

BUDGET HEARING and SPECIAL BOARD MEETING of June 30, 2004, with Mayor Buck Trott and Commissioners Amy Patterson, H. N. James, Hank Ross, Dennis DeWolf, and Alan Marsh present.

Also present were Richard Betz, Kim Lewicki, and Amelia Pavlik.

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 04-05 Budget, as presented on May 26, 2004; 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. PATTERSON, SECONDED BY COMM. MARSH, 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. PATTERSON, SECONDED BY COMM. JAMES, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

III. Business.

1. The Board reviewed the Ordinance amending the FY 03-04 budget, copies of which were distributed at the meeting. The Treasurer gave a brief overview of both the amended budget and the new budget.

MOVED BY COMM. JAMES, SECONDED BY COMM. ROSS, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2003 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004. A copy is attached hereto and made a permanent part of this record.

2. The Board reviewed the proposed FY 04-05 budget, copies of which were distributed at the meeting. The Treasurer reported that he had incorporated the new sanitation rates and other revisions approved at previous meetings into the budget.

MOVED BY COMM. PATTERSON, SECONDED BY COMM. MARSH, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADOPT THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2005, WITH AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF 0.16 PER \$100.00 VALUATION. A copy is attached hereto and made a permanent part of this record.

3. The Town Administrator reported that he had met with Ray Crawford, manager of Western Carolina Communications Service, and reviewed the Town's two-year service contract in some detail; he recommended renewing the contract.

MOVED BY COMM. JAMES, SECONDED BY COMM. DEWOLF, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RENEW THE CONTRACT.

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 8:17 a.m.

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Richard Betz, Town Clerk