



City of Fountain Inn
Council Budget Workshop
April 30, 2020 - 6:00 PM - 200 N. Main Street, Council Chambers
Virtual Online Meeting via Zoom
The meeting was live streamed on the City's Facebook page

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor George Patrick (GP) McLeer, Mack Blackstone, Phil Clemmer, Anthony Cunningham, Anjeanette (AJ) Dearybury, John Mahony and Jay Thomason

Others Present: Shawn Bell, David Holmes, Naomi Reed

Due to COVID-19 guidelines, members of the public were not allowed to attend this meeting in person. The meeting was live streamed. Information concerning the live stream was posted on the city's website.

Call to Order – Mayor McLeer

Invocation – Councilmember Blackstone

Pledge of Allegiance

Hospitality Tax Grant Applications

Debbie Alphin with the Younts Center, Whitney Ferguson with the Fountain Inn Chamber and Steve Cox with the History Museum presented their Hospitality Tax Grant applications to Council.

Mayor McLeer reminded everyone that the 2% Hospitality Tax that is collected on prepared food and beverages can only be used for tourism related activity and these three entities qualify for the grant funding.

FY20 Budget Amendment

Mr. Bell stated that he is not asking Council to vote on the budget amendment tonight. This is a review in preparation for first reading at the May Council meeting.

He explained that each year Council approves a budget projecting receipts and expenditures. Extenuating circumstances throughout the year make it appropriate for Council to adopt an ordinance reflecting the deviations.

The budget amendment is balanced. The revenue increased \$405,900 and the expense increased \$405,900.

Due to residential growth, certain revenue lines were under budgeted. (Fire Service Area, Greenville County and Laurens County Taxes, Rezoning Fees). The increase in those line items total \$290,000 plus \$115,000 in fund balance totals \$405,900.

Expense increased due to the 800 Radio Purchase, website audit, payroll consultant fees, police and fire education incentive, special events marketing and internet expense were under budgeted. The balanced budget amendment cleans up the budget for upcoming audit.

We will have first reading on the budget amendment May 14th.

Health Insurance Renewal

Mr. Bell updated council on the insurance renewal process.

He stated the city is currently enrolled with United Healthcare and that company has served us well after last years' experience.

The Insurance Broker sought quotes, and the best quote was received from Blue Choice. The Broker gave a presentation to department heads and a survey was sent out to all employees.

He stated that after getting employee feedback we will switch to Blue Choice.

City Administrator Report

Mr. Bell reviewed the budget timeline –

May 7, 2020 – 6pm - Budget work session (Zoom Meeting)

May 14, 2020 – 6pm - Regular meeting (Zoom Meeting)

May 28, 2020 – 6pm - Public Hearing - First reading (In person)

June 4, 2020 – 6pm - Budget work session – if needed (In person)

June 11, 2020 – 6pm - Regular Council meeting- Second and final reading (In person)

Mr. Bell stated he has reviewed the March 2020 Hospitality Tax collections. There was a slight decline, but not severe. Three restaurants have yet to report March receipts. We will have a better idea as to the extent of COVID-19 repercussions when we receive April returns on May 20th.

The gas drive thru window has re-opened. The building is still closed to public

Council Meeting Minutes
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A few city hall employees are back on site. We are gradually bringing everyone back. There are plans to sanitize the facilities soon. .

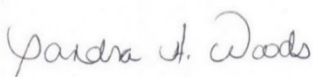
May 9 – Parade for Mason, a 3 three year old who is autistic. Due to Covid 19, Mason is not able to have a normal birthday party. Several of our departments will be participating in a parade that has been planned for Mason.

Court parking lot on schedule for next week.

The first portion of wayfinding signs has been installed.

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember Clemmer to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Time: 7:30 pm

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra H. Woods".

Sandra H. Woods, CMC
Municipal Clerk