

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – BUDGET ADOPTION
July 1, 2013

THE WAYNESVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN held a special meeting on Tuesday July 1, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the board room of Town Hall, 9 South Main Street, Waynesville, NC.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Gavin Brown
Alderman Gary Caldwell
Alderman Julia Freeman
Alderman Wells Greeley
Alderman LeRoy Roberson

The following staff members were present:

Marcy Onieal, Town Manager
Woodrow Griffin, Town Attorney
Alison Melnikova, Assistant Town Manager
Eddie Ward, Deputy Clerk
Eddie Caldwell, Finance Director

Representing the media:

Mary Ann Enloe, The Mountaineer
Caitlin Bowling, Smoky Mountain News

1. Welcome /Calendar/Announcements

Mayor Brown welcomed everyone and asked Manager Onieal to summarize the FY 13-14 Budget.

Manager Onieal said the total budget proposal is \$31,780,480, with \$15,102,060 in General Fund, \$3,303,710 in Water Fund, \$3,208,560 in Sewer Fund, and \$10,166,150 in the Electric Fund.

The tax rate will be maintained at 40.82 cents per \$100 evaluation on real and personal property. Also, the Town is moving towards a gross receipt format with business privilege licenses. Water and Sewer rates are increasing 6% in keeping with the recommendation of the Water-Sewer Management Plan. A recommendation for increased electric rates will be brought before the Board at a later date in preparation of the anticipated increases from Duke Energy Progress.

Manager Onieal said this budget is basically a continuation budget with a few notable exceptions related to the Lake Junaluska annexation. Some of the main increases in the budget include the 14.5 new positions associated with Lake Junaluska, implementation of an IT Master Plan, 2.1% in wage adjustments and human resource needs, and a 13.5% increase in health insurance rates. Some of

the projects included in this budget are the proposed water and sewer lines to the rest area on U.S. Highway 19. She said this project will be a “wash” because of reimbursement from the State of North Carolina. Another project is the approved loan for the Hyatt Trace affordable housing project. There is very little else in capital expenditure in what is both an ambitious but lean budget in a year in which we have already lost a quarter of a million dollars in ABC and sweepstakes revenue and potentially face more cuts from the State’s tax reform package.

Manager Onieal emphasized that at this point, there is no decision on the annexation of Lake Junaluska. She stated that if there is no decision made by the General Assembly, or if the Town’s budget is impacted in a significant way related to either state tax reform or the annexation bill, then she will immediately follow up with a recommendation for a budget amendment. She referred to a summary of Lake Junaluska Revenues and Expenditures in the agenda packets, noting that Lake Junaluska accounts for approximately \$700,000 in the General Fund budget and another \$500,000 in the utility funds.

She expressed regret that the General Assembly has disregarded its own self-imposed deadline for resolving these matters and thanked the board for holding this special meeting for the purpose of adopting the FY13-14 budget by the statutory deadline with mere hours to spare.

B. ADOPTION OF FY 13-14 BUDGET

2. FY 13-14 Budget Ordinance #o-07-13

A motion was made by Alderman Greely, seconded by Alderman Roberson, to adopt Budget Ordinance #0-07-13, establishing the FY 13-14 annual operating budget for the Town of Waynesville as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FY 13-14 Internal Service Funds-Financial Operating Plan

A motion was made by Alderman Roberson, seconded by Alderman Greely, to adopt Resolution #R-10-13, establishing the FY 13-14 operating plan for two Internal Service Funds for Public Operations and Garage Operations, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

F. ADJOURN

With no further business, Alderman Caldwell, seconded by Alderman Greeley made a motion to adjourn at 5:41 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Gavin Brown, Mayor

Marcia D. Onieal, Town Manager

Eddie Ward, Deputy Town Clerk