeves, Alderman Stephen Shoemaker, Alderman Brett Summey, Town Manager Brantley Price, Town Finance Officer Heather Holdaway, Town Clerk Wesley Barker.

At 5:01 p.m. Mayor Baldwin called to order the special meeting of the Board of Aldermen for the budget workshop.

Presentation of Budget- Fiscal Year 16-17- Brantley spoke to the Board and stated, per G.S. 159-11, the Board must be presented with a recommended operating budget prior to June 1st and the budget must be enacted by July 1st each year. Also, the proposed budget must be advertised in the paper at least 10 days before the next Board meeting when a public hearing must be held. The next regularly scheduled Aldermen meeting will be on Monday, June 6th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Brantley said this is the official presentation of the proposed budget as well as the budget message. Noted changes in this proposed budget from the previous meeting include: changing the number of police cars to purchase from 2 to 1 and a 1% COLA (cost of living adjustment) for all employees, changed from the originally proposed 3%. The police car would cost approximately \$60,000. Alderman Green asked why the cost of one police car would not be half (\$45,000) of the original budgeted amount for two cars at \$90,000. Brantley explained one police car would include more features i.e. computer, lights, etc. and the make of the vehicle has changed from a Dodge Durango to Ford Explorer.

The Board then discussed adding more trash cans and “dog depot” clean-up stations at the new parking lot location and possibly along Jefferson Avenue. After some discussion, the Board was in consensus to purchase an additional 3 trash cans and 2 “dog depot” clean up stations to be placed at the new parking lot at an estimated cost of \$6,000.

With nothing further, Alderman Reeves made the motion to adjourn the special meeting, seconded by Alderman McMillan. The vote of 5-0 in favor.

Dale Baldwin, Mayor

Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk