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The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by Tim Sessoms, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present:

Council

Tim Sessoms, Mayor  
Dena Barnes (arrived at 7pm)  
Mike Adams  
Alicia Flowers  
Dianne Laughlin  
Elizabeth McClellan

Staff

Scott Whitaker, Town Manager  
Katrina Whitt, Finance Officer  
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk

Laughlin motioned to formally excuse Barnes until her arrival, seconded by Adams, which carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

McClellan made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the meeting agenda, seconded by Adams, which carried unanimously.

MANAGER PRESENTATION OF FINAL DRAFT OF FY14-15 BUDGET

Whitaker discussed the following key aspects of the proposed budget:

- Of the \$1,494,657 proposed budget, \$553,000 was allocated to the following capital projects: Gordon property improvements (clearing mobile homes/structures, barn repair, etc.), A&Y Greenway (South) trail development, athletic park improvements (entrance roadway, paving gravel parking/access areas, a batting cage, needed fencing/gates, etc.).
- The tax rate was proposed to be reduced to 2.75¢ with \$443,407 allocated from the fund balance.
- Revenue and expenditure projections were highlighted.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The following items were discussed: potential mayor/council stipend increase (no increase by consensus); tax collection rate (98%); wages and salaries; website redesign and branding; staff insurance; SAP operating costs vs. revenues; 25.2% increase in code enforcement costs (council directed Whitaker to explore other companies); reduction of legal from \$65,000 to \$60,000; removal of Knox-Box line item; change of "Movies in the Park" to "Events in the Park" and reduction from \$2500 to \$1000; and a reduction in Partnership Events from \$1000 to \$500.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carol Carter of 5505 Hempstead Drive, Greensboro, stated new legislation might affect inter-governmental revenues and recommended seeking grants for trail development.

Council: Mayor Tim Sessoms, Mayor Pro-tem Dena Barnes, Mike Adams, Alicia Flowers, Dianne Laughlin, Elizabeth McClellan

Staff: Scott Whitaker (Manager), Jeff Gourd (P&R Manager), Valarie Halvorsen (Clerk), Julie Reed (Planner), Katrina Whitt (Finance Officer)

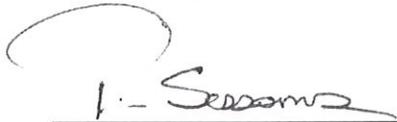


Gail Dunham of 5805 Snow Hill Drive felt the town only spends approximately 50% of the budget each year, that employee pay and benefits have increased dramatically in the last 10 years, and that the town was remiss in not investing in 3%-yield treasury bonds.

Don Wendelken of 3406 Windswept Drive stated Kids Voting may disband, suggested that employees contribute to insurance premiums, and recommended upgrading the sound system used during town meetings.

Dwayne Crawford of 1106 NC Highway 150 West stated Oak Ridge pays Guilford County \$14,000/year for planning services, that Summerfield doesn't need to be "fixed," and that plenty of nearby amenities were available, which negates the need to construct additional trails and the like.

With no further business, a motion was made at 9:30pm by Barnes to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

  
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Tim Sessoms, Mayor

  
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Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk