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MINUTES

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PUBLIC HEARING

BUDGET FOR FY 2010 - 2011 WITH A TAX RATE OF \$.59

Mayor Samuel Hardwick called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Catherine Redd, Graham Stallings, Joseph Johnson, Marvin Roberts, and Leelan Woodlief. Also in attendance were Town/Zoning Administrator Brenda Robbins, Deputy Town Clerk Emily Hurd, Administrative Assistant Kathryn Tucker, Town Attorney Pete Tomlinson, and Chief Daren Kirts. Representatives from Country 102, The Franklin Times and The Wake Weekly were also present. The purpose was to hear comment from the public about the Budget for the FY 2010 – 2011 with a tax rate of \$.59.

Carolyn Palmer stated that she had some concerns about the increase in the tax rate. She stated that there was no service increase or raises for employees with the increase in taxes. Mayor Hardwick explained that with the economy the way it had been over the past couple of years, expenses had increased more than the incoming revenue. He explained that the tax rate had been lowered over a period of several years in anticipation of incoming growth. But when that growth was slowed down due to the economy, it put the Town in a predicament of having to increase the rates to make up for the lack of growth. He stated that this plan helps to keep the Town staff, which is ok with no raises in order to keep their jobs. Mayor Hardwick stated that expenses are just very high at the moment. Mrs. Palmer stated that there were no sidewalks in her area and had hoped to get some with the increase in taxes. She asked if the people on Tarboro Road, where the sewer line was extended, would be paying the higher tax rate as well. Mayor Hardwick explained that only a portion of Hill Ridge Farms was annexed into city limits as a satellite annexation and those parcels in between were not considered a part of Youngsville and therefore did not owe taxes. Mayor Hardwick stated that the Town was doing its best to keep the expenses and therefore the tax rate as low as possible.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:07 pm.