

SPECIAL MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008

The Special Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dees. Commissioners Collins, Luther, Gorman, and Maynor were present. Commissioner Warner arrived at 7:17 p.m.

Others present were Town Manager Randy Beeman, Finance Director Jeff Saleeby, Chief Building Inspector Mike Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director Stan Braswell, Maxey Dove, and Tommy Tatum.

1. INSPECTION DEPARTMENT.

Chief Building Inspector Mike Bailey thanked the Board for last year's budget. He said it allowed them to purchase a permitting software program, which is working very well for the department.

Mr. Bailey said it was the Inspections Department mission to provide for public safety, health and general welfare, through the effective and efficient administration and enforcement of the North Carolina State Building Codes and the Town of Hope Mills Ordinances.

Mr. Bailey briefly discussed the following budget needs for his department:

1. One (1) additional employee.
2. Reclassification of employee Jeffrey L. Wade.
3. Two (2) new vehicles and replacing the 1993 Police Interceptor.
4. Increase contracted services to cover the annual Text Support fee for the permit software.

The Board briefly discussed the salary of an additional employee for the Inspection Department, and the increasing of fees for the department.

Commissioner Collins asked Mr. Bailey to provide the Board with a list of all the fee increases he wishes to make.

Commissioner Maynor said there were a lot of requests for new vehicles, and suggested they need to look into what is available in the fleet of vehicles the Town already has.

2. PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

Parks and Recreation Department Stan Braswell addressed the Board on the following line items:

1. Part-time salaries for two (2) additional Recreation Leaders.
2. Professional services which includes drug testing for employees and background checks for coaches and officials depending on the agreement with the Hope Mills Youth Association.
3. Increase in postage and telephone fees.
4. Increase in funds for utilities.
5. Increase in funds for training and travel.
6. Increase for maintenance for Recreation Center and grounds.
7. Maintenance-Equipment such as mower, saw blades, ant killer, sod cutter,

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etc.

8. Increase in funding for Special Events.
9. Additional funds for advertising.
10. Additional funds for vehicle maintenance.
11. Increase in funds for departmental supplies.
12. Increase in funds to cover Spring & Summer Sports.
13. Increase in funds for recreation supplies.
14. Small tool purchases.
15. Uniform allowance.
16. Safety shoes for the Parks and Recreation maintenance staff.
17. Increase in funds for Contracted Services.
18. Christmas Decoration expenses.
19. Dues for subscriptions.
20. Armed Forces Memorial Expenses.
21. Capital Outlay Equipment - two (2) trucks, commercial mower, etc.

Mr. Braswell discussed in detail how his budget was prepared and all the programs conducted at the Parks and Recreation Center.

Maxey Dove Athletic Director explained to the Board what it took to operate the Recreation Center.

A brief discussion followed on the funding to build the Recreation Center and the possibility of increasing the fees.

Mayor Dees reminded everyone that the Administration, Finance, Public Works, Stormwater Department budget is set for April 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:15 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Luther and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned.

EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Natashia F. McCants, Deputy Town Clerk