

Minutes May 13, 2019

The Creswell Town Board of Commissioners met on Monday at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor E. Ray Blount, Commissioner Brenda Logan, Commissioner Syble Spruill, and Commissioner Joel Harris. Commissioner Ron Ambrose was not present.

Commissioner Logan provided the invocation.

Commissioner Spruill provided the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for discussion to talk about the special use permit on placing a cemetery on personal property located at 407 West Main Street. Commissioner Spruill read to the board minutes from the planning board's meeting on April 23, 2019, in the minutes Mrs. Clara Sawyer agrees to all federal and state regulations for setbacks and not to bury no more than ten (10) family members in the cemetery. After no further discussion, the public hearing was declared closed.

Commissioner Spruill informed the board that another public hearing would have to be held on the special use permit for Mrs. Clara Sawyer. The board set the public hearing for the next board meeting on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

-There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

-Commissioner Spruill moved to look into hiring another attorney. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

-The clerk presented to the board a Utility Relocation Agreement from NC Department of Transportation for the expense of temporary waterline for the pipe replacement project on Cherry Road. The board agreed to table until next meeting to give them time to look over the agreement.

-Lessell Spruill appeared before the board to ask if anything could be done about the smell at her front porch. Ryan Swain, Water and Wastewater Superintendent, informed the board that her sewer pump is located right at her front porch so that is where the smell is coming from. There is really nothing that can be done.

-Thomas Patrick appeared before the board with a concern that his meter reading was not reading the same at the meter as what his bill is showing and would like to know what the problem may be. He was informed that his meter is not working and that his bill is

currently being estimated until a new meter could be bought. Ryan is to report back next meeting on meters for Mr. Patrick.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

E. Ray Blount
E. Ray Blount, Mayor

(SEAL)

Penny Chapman
Penny Chapman, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF CRESWELL
PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT
May 13, 2019**

General Fund

BA#5

Item	Item Description	Increase	Decrease
Travel	To balance account	700.00	
Payroll Expense	To balance account	200.00	
Dues	To balance account	135.00	
Contingency	Transfer funds to balance another account		1,035.00

JUSTIFICATION: Requesting money transfer from contingency to accounts to balance the budget.

Water Fund


BA#6

Item	Item Description	Increase	Decrease
Postage/Postal Meter Rental	To balance account	500.00	
Permit & Fees	To balance account	20.00	
Contingency	Transfer funds to balance another account		520.00
Maintenance	To balance account	1,426.00	
Miscellaneous	Transfer funds to balance another account		1,426.00

JUSTIFICATION: Requesting money transfer from contingency to accounts to balance the budget.


Edwin Ray Blount, Mayor

(SEAL)


Penny F. Chapman, Clerk

Minutes of May 28, 2019
Budget Workshop

The Town Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. for a budget workshop to discuss the proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget with the following members present: Mayor Edwin Blount, Commissioner Syble Spruill, and Commissioner Joel Harris.

Also attended the workshop was Ryan Swain, Water & Wastewater Superintendent, and town clerk, Penny Chapman.

Commissioner Spruill gave the invocation.

The clerk presented to the board a proposed budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

The clerk informed the board that the only changes in the general budget from last year's budget were a 3.5% increase in salary for the clerk and a few of the expense items had increased. The tax rate will stay the same as last year. The water and sewer budgets had a 3.5% increase in salaries for full-time employees that had work at least one full year and some of the expense items were decreased. The rates are proposed to stay the same for the water and decrease for sewer.

Commissioner Spruill suggested increasing the board's meeting rate from \$25 to \$50 if they have to attend a meeting all day. If the board attends a meeting for a couple of hours the rate still remains the same rate at \$25.

Other discussion was increasing the board's salary by \$50 a month. Board members would get \$250 a month and the Mayor would get \$375 a month.


Suggestions were made to take out part-time employee from Water Fund and move to General Fund and Sewer Fund.

Another workshop was scheduled for June 13th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.



Edwin R. Blount, Mayor

(SEAL)



Penny F. Chapman, Clerk