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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TROUTMAN TOWN COUNCIL
MAY 27, 2016**

A Special Meeting of the Troutman Town Council was held in the Troutman Town Hall, 400 North Eastway Drive, North Carolina on May 27, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. with the Mayor Ronald N. Wyatt presiding.

Council Members Present: Teross Young, Paul Henkel, Sally Williams, Judy Jablonski

Council Members Absent: James Troutman

Staff Present: David W. Treme, Interim Town Manager; Kimberly H. Davis, Town Clerk; Steve Shealy, Finance Director; Matthew A. Selves, Police Chief

Press Present: Debbie Page, STV Free News
Nina Mastandrea, Statesville Record and Landmark

Others: (Sign-In Sheet attached)

MAYOR WYATT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, (David Treme, Interim Town Manager)

a. Presentation of Proposed Budget:

Interim Town Manager David Treme presented the message to Town Council of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 highlighting key budget impact items along with reviewing both the General and the Utility Funds in some detail. The overall proposed budget of \$5,546,625 is \$604,563 greater than current year budget.

Budget highlights are as follows:

- General Fund budget is \$3,684,400 which is \$594,343 greater than current year budget.
 - Includes a 5 cent tax increase – The increase is made up of \$156,805 or 3.11 cents of taxes for reimbursement to the General Fund Balance for current year projects. Town Council also requested that \$19,070 or .50 cents of taxes go to creating an economic development capital reserve fund; \$19,070 or .50 cents of taxes go to create a facilities capital reserve fund; \$18,000 or .47 for contracted services for code enforcement; \$10,000 or .26 cent for economic development services; and \$7,000 or .17 cents of taxes or downtown murals/art.
 - Includes 3% salary increase for town employees – 1% across the board increase (effective July 1, 2016), and a 2% merit evaluation (effective on or before December 1, 2016).
 - Includes Fund Balance Appropriation: Assist/loan ABC Board \$325,000 for start-up cost. This loan to be repaid with interest by the ABC store as part of its operating expenses.
 - Continue with the Main Street Traffic Circulation Study, and complete roadway projects.
 - Maintain same number of employees. Included three (3) internship positions.
 - Continue with the updating and rewriting of the Town's Unified Development Ordinance.
 - Includes three (3) replacement vehicles in the Police Department.
 - Includes new playground equipment.

- Utility Fund – Proposed budget of \$1,862,225, an increase of \$10,220 or 55%
 - Decrease in water rate (.05 cent per thousand gallons)
 - Decrease in sewer rate (.07 cent per thousand gallons)
 - Includes replacement of equipment in the Public Works Department.

In conclusion, Interim Town Manager Treme stated that the Council is doing a lot of positive things within the budget in preparation for the future. He expressed appreciation to the Town Council and Town’s leadership team for their acceptance and support.

Mayor Wyatt expressed thanks to Interim Town Manger Treme for addressing Council’s concerns and interest.

Council member Jablonski asked the Town’s tax rate. Interim Town Manager Treme responded that the rate will be increasing to .52 cent from the current rate of .47 cents.

Copy of the proposed budget for FY 2016/2017 is available at Town Hall for public inspection and will be put on the Town’s website. Mayor Wyatt stated that if anyone from the public in attendance would like a copy of the proposed budget, copies can be made per their request.

b. Public Hearing Date Set

Upon motion by Council member Jablonski, seconded by Council member Young, and unanimously carried, approved Public Hearing date of June 09, 2016 for consideration of the FY 2016-2017 proposed budget.

(Copied in full, budget message, proposed budget is filed on CD titled: “Town Board Supporting Documents” dated May 27th, 2016 in CD Book #1 titled, “Town Board Supporting Documents”)

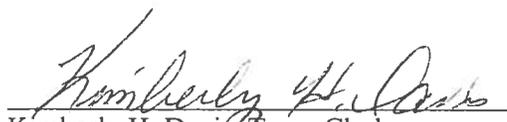
Public comments:

Dr. Lewis Tondo, MD of Iredell Health Systems and Pat Daniels, Manager of Wendy’s voiced opposition regarding Council’s possible consideration of eliminating the narcotic position within the Police Department stating concerns concerning the escalation of drug use and trafficking, and the safety of the Troutman community.

In thanking Dr. Tondo and Mr. Daniels for expressing their concerns, Mayor Wyatt assured them that Troutman is not going backwards in efforts and progress towards the drug issue. The Town is trying to look into other directions of pursuing drug issues that occur in the Troutman area.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Council member Young, and seconded by Council member Jablonski, and unanimously carried, the Special Meeting of May 27, 2016 was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.


 Kimberly H. Davis, Town Clerk

