

**Board of Aldermen
Special Meeting
May 12, 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 (absent)*, Town Manager Brantley Price, Town Clerk Wesley Barker & James Howell.

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

Presentation of Town Budget- FY 2015-16

Brantley explained the budget must be presented to the Board of Aldermen before June 1st. He then went over the changes made to the proposed budget since the last budget meeting. Highlights of the budget include: no increase of property taxes with the tax rate remaining at 42 cents per 100 dollars in valuation, \$500,000 for the GE Building Reuse Grant, a 10.5% increase in group health insurance with the same benefits for employees through Blue Cross Blue Shield, and a 1% across-the-board cost of living adjustment for all employees. Another noteworthy item includes \$20,000 for sidewalk repair throughout town. A suggestion was made to keep the sidewalks uniform with the town's design such as incorporating brick pavers in them. Also, \$46,000 was budgeted for a new police vehicle which included a \$1000 increase for vehicle supplies.

Discussion then took place about the Town's fund balance which has an estimated \$1 million. Alderman Green said he felt the Town should move forward with the public restroom project. He said he would like to get Kevin Nichols to architect the restroom project and move forward with bids. The Centennial Commission is also raising money for this project and could purchase benches and/or murals or contribute to the Town's fund balance. The Board said these restrooms could have three toilets each; 2 urinals and 1 commode for men and 3 commodes for women as well as making them handicap accessible. Alderman Green said he would also like to pave the Town's parking lot located by Dr. Rector's office. Some discussion took place on issues with storm water runoff, alleyway flooding and the need for engineering of the parking lot. After some discussion, the Board would like to get an estimate from Shatley Paving as well as set up a meeting with Mike Acquesta about solutions for runoff from this parking lot. The Board discussed amounts of funding toward the restroom and parking lot projects and a consensus was made to take \$200,000 out of fund balance and use \$100,000 for each project, or as needed.

With no further discussion, Alderman Hartman made the motion to adjourn the special meeting. Alderman Shoemaker seconded with a vote of 5-0 in favor. The time was 6:05 p.m.

Dale Baldwin, Mayor

Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk