

TOWN OF COATS
Board of Commissioners
May 19, 2014
Recessed Meeting May 8, 2014
6:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. ABSTRACT:

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on May 8, 2014 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall. This meeting was reconvened on May 19, 2014 at 6 p.m. as a budget work session.

II. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Walter Weeks, Commissioner John Raynor, Commissioner J. C. Allen, Commissioner Allen Mosby and Commissioner Jerry Beasley were in attendance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Linda Robinson was absent.

III. CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, Mayor Weeks called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Weeks delivered the invocation and lead everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weeks asked to resume the Agenda to discuss the 2014-15 Fiscal Year Budget.

IV. OLD BUSINESS - CONTINUED

A. 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget:

Mr. Cole presented the Board with proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Revenues by Funds.

General Fund:

Proposed \$1,041,654

This includes the un-appropriated surplus.

Un-appropriated Surplus; **Proposed \$103,951. Appropriated from Fund Balance to Powell Bill Fund \$4,014 and to Water Fund \$82,500.**

Taxes collected can vary from year to year depending on how much we bring in.

We are taking \$4,750 out of our general fund to put into the Cemetery Fund.

Total General Fund Revenues Proposed - \$1,041,654

Powell Bill Fund:

Proposed \$68,514

This is based on what the state allocates based on mileage based in the town. This money is used salaries, and contracted services. Mr. Cole plans on pulling out \$4,014 for a sidewalk project and road repairs.

Total Powell Bill Fund Proposed - \$68,514

Cemetery Fund:

Proposed \$6,275

The \$4,750 transferred from the General Fund is paying for the maintenance of the cemetery.

Total Cemetery Fund Proposed - \$6,275

Water Fund:

Proposed \$446,689:

Revenues will increase from last year because we are increasing the base rate for water by \$1.50. The water base rate will go from \$12.00 for the first two thousand gallons to \$13.50. Harnett County has increased the bulk water purchase by 5% and the billing cost.

Appropriated \$82,500 from Fund Balance to Water Fund. This will be pulled from water reserves to pay for the CIP issues discussed during our annual retreat.

Total Water Fund Proposed - \$446,689

Garbage Revenue Fund:

Proposed \$197,678:

We are automatically renewed with Waste Management for three years because we missed the deadline to contract out by 11 days. They have a slight increase in cost.

Total Garbage Revenue Fund Proposed - \$197,678

Currently in reserves as of the end of April we have the following:

General Fund: \$717,332 (includes proceeds from the sale of the old Town Hall and all CDs)

Powell Bill Fund: \$76,744

Water Fund: \$638,831

Mr. Cole presented the Board with proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Expenditures by Funds and Departments.

General Fund :

Governing Board – Proposed \$46,671:

Decrease from last year because we will have an election. Coats Museum **\$300** and Coats Senior Center **\$800**. Legal services **\$8,000**. Mr. Al Bain is increasing his rates.

General Management- Proposed \$306,800:

Capital outlay **\$3,500** is there for a payroll software upgrade. This was budgeted last year but they were unable to upgrade it at this time, so Mr. Cole is asking for it again. Medical Insurance decreased from May 8th proposed budget down to **\$21,900**. Municipal Insurance decreased from May 8th proposed budget down to **\$5,000**.

Police Department- Proposed \$406,269:

The GHSP Grant position is not funded any longer so this is added to the salaries line item. Medical Insurance decreased from May 8th proposed budget down to **\$35,108**. Municipal Insurance decreased from May 8th proposed budget down to **\$13,500**. Chief Hall has asked for **\$2,400** in capital outlay to provide his officers with a backup weapon. This money would purchase four backup weapons for the four full-time officers. Chief Hall and Officer Storicks already have backup weapons. The backup weapon will have the same ammunition as their duty weapon. They do have to qualify with this weapon so there will be a slight raise in ammunition. Commissioner Beasley does not think the Town should provide backup weapons for the officers. Other surrounding towns do not provide them. He believes the officers should have to purchase their own backup weapon. We can provide the ammunition for them, but not the actual weapon. Commissioner Mosby questioned the liability the Town would have if the officers had to provide their own weapon. Mayor Weeks said the town can make a policy regarding personal backup weapons to remove the liability from the Town. Chief Hall informs the Board that whether the Town provides the weapon or the officers have to purchase this weapon, it will be a standard Glock 22, but the officers cannot afford to purchase their own weapons. One backup weapon has been purchased from the discretionary fund and Officer Storicks carries this weapon because he is assigned to the narcotic/drug fund. Chief Hall explains the ammunition increase is caused by more training set by the state and adding ammunition for this backup weapon. Part-time officers will not carry a backup weapon. If officers have to purchase on the weapons themselves it would cost them \$500-\$575. Commissioner Beasley makes a motion to remove this line item in the budget.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR.

**APPROVED, AYES (2) COMMISSIONER BEASLEY AND RAYNOR
NOES (2) COMMISSIONER ALLEN AND MOSBY**

MAYOR WALTER WEEKS VOTED NO AGAINST THE MOTION MADE.

RESOLVED: Leave this line item budgeted. Mr. Cole is to research surrounding towns to see if they provide backup weapons or not.

Public Works – Proposed \$123,495:

Gary asked for a full time position because he is short staffed. Manager Cole recommends two part-time positions for three months out of the year to help. Medical Insurance decreased from May 8th proposed budget down to \$3,649. Municipal Insurance decreased from May 8th proposed budget down to \$1,300.

Zoning – Proposed \$38,650:

Outside contracts \$25,000 for the Land Use Plan discussed during the annual retreat.

Library – Proposed \$52,301:

\$15,000 in Capital Improvement to put towards the move of Library to the New Town Hall Building.

Park & Recreation – Proposed \$67,468:

Municipal Insurance decreased from May 8th proposed budget down to \$1,000.

Total General Fund Proposed - \$1,041,654

Powell Bill Fund:

Proposed \$68,514:

Increase in contracted services for the sidewalk project.

Total Powell Bill Fund Proposed - \$68,514

Cemetery Fund:

Proposed \$6,275:

Lawn and maintenance guy asks for his \$4,800 is spread out over 12 months instead of paying when work is done.

Total Cemetery Fund Proposed - \$6,275

Water Fund:

Proposed \$446,689:

Water purchases and postage increased because increase at Harnett County. Medical Insurance decreased from May 8th proposed budget down to \$23,437. Municipal Insurance decreased from May 8th proposed budget down to \$6,400.

Total Water Fund Proposed - \$446,689

Solid Waste Fund:

Proposed \$197,678:

Increase in the service maintenance contract because increase with Waste Management. Medical Insurance decreased from May 8th proposed budget down to \$6,368.

Total Solid Waste Fund Proposed - \$197,678

Mayor Walter Weeks mentioned we may see an increase in the Privilege License part of revenues depending on what the General Assembly decides. Commissioner Jerry Beasley suggested using the money from the sale of the old town hall building and putting it towards the new town hall building and this needs to be added to the June Meeting agenda. Commissioner Jerry Beasley also recommends giving all employees a COLA (cost of living) raise. A 2% raise will cost us roughly \$12,018 which is about what we saved with medical insurance. Mayor Walter Weeks asked for a motion to accept the budget as presented.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JC ALLEN.

**APPROVED, AYES (3) COMMISSIONER MOSBY, ALLEN AND RAYNOR
NOES (1) COMMISSIONER BEASLEY**

RESOLVED: Motion passes to accept the budget as presented.

Mayor Walter Weeks asked for a motion to set a public hearing at the next meeting to publish the budget.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY.

**APPROVED, AYES (4) COMMISSIONER BEASLEY MOSBY, ALLEN AND RAYNOR
NOES (0)**

Mayor Walter Weeks asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR.

**APPROVED, AYES (4) COMMISSIONER BEASLEY, MOSBY, ALLEN AND RAYNOR
NOES (0)**

Recessed meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cortney Kerns, Town Clerk



Walter Weeks, Mayor