

MINUTES

JUNE 14, 2012

PUBLIC HEARING YOUNGSVILLE TOWN HALL

BUDGET HEARING FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 WITH A TAX RATE OF \$.59

Mayor Samuel Hardwick called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Graham Stallings, Joseph Johnson, Catherine Redd, Marvin Roberts, and Leelan Woodlief. Also in attendance were Interim Town Administrator Bill Tatum, Town Clerk Emily Hurd, and Administrative Assistant Kathryn Tucker. Representatives from the Wake Weekly and the Franklin Times were also present. The purpose was to hear comment from the public about the Budget for FY 2012 – 2013 with a tax rate of \$.59.

Mayor Hardwick stated that the Board had a workshop recently to help work out the Budget and this was the time for anyone to make comments concerning the upcoming Budget. Mr. Al Wojtalik stated that he reviewed the workshop information and stated that it looked like the Budget was being balanced by taking out the contingency money. He asked what the \$9,600 was for the Luddy Park and it was explained that it was for additional expenses. Mayor Hardwick explained that fundraising didn't happen as usual so the Luddy Park was a little bit short. He stated that the Town was still promoting the Parks and Recreation Department but they have been urged to hold more fundraisers. Mr. Wojtalik stated that the Parks and Recreation Department needed to start holding their own. Another issue that he wished to discuss was the outsourcing of the water and sewer system. Tatum stated that the Town was discussing selling the water and sewer system to Franklin County Public Utilities (FCPU) and not outsourcing. Mr. Wojtalik stated that it was his opinion that what the Town was discussing doing was called outsourcing since FCPU would be doing the job that the Town of Youngsville was currently doing. He wanted to make sure the Board was aware that they would no longer have control over the water and sewer system once FCPU takes over. He wanted to make sure that the agreements would leave Youngsville with some control or say in increases in rates, with maybe a maximum on the increases. Mr. Wojtalik stated that this could have unintended consequences for Youngsville's residents. He just wanted to make sure the Board protected those citizens. Mayor Hardwick stated that this would be discussed later on in the agenda but all of the talks so far have included the protection of the citizens. He also explained that FCPU already has control since Youngsville purchases water from them. Mayor Hardwick stated that this was not a knee jerk reaction. Mr. Wojtalik stated that he just wanted to caution the Board to be careful in this transaction.

Carolyn Palmer asked if the taxes were increasing and Hurd stated that, no they were not. The tax rate is staying at \$.59, the same rate as last year. Mrs. Palmer stated that she also had another questions but Mayor Hardwick did not want to answer it last month. Mayor Hardwick told her to ask her questions. Mrs. Palmer stated that she wanted to know what was going to happen to the people she felt was responsible for the financial situation the Town was in. Mayor Hardwick stated that he would have to respond the same as last time, he could not comment on ongoing investigations.

Tatum stated that he needed to make a correction to the Budget. Since the audit contract was \$150.00 more than budgeted he had to switch that amount from the contingency fund to make it right.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.