

Minutes June 8, 2020

The Creswell Town Board of Commissioners met on Monday at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor E. Ray Blount, Commissioner Syble Spruill, Commissioner Ronald Ambrose, Commissioner Joel Harris and Commissioner Brenda Logan

Commissioner Ambrose provided the invocation.

Commissioner Spruill provided the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Spruill moved to approve the minutes and waive the reading of the May meeting(s). Commissioner Ambrose seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The finance summary was presented to the board by the clerk and accepted. Commissioner Spruill moved to accept the proposed budget amendment presented by the clerk. Commissioner Logan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

-The board talked with Sheriff Johnny Barnes about loud noises and speeding in town. Most of the Commissioners live along Main Street and informed the Sheriff that loud noises and big trucks are a big problem. The Sheriff informed the Board that there was not much that could be done other than increasing the deputies presence around town limits. Sheriff Barnes informed the Board that there were two things to consider when trying to clamp down on noisy vehicles. If those vehicles have already passed DOT inspection, they would likely pass the scrutiny of law enforcement. The Town can have a noise ordinance in place, with specific decibel limits established, then the offenders can be held accountable. Commissioner Spruill informed Sheriff Barnes that the Town does have a noise ordinance already in place but does not have a decibel reader. Commissioner Harris asked if the town could have speed bumps installed or four-way intersection and the Sheriff responded that he was not certain if DOT would allow speed bumps on a state road. Sheriff Barnes informed the Board that he would speak with Highway Patrol about also, increasing their presence around town to help mitigate some of the problem.

New Business:

-The Board talked a little about delinquent accounts because of the COVID-19 and asked the clerk to call the attorney about what steps the town needs to take with these delinquent accounts.

-Commissioner Logan made a motion to increase the water and sewer deposits to \$200 effective July 1, 2020. Commissioner Ambrose seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Hearing is set for Monday, June 15th, 2020 at 7 p.m. for the fiscal year 2020-2021 proposed budget.

The meeting was recessed at 8:15 p.m. until Monday, June 15th, 2020 at 7 p.m.



Edwin R. Blount, Mayor

(SEAL)



Penny Chapman, Town Clerk


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Budget Meeting #2

The Creswell Town Board of Commissioners met on Monday at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor E. Ray Blount, Commissioner Syble Spruill, Commissioner Ronald Ambrose, Commissioner Joel Harris and Commissioner Brenda Logan

The clerk presented to the board two different budget, one with no salaries and the other with 2% salary increase for full-time employees and a \$0.50 increase for Part-time Maintenance worker. That was the only changes to the budget the clerk made.

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Recessed Meeting

The Creswell Town Board of Commissioners met on Monday at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor E. Ray Blount, Commissioner Syble Spruill, Commissioner Ronald Ambrose, Commissioner Joel Harris and Commissioner Brenda Logan

The Mayor opened the public hearing to the public to hear comments on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. No one showed for the public hearing.

The Mayor declared the public hearing closed due to no comments.

The recessed meeting from June 8, 2020 was declared opened.

The proposed fiscal year 2020-2021 budget was presented to the board.

There is no tax rate or water rate increase proposed but there is a sewer rate increase.

Commissioner Harris spoke that he was not in favor of salary increases because of increases in rates.

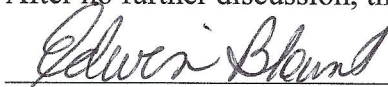
Commissioner Logan suggested keeping the raises but eliminate Christmas bonuses and gift packages from Mackey's. Commissioner Spruill spoke that she was in favor of the 2% salary increase for full-time employees and 0.50 cent increase for Part-time Maintenance worker. Commissioner Ambrose informed he was for the same as Commissioner Logan.

The clerk informed the board that in the general fund budget is where she made a line item for cell phone allowance for clerk. The water/sewer guys cell phone allowance are coming out of the water and sewer budgets.

Commissioner Ambrose moved to accept the proposed fiscal year 2020-2021 budget with the following changes, eliminate Christmas bonuses and gifts to all employees. Commissioner Spruill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


Mayor Blount appointed Commissioner Ambrose to oversee scheduling quarterly meetings with the clerk and water and wastewater superintendent about budget issues.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



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