

TOWN OF BURNSVILLE  
Special Meeting  
May 8, 2017

On May 8, 2017, the Town Council, with members Mayor Theresa Coletta, Ruth Banks, Judy Buchanan, Shannon Peterson and Ron Powell present, held a special meeting at the Burnsville Town Center. Also in attendance were staff members Brian Buchanan, Leslie Crowder, Jon England, Jeanne Martin, Niles Howell, and Ronnie Tipton; and visitors Eddie Bodford, Brian Franklin, and Jamie McMahan. The purpose of the meeting was to consider and possibly take action on the following:

1. Economic Development
2. Recommendation of Award – Micaville Elementary School Water Line Extension
3. Review of upcoming Town Council/budget worksession dates
4. Conduct a budget work session for FY 2017 – 2018

Economic Development

Ron Powell made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) and NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5). The motion was seconded by Ruth Banks, and carried unanimously.

In open session, the following action was taken:

1. Theresa Coletta moved to authorize Jamie McMahan to approach a private investor for an indication of interest in a portion of property being considered for potential purchase by the Town for economic development. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which carried.
2. Theresa Coletta moved to authorize an expenditure for Jamie McMahan's services as the Town's agent in the potential purchase of property. Shannon Peterson seconded the motion, which carried.

Recommendation of Award – Micaville Elementary School Water Line Extension

Ronnie Tipton asked Council for a motion to award a contract to Stillwell Enterprises for the Micaville Elementary School Water Line project, contingent on an easement agreement with the D.O.T.

Ron Powell moved to award the contract to Stillwell Enterprises for the aforesaid project, contingent on an easement agreement with the D.O.T. Theresa Coletta seconded the motion, which carried.

Review of Upcoming Town Council/Budget Work Session Dates

A schedule of upcoming Town Council/Budget Work Session Dates was reviewed. It was noted that the work session scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. would present a conflict for Councilor Shannon Peterson. Council members generally agreed to change the meeting time to 6:00 p.m. on May 16, 2017.

Conduct a Budget Work Session for FY 2017-2018

Council reviewed preliminary numbers for the **Police Department** budget. Police Chief Brian Buchanan explained the rationale behind increases to some lines, and mentioned that reserve officers are not being paid a competitive rate (\$12.79), so the reserve line will increase to accommodate a rate \$15.00/hour for reserve officers, which will contribute to a savings on overtime.

In the **Water/Sewer** fund, revenues were discussed at length. Since the Asset Management Improvement Plan calls for a 3% across-the-board increase, and Council acknowledged having agreed to aggressively pursue repairs to the East-West lines, Ron Powell moved to increase water/sewer rates by 3%. Theresa Coletta seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

Ayes

Theresa Coletta  
Shannon Peterson  
Ron Powell

Noes

Ruth Banks (2%)  
Judy Buchanan (2%)

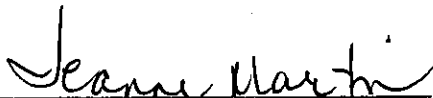
Motion carried to increase water/sewer rates by 3%.


Public Works Director Ronnie Tipton explained that amounts appearing in the Capital Outlay lines can be attributed to the purchase and installation of AMRs (automatic meter readers) to complete Routes 1, 2, and 3, and the purchase of a jetter to preventatively clean lines. He advised that he is budgeting for part-time workers at \$13/hour 2 days per week to mow, weed eat, pick up trash, etc.

Councilors considered the **Fire Department** budget, which is pretty much the same as last year. Chief Niles Howell said that the department will be reverting back to a full-time employee.

**Pay raises** were considered, and Councilors were told that the COLA increase is 2.4% and the NCLM average is 2.46%. Theresa Coletta moved to increase employee salaries by 2.46%. Ron Powell seconded the motion, which carried.

There being no further business, Judy Buchanan moved to adjourn. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which carried.

  
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Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk

  
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Theresa Coletta, Mayor