

SPECIAL MEETING
2006-07 BUDGET WORKSHOP
MINUTES
April 16, 2006

Council Present:
Bobby Austin, Mayor
Joe Norman
Gerelene Blevins
Bob Gibbs
Eddie Bowman
Joe Wesson

Staff Present:
Bob Frye
Bonnie Mann

Mayor Bobby Austin called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. After giving the invocation, he led all in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Austin asked council for a motion to adopt the agenda. Joe Wesson made the motion to adopt with Eddie Bowman seconding. All were in favor.

Town Administrator Bob Frye opened the meeting with a discussion of current problems with garbage pick up, adjusting the rates, and the town's liabilities. Council decided to wait until the April 18, Council meeting to discuss commercial fees. In a motion by Joe Norman, seconded by Joe Wesson, all agreed to increase the Sanitation Fee to \$4 per month to offset the increase in fuel expense for garbage pickup.

Mayor Bobby Austin suggested in the next newsletter, the Town's policy on Sanitation pickups, new fees and responsibility of residents be included. All were in agreement that each Council person should sign a letter emphasizing that no new taxes or increases in water or sewer would be added in this budget year.

Also discussed along with the streets paving list, were 2 new items. One was a request from Sawmills Elementary School for a \$4300 donation to finish their "Smart Room" renovations. In a motion by Joe Wesson, with Gerelene Blevins seconding, all were in favor to add to the budget. Another item added to the Capital Needs list was the need for a Bush hog and a Smoke Machine for the Sewer Department. Everyone agreed these items also needed to be included in the budget.

Personnel Issues were also discussed. With the resignation of Tommi Allred, Mr. Frye asked that an ad be placed in the paper and a special Council meeting be held on May 8 to pick a person for the vacancy. The other item was the COLA and Merit Pay increase. All were in agreement that the employees did deserve a 3% COLA and from 1/2-2% Merit Pay increase.

At 11:15 Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Norman made the motion, with Eddie Bowman seconding. All were in favor.

Bonnie Mann, Finance Director

Bobby Austin, Mayor