

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD
TOWN OF RUTHERFORDTON

May 26, 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: Christy Bare, Stan Clements, Terry Cobb and Bob Jones. 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. Planning and Development Director John McWhorter was out of town and could not attend the workshop.

Councilmembers asked questions about specific line items in the Administration Department.

Council discussed the overall proposed FY 2010-2011 General Fund Budget. Council consensus was to leave in place the purchase of a new copier at the Library and two police vehicles.

Discussion was held on the amount of funding to provide to the Rutherfordton Golf Course. Councilmembers Jones and Clements expressed their thoughts to fund the Golf Course in the amount of \$10,000. Both Councilmembers Jones and Clements said they see the Golf Course as an asset and the golf course property is Town owned. They expressed that if the Golf Club were to cease to exist the Town could not maintain the golf course property for \$10,000 a year. Councilmember Bare articulated her thoughts that the Golf Club needs to look at possible ways to increase their funding by their fee schedule, tournaments, fund raising efforts, etc. The idea of increasing the funding amount to the Golf Course and not giving the Town employees a pay increase for the second year was something Councilmember Bare stated she could not support.

With the upcoming retirement of the Planning and Development Director, Councilmember Cobb suggested that an RTR Specialist be hired instead of someone part-time as a planner. Council held extensive discussion about this issue. After discussion it was consensus to leave the 36 hours per month as a part-time person, with a job description to be determined after the retirement of the Planning and Development Director.

Council consensus was to take the needed funds to balance the budget, approximately \$46,000, from the undesignated fund balance.

Council discussed the Sewer Enterprise Fund budget and made no changes to the draft that was presented.

Councilmember Cobb was going to be absent at the proposed public hearing on June 16th for the budget. Council would like to move the public hearing for the budget to June 9th at 6:00 pm and possibly adopt the FY 2010-2011 budget at that time.

Being no further business, at 8:30 pm, Council unanimously adjourned.

Karen E. Andrews, Town Manager

Mayor Jimmy Dancy