

**BUDGET WORKSHOP
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2008
6:00 P.M.**

A budget workshop was held on May 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of Village Hall. Present at the meeting were Mayor Keith Snow, Mayor Pro Tem Billy McHone, Councilor Mark Baker, Councilor Robin Beck, and Administrator Dan Corder. Councilor Myron Marion was absent due to a job conflict. No members of the press or public were present.

Mayor Snow called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to Administrator Corder for an update on preparation of the 2008-2009 budget.

Administrator Corder presented the 2008-2009 budget to the Council and it was discussed at length.

Initial discussion centered on how much funding should be budgeted for Powell Bill projects for the next fiscal year. There were differences of opinion on what projects would be more appropriate and provide the most benefit to our community. However, the entire Council was in agreement that we needed to spend down the balance to continue to receive distributions and not incur a penalty for carrying too much balance. The Council agreed by consensus to put in \$300,000 for a potential project or projects and for the Administrator to investigate the sidewalk and curb and gutter cost for the potential Tobaccoville Road project to see if the DOT could participate with the funding on this project and to report back to the Council once final numbers were in. However, no official action in project selection was taken at this meeting.

Some items added to the budget since last meeting were \$1,000 for the Tobacco Museum Project, a carryover of \$1,000 to install the Wi-Fi in the new Village Hall, and \$1,000 for a technology budget due to the number of systems being maintained in the new Village Hall. Other items include \$20,000 for a retainage on undone work on the new Village Hall and for a fence gate.

The budget is written with no tax increase and with good performance next fiscal year, we can avoid the appropriations required to balance the budget and still increase our general fund balance.

Administrator Corder then made salary recommendations for the Council to consider and this generated much discussion. The Council agreed by consensus to allow Administrator Corder 3% COLA across the board to work with on salary increases and to allow him some discretion by position to allow less or more by individual position as long as the total 3% from last years overall salary rates was maintained. This is appropriate considering that much has changed in the times since the salary study was done in 2001 and some positions may require adjustment due to market conditions.

A motion to set the public hearing date for the budget for June 5th at 7:00 pm at the regularly scheduled Council meeting was made by Councilor Robin Beck and was seconded by Councilor Mark Baker. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Pro Tem Billy McHone then made a motion to adjourn and Councilor Robin Beck seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes Submitted By:

Dan Corder
Administrator