

MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL
August 11, 2020
Whitsett Town Hall Building

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at the Whitsett Town Hall. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Richard Fennell, Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice, Council Members Cindy Wheeler, Lee Greeson, and Jamie King.

Also present were Town Administrator Ken Jacobs, *The Alamance News* reporter Tomas Murawski, and two Town residents. Absent was Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia.

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

Mayor Fennell stated that the single item open for discussion and public comment during the hearing would be the proposed 2020-2021 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 July meeting, and the budget ordinance formally adopting the budget had been provided in Council's advance packets.

1. Proposed 2020-2021 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, which would account for almost 54% in revenues for the General Fund.

The aggregate operating budget would total \$190,830 with a split of 89% attributed to the General Fund and 11% to the Water Fund. In addition, following the July-August interim budget, the final 2020-2021 conservative budget reflected a \$12,130 or 6% decrease from last year due to the uncertain impact that the existing public health threat might have on national and local operations.

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. Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice made the motion to close the public hearing; motion seconded simultaneously by Council Members Cindy Wheeler and Jamie King. Motion carried by unanimous vote, and the August 11, 2020 public hearing was adjourned at approximately 7:04 p.m., to then proceed with the regular Council meeting.

/s/

Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

/s/

Richard Fennell, Mayor

APPROVED: September 8, 2020