

The Richlands Town Council held a "Budget Work Session" in the Richlands Council Chambers on April 22, 2021 at 6:00pm with the following present:

Mayor: Rodney D. Cury  
Town Manager: John O'Daniel  
Town Clerk: Connie Allen  
Council Members: Logan Plaster, Mike Street, Jeff Hurst  
Richard Brown, Mary Ann Strong, Doug Ratliff  
  
Town Attorney : K.W. McClanahan (Zoom)

Mayor Cury opened the meeting and gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cury - Turned the meeting over the Town Manager John O'Daniel

John - Reviewed Proposed Budget for 2021-2022

Proposed Revenues / Tax Collections:

- a. **Real Estate Tax Increase** of \$0.05/\$100 of assessed property value. Increasing total revenue by approximately \$143,400 for the budgeted fiscal year (to capture funds for fire truck loan payment and Balance Budget). The new rate is still below the majority of surrounding towns.
- b. **Meals Tax Increase** of 1.5% on gross sales. Increasing total revenue by approximately \$105,000 for the budgeted fiscal year. This funding will be used to maintain the current town Parks and Recreation facilities and activities.
- c. **Motor Vehicle License Fee Increase** \$10/vehicle bringing the total license fee to \$20/vehicle (which reflects the same fee amount paid by county residents and most surrounding towns).
- d. **Mobile Home License Fee Increase** \$20/vehicle bringing the total license fee to \$40/vehicle.
- e. **Garbage Collection Fee Increase** by 15% (equates to an increase on residential garbage fee in-town rate of \$1.65/month) to sure-up the sanitation department operation and maintenance.
- f. **Personal Property Increase** to \$0.21 /\$100 of assessed property value. This would result in approximately \$129,881 for the budgeted fiscal year (to capture funds to balance Budget). The new rate is still below the majority of surrounding towns.
- g. **White Goods/ Leaf/ Limb Collection Fee** of \$3.50 per month to sure-up the sanitation department operation and maintenance.
- h. **Cigarette Tax Increase** of \$0.08 per pack. Increasing total revenue by approximately \$64,000 for the budgeted fiscal year. Rate still below majority of surrounding towns.
- i. **Parks and Recreation User Fees** will remain the same as prior year. This includes pool fee, gym fee, basketball fee, annual membership fee, shelter rentals, and room rental fee.

Summary of Proposed Revenue / Tax Collections Increase for FY 2020-2021

Real Estate Tax Collections:	\$143,400
Meal Tax Collections:	\$105,000
Motor Vehicle License Fee Collections:	\$ 32,500
Mobile Home License Fee Collections:	\$ 13,500
Garbage Collection Fee:	\$ 57,700
Personal Property Tax Collections:	\$129,881
White Goods/ Leaf/ Limb Fee Collections:	\$103,404

Cigarette Tax Collections:	\$ 64,000
Parks & Recreation User Fee Collections:	\$ <u>0</u>
	\$649,385


Questions Asked in Budget Workshop: John to follow-up

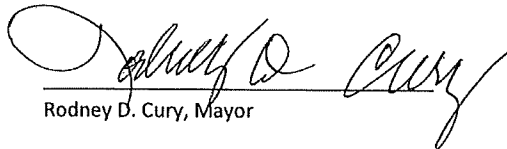
- Cigarette Sales Comparisons compared to surrounding area.
- Leaf/Limb/White Goods – Number of Calls from March 26- April 26, Average Cost Per Call.
- Motor Vehicle License Fee
- Personal Property- List of Towns that do not have Personal Property Tax.
- Utility Billing Cost - Breakdown of cost per bill
- Employee Christmas Meal - Estimate cost per employee
- Building Repairs – Deduct \$2000 and put in for Xmas Dinner for Employees
- Ask County About Vehicle Tax

Mary Ann - I make a motion that we Recess the meeting until April 29, Logan seconded the motion.

Mayor Cury- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Roll Call – Logan- Yes, Mike, Yes, Doug-Yes Mary Ann – Yes, Richard- Yes, Jeff-Yes Motion carries – 6/0.

Mayor Cury – Meeting Recessed until April 29, 2021 at 6:00pm

  
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Connie Allen, Town Clerk

  
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Rodney D. Cury, Mayor