

BUDGET HEARING and SPECIAL BOARD MEETING of June 25, 2003, with Mayor Buck Trott and Commissioners H. N. James, Hank Ross, Mike Cavender, Ron Sanders, and Amy Patterson present.

Also present were Richard Betz, Jerry Cook, and Kim Lewicki.

A. Budget Hearing.

The Mayor called the Budget Hearing to order at 8:00 a.m., and stated that this was the time and place to receive comments from the public on the FY 03-04 Budget, as presented on May 28, 2003; notice had appeared in The Highlander newspaper pursuant to law.

There were no members of the public present to comment on the proposed budget.

MOVED BY COMM. CAVENDER, SECONDED BY COMM. PATTERSON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO CLOSE THE BUDGET HEARING.

B. Special Board Meeting.

I. The Mayor called the Special Meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

II. Approval of Agenda.

Copies of the agenda were distributed at the meeting.

MOVED BY COMM. CAVENDER, SECONDED BY COMM. PATTERSON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

III. Business.

1. The Board reviewed the Ordinance amending the FY 02-03 budget, copies of which were distributed at the meeting.

MOVED BY COMM. PATTERSON, SECONDED BY COMM. CAVENDER, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003. A copy is attached hereto and made a permanent part of this record.

2. The Board reviewed the proposed FY 03-04 budget, copies of which were distributed at the meeting. The Treasurer reported that he had incorporated the revisions approved at the June 18 meeting into the budget.

MOVED BY COMM. CAVENDER, SECONDED BY COMM. PATTERSON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADOPT THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2003 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004, WITH AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF 0.15 PER \$100.00 VALUATION. A copy is attached hereto and made a permanent part of this record.

3. MOVED BY COMM. PATTERSON, SECONDED BY COMM. CAVENDER, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO G. S. §143-318.11(A)(6) TO REVIEW AN APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR A POLICE PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. All present left the room except the Clerk and the Police Chief.

The Board reviewed an application for employment from Ryan Angel for Police Parking Enforcement Officer; Chief Cook recommended employing Mr. Angel at a salary of 9-1 initially, 11-1 once his law enforcement certification became final. He also reported that Scott Nelson would be able to work as Police Auxiliary Officer.

MOVED BY COMM. PATTERSON, SECONDED BY COMM. CAVENDER, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION.

4. MOVED BY COMM. PATTERSON, SECONDED BY COMM. CAVENDER, AND

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO EMPLOY RYAN ANGEL AS PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AT A SALARY OF 9-1 INITIALLY, 11-1 ONCE HIS LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION BECAME FINAL.

IV. MOVED BY COMM. CAVENDER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by the Mayor at 8:15 a.m.

Richard Betz, Town Clerk