

TOWN OF MAIDEN

May 7, 2018

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Maiden Town Council met on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting, held in the Council Chambers at the Maiden Town Hall.

Present for the meeting were Mayor Bob Smyre, Mayor Pro-Tem Max Bumgarner Jr., Councilmembers Danny Hipps, Trina Michael, Marcus Midgett and Ronnie Williams.

Also present were Town Manager Todd Herms, Town Attorney Scott Conrad, Town Clerk Elizabeth Krige and the following Department Heads: Blake Wright, Tammy Hawn, Jody Rogers, Billy Price, Tracy Ledford and Tracy Caldwell.

Others attending: See attached sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Bob Smyre.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAX BUMGARNER JR TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Approval of the Minutes (4/16/2018 Regular Meeting):

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAX BUMGARNER JR TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2018 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Proclamation for National Poppy Day

Mayor Bob Smyre read a proclamation designating May 25th, 2018 as National Poppy Day in support of veterans.

5. Old Business

A. Police Department Architect Rendering

Mr. Herms presented the new brick façade that will be installed on the front of the Police Department. He told Council this change order would take until August to complete.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL TO APPROVE OF THE ARCITECT RENDERING USING THE QUEEN STYLE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Ordinances

A. 12-2018 An Ordinance to Amend the FY 17-18 Budget in the General Fund-Council

Mr. Herms explained that Joe Duckworth had applied for and received a grant from the Winston-Salem Foundation to build bookcases in the Klutz Building. This would allow the Town to display historic items. This ordinance will bring the funds into the budget.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHEAL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS MIDGETT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 12-2018. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget

Mr. Herms presented his proposed budget to the Council. Mr. Herms' goal was to balance the constraints of the town's revenues with the responsibility to provide service. Per the General Statutes revenues must equal expenditures.

The property tax rate remains the same at .38 per \$100, electric rates will go down 2%, water rates are increasing 2%, sewer rates will change to \$1 for the first 3,000 gallons and then a 2% increase. Trash and recycling rates will remain the same however, Mr. Herms stated the tipping fees at the landfill are increasing and this rate may need to rise in the future. This fee also covers leaf pick-up.

Wholesale Rates: Electric is decreasing 5.7%, water is increasing 2.1%, Republic trash collection is increasing 2.1% and employee health insurance is increasing 3.1%.

The projected revenues for the General Fund are \$9,447,995; projected revenues for the Electrical Fund are \$7,336,085 and projected revenues for the Water & Sewer Fund are \$2,505,881.

Tax Base: The projected tax base for the Town is \$1,658,500,000. The breakdown of our tax base is business personal at 76.3%. Industrial property accounts for 12.1% of the tax base, followed by 8.3% from residential property, 1.2% from motor vehicles and .8% of the tax base is from public utilities.

Tax Rate: The tax rate in Maiden is \$0.38 per \$100.00 and is lower than any town in Catawba or Lincoln county.

Maiden's Top Employers: Mr. Herms presented information on the top employers in Maiden. GKN has 1550 employees, followed by Ethan Allen with 900, Apple with 500 employees, McCreary Modern

with 370 employees, Catawba County Schools with 250 employees, von Drehel Corporation has 120 employees, Lake Electric, 115, Temple, 115, Carolina Nonwovens, 65, and Lawrence Lumber Company, 35. The Town of Maiden employees 48 people.

Council: Council's budget is \$4,082,313 with \$3,842,951 budgeted for incentive payments to Apple, GKN, South Fork and Ethan Allan.

Administrative: The Administrative budget for 18-19 is \$257,751 which includes a Pay and Class Study as well as professional development.

Finance: The budget for Finance is \$417,319 and includes funds for employee training, travel and meetings.

Information Technology: The budget for Information Technology is \$286,782. This includes \$30,000 to expand public Wi-Fi at Rosenwald Park. Another \$30,000 is budgeted for infrastructure upgrades.

Planning and Zoning: For 2018-2019, the total budget for Planning and Zoning is \$170,942. Mr. Herms explained the Town would be participating in a pilot program through the WPCOG for code enforcement at a cost of \$32,600.

Town Hall: The budgeted amount for Town Hall is \$117,362 with no major changes.

Police: The fiscal year budget for 18-19 is \$1,599,727. This will provide for one additional patrol officer and two vehicles fully equipped.

Fire: The budgeted amount for the Fire Department is \$470,400 with \$60,000 for the fire grant.

Garage: The Garage budget is \$193,945 and includes \$4,500 for system scan upgrades.

Street: The Street Department budget is \$583,469 and includes funds for repair of the parking lot and a pickup truck.

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Councilmember Danny Hipps asked if the roads listed in the presentation were on the schedule to be paved next per the study and Mr. Herms said that they were.

Mr. Herms presented an option to increase funds for street paving. NCGS 20-97 allows municipalities to charge \$30.00 per vehicle per year. The Town does not operate a public transit system therefore the most the Town could charge is \$25.00. This would provide \$97,800 in additional funding for paving. Mr. Herms said if it was passed this year the funds would be available for the next fiscal year.

The Council and Manager discussed the pros and cons of such a tax and the fact that 12,000 cars drive through the town each day. Mr. Herms said his recommendation would be to stay on the course of

paving 3-4 roads per year using the list recommended by the engineering firm and to have a study conducted again in two years.

Sanitation: The sanitation budget is \$235,855.

Recreation: The Recreation budget is \$235,855 and includes funds for one additional full time employee, concrete work around the ball fields, safety netting along fields 3 and 4 and an online registration system.

Cemetery: There were no major changes to the Cemetery budget, the budgeted amount is \$41,025. Mr. Herms said we have enough graves for about the next 10 to 12 years.

Debt Service: The total amount budget for debt service is \$276,908 which is \$91,292 for Town Hall and \$185,616 for the Police Department.

Mr. Herms recommends a 2.5% COLA and 2.5% merit increase for employees as well as \$100 per employee for an FSA. He also requests adding Martin Luther King Jr Day as a paid holiday for employees. 94.7% of municipalities in North Carolina offer this day as a paid holiday.

The projected revenues for the Fund 30-Electrical Budget are \$7,350,485. There are 1,150 electric customers. The top electric customer is GKN who spent \$2,104,392. NCMIPA1 ownership for Maiden is 1.2891%, Maiden's share of the debt is \$12,557,445.

The Electric budget includes \$5,919,668 for power purchase, \$14,000 for electrical locks at Public Works, \$45,000 for lot clean-up, \$120,000 for line distribution work, \$40,000 for tree trimming, \$35,000 for street light replacement, a new pick-up truck and reimbursement of \$219,275 to the General Fund.

The Water/Sewer Fund has projected revenues of \$2,505,881, water accounts for \$1,248,683 and sewer \$963,500, interest and late fees account for \$293,698. Southfork Industries is the town's largest water customer. The General Assembly may look at inside vs outside rates next year, this may cause the town to do away with outside rates, with a potential increase of 19.1% to all customers.

The expenditures for Fund 35 in distribution include \$9,845 for paving the public works parking lot, \$30,000 for a pick-up truck, \$41,000 for the removal of abandoned sewer aerial and \$130,000 for the Hickory Water Plant capacity. The Waste Water Treatment Plant's budget is \$644,703 and includes \$46,380 for backup pump replacements on Wendover pump stations and \$51,023 for WEMCO hydrogritter.

The Sewer Mains budget is \$538,048 and includes \$9845 for paving the Public Works parking lot, \$30,000 for a pickup truck and \$30,000 to Capital Reserve for a sewer jet.

The only recommend change to the fee schedule is to charge actual cost plus 25% for water and sewer line extension.

At this time there was general discussion and questions from Council regarding the outsourcing of code enforcement, the potential increase in sanitation fees, the 321 intersection and property for a new fire department.

With no further comments...

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TRINA MICHAEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE WILLIAMS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:57 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk

Robert L. Smyre, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Yokley-Krige, Town Clerk