

MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL
June 8, 2021
Whitsett Town Hall Building

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 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 and Lee Greeson. Absent was Council Member Craig York.

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

Mayor Richard Fennell asked Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice to offer the invocation. Mayor Fennell then asked for a motion to officially open the June public hearing. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice to open the hearing; motion seconded by Council Member Lee Greeson. 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 2021-2022 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 May meeting, and the budget ordinance formally adopting the budget had been provided in Council's advance June 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 just over 52% in revenues for the General Fund. Per capita shared distributions would account for 38% income, with the remaining 10% attributed to investments and miscellaneous revenues. Of note, the Water Fund remained essentially identical to that of last year.

The aggregate operating budget would total \$199,050 with little past differing of a split of 89% accredited to the General Fund and 11% to the Water Fund.

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 by Council Member Lee Greeson. Motion carried by unanimous vote, and the June 8, 2021 public hearing was adjourned at approximately 7:03 p.m., to then proceed with the regular Council meeting.

/s/

Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

/s/

Richard Fennell, Mayor

APPROVED: July 13, 2021