

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD  
TOWN OF RUTHERFORDTON

May 24, 2010

The Rutherfordton Town Council held a special meeting this day at 6:00 pm, in the Council room at Rutherfordton Town Hall, 129 North Main Street. The purpose of this special meeting was to continue the workshop on the draft FY 2010-2011 budget. Mayor Dancy called the meeting to order with the following Councilmembers present: Stan Clements, Christy Bare, Bob Jones and Terry Cobb. Also in attendance were: Rus Scherer, Finance Director; Kevin Lovelace, Police Chief; Keith Ward, Public Works Director; Tommy Blanton, Fire Chief; Pat Hardin, Library Director; and Karen Andrews, Town Manager. Dennis Hill, representing the Rutherfordton Golf Club, was also present for the meeting. Planning and Development Director John McWhorter was out of town and could not attend the workshop.

Council reviewed the estimated revenues, from the items they discussed during the May 10<sup>th</sup> work session. The implementation of the fees and using some fund balance would leave a deficit of \$65,815 in the draft FY 2010-2011 budget.

Mayor Dancy asked Council how they wished to proceed with the draft budget and Councilmember Clements suggested that a review of department by department would be appropriate. Council reviewed the proposed FY 2010-2011 budgets for the following departments: Community Development and Planning, Police, Fire, Public Works, Library and Recreation.

After discussion Council consensus was, with the up-coming retirement of the Community Development and Planning Director, that after his retirement the nine months remaining of the salary and benefits line item would be used as follows: 36 hours per month for a part time person to assist with those duties; use \$2,500 for a part time RTR Coordinator/Contractor, half of the Promotions line item will be used (\$2,800); the Design and Economic Restructuring line items will not be used (\$10,000). Using all of the above changes in the Community Development and Planning Department the total reduction possible is \$51,614.

In the Public Works Department it was decided to budget for two trustees rather than the proposed budgeted three, making a reduction in expense of \$1,000.

Dennis Hill asked Council to consider placing more funding in the FY 2010-2011 budget (included in the budget draft is \$3,500 for the Golf Course) for the Rutherfordton Golf Course. He expressed the dire financial condition of the Golf Club and their great need for additional support from the Town. Councilmembers Clements and Jones noted the Golf Course is a great asset for the Town and wished to add an additional \$6,500 to the Golf Course line item, totaling \$10,000. Councilmember Bare expressed her support for the Golf Course, but said she could not see giving additional funding to the Golf Course

when the Town employees have not have a raise, this being the second year without a raise. She suggested that the four Councilmembers take no pay in the FY 2010-2011 budget year.

After this workshop the total reductions in the proposed FY 2010-2011 budget were \$46,144. This still leaves a deficit in the proposed FY 2010-2011 budget of \$19,701.

Being no further business, at 8:28 pm Council unanimously adjourned.

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Karen E. Andrews, Town Manager

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Mayor Jimmy Dancy