

**Fairview Town Council Special Meeting
Budget Workshop
Minutes
April 28, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

The following members were present: Mayor Elizabeth Long, Jerry Clontz, Bradley Purser, Arnold Price and John Biggers.

Others present: Ed Humphries, Land Use Administrator/Town Clerk and Darrell Baucom, Finance Officer

There were two items on the agenda (see attached as Exhibit A).

Mayor Long opened the meeting.

Mayor Long asked if we could discuss the school first. (#3)

John Biggers asked if we could do something about the increased traffic around the school during the time the 218 bridge is under construction.

Mayor Long stated she had contacted the Sheriff and received a return call from Union County Public Schools Safety Officer who informed me that this was a school problem and that UCPS system included monies in their budget for this. The school system did say they would work with Sheriff Cathey to review the problem.

Mayor Long stated she would bring this issue back to the Council, if necessary.

Bradley Purser stated that it is possible for the Town to hire an "off duty officer" if we wanted and went through the proper channels.

Darrell Baucom started the budget conversation, stating how he arrived at the draft numbers for fiscal year 2014-2015. (See attached Exhibit B)

The tax levy is 98% of value, using a two cent tax rate.

Darrell gave the Council a comparison of salaries for Union County Towns for their review. (See attached Exhibit C)

Total income for the year is \$259,900.00.

Darrell explained the expenses and how they were calibrated.

Total expense for the year is \$162,311 which left a surplus of \$97,589.

Comment from Council

Mayor Long stated that she had heard from the Union County Chamber about our interest in the Resource Guide to include Fairview. Mayor Long stated that the cost was high in her opinion.

Jerry Clontz said he would be interested in the cost.

Bradley Purser and John Biggers stated that they would recommend a cost of living increase for both employees.

Jerry Clontz requested adding an account for Park Maintenance --- \$10,000

Jerry Clontz mentioned computer generated checks.

Jerry Clontz asked if the Education budget was increased –would we use it. Increase to \$1,000

Money was put in the budget for CRTPO (Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization) membership; amount \$1,041.

Travel was increased to \$1,000.

Arnold price ask if the Solid waste expense would increase with the County would stay at \$8,000 a year.

Park expense (maintenance) was created for \$10,000.

Phil Thomas stated need for budget of Website expense --- created for \$5,000.

Darrell is to revise the draft budget and get it back to the Board. At the May meeting, a Public hearing will be called for the June meeting. The budget must be passed before June 30, 2014.

Mayor Long adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Humphries
Town Clerk

Elizabeth Long
Mayor

Approved this 12th day of May, 2014.