

The Richlands Town Council held a regular monthly meeting in the Richlands Council Chambers on April 10, 2018 at 7:30pm with the following present:

Mayor: Jannis White
Town Manager: Tim Taylor
Town Clerk: Connie Allen
Council Members: Mary Ann Strong, Vickie England
Rick Wood, Rod Cury, Doug Ratliff, Larry Johnson
Town Attorney Absent: Brad Ratliff

Mayor White opened the meeting.

Mayor White gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor White - Do we have anyone who would like to speak that is not on the agenda?

Mayor White - Please add Deborah Newberry and Ernest Edgell to "Unscheduled Public Comments".

Mayor White - Do we have any other additions/deletions to the agenda?

Mayor White – Do we have a motion to approve the agenda with the additional speakers? Rod made the motion, Larry seconded the motion.

Mayor White - 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. Motion carries- 6/0.

Mayor White – We have one (1) set of minutes from our March 13 Regular Council Meeting. Are there any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes?

Rod – In my comments - Page 4 - The Richlands Women Club needs to be changed to Richlands Garden Club. Page 10 – "he researched the lights" needs changed to "he researched the chimneys". Page 12- Change CD to CDAC.

Mayor White - Are there any other corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes?

Mayor White - Do I have a motion to approve the minutes as amended?

Vickie - I make a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mayor White - 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. Motion carries - 6/0.

Mayor White - "Scheduled Public Comments" – Connie Allen – Update on Farmer's Market

Connie - You should have received a draft of all the documents for the Farmer's Market. I have prepared a Business Plan and updated the Rules and Regulations, Vendor Letter, Certificate, Application and Acknowledgement of Receipt.

I will be making a change in the hours of operation in the Business Plan and Rules and Regulations - The market will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 8am to 6pm for the convenience of the vendors. The scheduled time for the market will be Thursday and Friday from 11am to 3pm. All the surrounding markets are open (2) two days and for a limited number of hours. Most vendors I have talked to said they sell just as much in (4) four hours as they do in an (8) eight-hour period.

Vickie - Are markets not going to open on Saturday at all?

Connie - Tazewell and Abingdon markets are open on Saturday.

Connie - I have contacted USDA to register Richlands to have their own FNS number. We would then be approved for SNAP purchases. (It is a form of food stamps for seniors). Only problem someone must be on site to manage the machine unless I can come up with a way to manage without having to stay at the market. Not all vendors will participate in the SNAP program.

I have contacted VDACS (Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services) for updated information on requirements for Vendors who are selling processed foods. Information has been updated.

I have contacted Virginia Department of Taxation and updated the information concerning sales tax. (Vendors must register but if they are under \$1000 they are not required to file but need to change the filing status to occasionally filing) Tax is 2 1/2 %.

We have advertised on the Access Channel and working on Facebook/Website page.

I have contacted several vendors and have (5) committed to sell at the Market. I still have potential of a few more vendors but they won't commit until they see how their gardens will produce this year.

The market site has been cleaned and I plan on planting flowers around the sign in May. In the future I would like to include some activities at the market.

Any ideas, thoughts or changes don't hesitate to contact me. I would like to see a successful Market in Richlands Virginia.

Tim – Are you going to try to open the Farmer's Market in May?

Connie - Yes, the second week of May due to Richlands Town Yard sale on May 5.

Tim - Do you have any problem with approving the documents tonight?

Connie - No, the documents are ready to be approved tonight.

Tim - I recommend we approve the plan tonight with the small changes she will make.

Doug - I make a motion to approve the plan for the Farmer's Market. Larry seconded the motion.

Mary Ann - I would like to commend Connie; she has done a tremendous amount of work in a short period of time. I also appreciate the enthusiasm and professionalism; I look forward to having a very functional Farmer's Market. The idea of having activities at the same time would draw people to downtown Richlands.

Mayor White – Well done

Mayor White - 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. Motion carries - 6/0.

Mayor White - "Scheduled Public Comments" – Ginger Branton

Ginger – I would like to thank the Mayor and the Council for honoring me with the Key to the Town of Richlands. I was pleasantly surprised and appreciate all your support not only for myself but for the Chamber. I look forward to my future retirement officially March 30 but I will be working a few days a week. Starting June 30 Doug and I will start traveling and you won't see us much anymore after that. I am very honored to have this honor bestowed to me.

Mayor White – We wish you well.

Mayor White – "Scheduled Public Comments" – Christy Asbury – Living Local

Christy – Will Culbertson is here to speak with me on "Living Local". I would like to introduce "Living Local" to you today. It is a community support group for Tazewell County. Living Local first started early Fall of 2017 with three (3) local business owners, Rick Barton, Brent Warner and myself. We are the founding members and have recently welcomed Will Culbertson. The goal of Living Local is to educate positive affects for attending events, attractions and making purchases locally to help network local businesses in Tazewell County and surrounding sister counties. We offer the public the ability to join the "Living Local" Facebook page of their county affiliation where members will find informative post from retailers, civic groups and upcoming events. With the power of these group members promoting small businesses or events becomes easier and free, reaching collectively local families and other states. Every shared post has the potential to create not only more interest in local commerce but family and friends to learn what other businesses have to offer. Living Local believes that no town should be left behind but move forward and help create a unified county that impress the idea of living local and local pride. We invite you to build this mentality and support the upcoming "Soup" event we are planning. Will Culbertson will speak on the upcoming event.

Will – “Soup” is a dinner for the community. Everyone is encouraged to make a donation at the door of \$10.00. Everyone in Richlands and Cedar Bluff are invited to the event. We will hear (4) four different pitches from (4) four different community members of their ideas or community projects that will have a positive community impact. The audience will then have an opportunity to ask questions and then vote on which project the community thinks is best. The project with the most votes gets all the money made at the door to do their project. There will only be (1) one winner. We don’t envision this to be a one-time event for Richlands or Cedar Bluff but an ongoing project. There are a lot of people deeply involved in their community. It may be the Town Council, church group, business owners or different organizations. They are involved with youth, elderly and the less fortunate. This event helps people to network and hear different ideas they are involved with and provides the opportunity to get people who are less involved to participate. If you want to learn more about “Soup” visit detroitssoup.com, this is where the idea started and is hosted around the world. I am thankful for doing my job and I like working with motivated people like you and Christy. Thank You.

Mayor White – Christy, I would like to say, someone in your group went thru Town videoing all the businesses I seen it on Facebook. I appreciate it and I am sure the other businesses do too.

Christy - We would like to do more but this is something we do on our own personal time and money. As things develop we will be doing more.

Vickie - Where is this going to be held?

Christy - Southwest Virginia Community College, possibility at the King Center. The date is still not scheduled, hoping for the first week of June. We are waiting for Ryan to let us know if the first few days of June are available. In addition, we have a planning meeting which will be at the college on April 27 - 6:30pm at Buchanan Hall, Room 130. We will update the event on Facebook. Everyone invited.

Vickie - Will you be putting on Access Channel?

Christy - What are the steps for putting information on the Access Channel?

Tim - Make a request of what you want and submit to the Finance Office.

Mayor White - “Unscheduled Public Comments” Deborah Newberry

Deborah – I live at 530 Rimmer Street off Veterans Drive. On December 20 my husband came home for lunch, the group that was cutting the brush on Veterans Drive was literally almost in our yard cutting trees and bushes. I have pictures if you would like to see them. He asked them to stop. He called the Town Hall and Mr. West or Mr. Shelton came out to the house. On December 21, I called and talked to Mr. Taylor and he said that Mr. Hess would be responsible for any damage. My husband spoke to Mr. Hess; Mr. Hess said the Town didn’t pay him enough to be responsible for that. We gave him time to

cool down and then my husband spoke to him again in January. He said he would be up in a couple of days to look at it. We have not seen or heard from him. I am really upset. As a citizen of the Town of Richlands I pay taxes. If the company cutting brush was contracted by the Town, I paid them to destroy my property. (Handed out before and after pictures) I now can see the highway due to my trees being cut. I have no trees left; we hear every car that goes by my house when I am outside. These were not just trees; some were holly trees with berries. The brush they cut down laid there until December 20 until sometime in March. I assume the Town came and picked it up. A total of 26 trees were cut. I am a reasonable person that is why I have not been here before tonight. I assumed that Mr. Hess would keep his word and come by and see us. I saw an ad in the newspaper that the Town was contracting bids out for mowing. If this same company were to get the contract to mow, what happens if they destroy someone else's property? Will the citizens be responsible to pay for their own property? I am really upset, I can't sit on my back deck without being seen and seeing the traffic, I have no shade and no sound barrier. I want to know when the Town contracts work out who is responsible for damages.

Tim – I really thought they had got in touch with you.

Deborah - They have made no effort at all.

Tim - They have not done anything to help you resolve your issues?

Deborah - He told us he would be up in a couple days to take a look, which was in January. This is April and we still have not heard from him. I think it is unacceptable.

Tim – They are contract labor and they have insurance to handle this type of issues. I got a commitment they would try to resolve the matter. We will put pressure on the contractor to fulfill his obligation.

Deborah - What concerns me when the Town contracts people are they drug free.

Tim - We don't have a right to do that, the contractor is responsible for maintaining all the laws. It is an extensive contract our attorney has developed for contractors. They are required to have insurance to cover issues like this. They are instructed where to cut.

Deborah - Obviously they were in our yard. I want to know who is responsible to supervise these people.

Tim - We can't instruct their employees. If we could have caught them in time we could have stopped them.

Deborah - If my husband had not come home at lunch, I probably would not have had anything left in my yard.

Tim - They are responsible.

Rod - Were they on your property?

Deborah - They would have had to be on my property. One of the trees they cut in my backyard had a bird cage hanging on it. I had to retrieve my bird cage out of the brush.

Larry - How many trees were in your yard that they cut?

Deborah - They cut approximately 26 trees both big and small. I was very upset about the Holly Tree. They should be supervised.

Audience - Who hired them to cut on Veterans Drive?

Tim - The Town hired them to do the cutting. They were instructed to clear the right-of-way. I have no clue why they cut trees upon the hill. They damaged your property and they need to make it right with you. They will have to come up with a resolution that is satisfactory.

Deborah - What is my next step?

Tim - I didn't know they were not going to do anything. I thought it was settled. I still think it is their responsibility; I will give them a call tomorrow. It was our responsibility to pick up the brush, I apologize.

Deborah - Just wanted to make you aware that I am very unhappy with the situation.

Doug – Do they have a certain number of feet they are supposed to be cutting?

Tim – When we cut trees on private property we get permission from the owners.

Rod - We are sorry this has happened to you, everyone values their privacy. I don't think it was intentional but needs to be resolved.

Tim - I will talk to them.

Mary Ann – I appreciate your patience; I don't think I would have been as patient as you have been.

Deborah - It is a conflict of interest, my husband works for the Town and I can be quite outspoken sometimes, I wanted to give Mr. Hess every opportunity to take care of the problem.

Tim – When she called me about the issue, she was very professional. Mr. Hess has dropped the ball.

Doug - We will be up there in a couple of days.

Tim - We will take care of it.

Mayor White - "Unscheduled Public Comments" – Ernest Edgell

Ernest – 206 Terry Drive - The tree is still growing out of the fork lift at the old bowling alley, it is on Town property.

Mayor White - Has anyone looked at that?

Tim - I am not sure if anyone has or not since we last talked about it. I know we have before.

Rod - It is where the old Bowling Alley used to be.

Ernest - I would like for you to do something about the speeding all over Town. I was talking to a person yesterday down by Hurst Scott and a car came by blowing your dress tail up as they went by (figure of speech). They are also speeding down Terry Drive and I'm sure at Crestwood too.

Vickie - I have seen them patrolling.

Audience- They issued 32 speeding tickets.

Ernest - I am sure it was not on Terry Drive. We had a road check on Veterans Drive and I got stopped twice. I complimented them and told them they needed to be careful. I ask one of the policemen if they ever radar over there and they said we don't have anywhere to get out of the road. I told them I lived at 206 Terry Drive and they could park in my driveway any day. They need to be over there when the school buses are running.

Mayor White – "Council Member Reports"- Rod Cury

Rod – The Planning Commission met on April 3 and our guest at the meeting was Rick Barton. After the last Council meeting Rick Barton contacted me since the Mayor asked questions about the walking trail. He came to the meeting and talked about the work he has done on the walking trail. He is making headway. He is doing a lot of hard work and has a lot of good contacts. We have asked him to meet with the Commission again on May 1 to give us an update on the walking trail. He is working hard to promote and make it happen. The next Planning Commission meeting is May 1.

Rod - Rick you ask me about signage for the four-lane at our last meeting. I contacted VDOT and they sent me a lot of information about signage. I am in the process of reviewing the information to properly get it for our Town. Tim, do we have an update on the codification process? Mayor White asked about it at the last meeting. We want to make it available to all the citizens of the Town, which is what the plan is. In the minutes you said you had a copy.

Tim - We met several months ago with Legal Counsel, Frank and the Staff. We went over all the concerns. It is written and we have books but we don't have it official. The ordinance will incorporate the entire code as one unit, it needs to be correct. He is trying to get finalization. It will be on the website when official ordinance to adopt it.

Mayor White – “Council Member Reports” – Vickie

Vickie - Clinch River Kiwanis and Richlands Lion Club is doing Critterville clean up on April 21 and April 28 at 9:00 am. I talked with Tim about getting some trash bags and disposable gloves. Fred is going to get some basketball boys to come and help. I need to talk about asking the Fire Department to come and spray off the towers and upper decks at Critterville. I will get with you on that. We will be working and would like to have some extra hands.

Rod - What dates are you working?

Vickie - Saturday April 21 and April 28

Tim – Keith, is it a possibility that the Fire Department could help with the top pieces? If you could it would really help. The Street Department is tied up with concrete work. If you think you could take the role and have it dried before the next weekend would help us out a lot.

Vickie - They are going to be replacing some of the swings and some other work. It has been about three (3) years since this has been done.

Rick – Is there a trash dumpster over there?

Tim – Yes

Vickie - Trash pickup is scheduled for April 28 and 30. We are checking on reserving the shelters. We are going to get pizza and other things.

Mary Ann – Vickie, Dr. Harrison left me a message today, one thing he forgot to ask you to talk about tonight. He has something that is going to be delivered next Thursday can't remember what it was but he wants to know if it can be stored at the Water Treatment Plant. He needs the exact address for delivery.

Tim - It is probably the sealant. The address is 101 VA Avenue; I will double check for you.

Vickie - Last year, I asked about playground equipment for Lake Park. It has been approached to me again this year. We need something for the children in Lake Park they need to have a playground.

Mary Ann - I think that is something the Rec Commission needs to talk about.

Mayor White - I had a couple people to approach me about the walking trail at Critterville and they would like to have some benches every so often. Please add to the want list.

Mary Ann - We have talked about having stations on the walking trail to stop and do some exercising and then move on.

Vickie - We just need to take a look at getting some playground equipment for the children in Lake Park.

Mayor White - "Council Member Reports" – Rick Wood

Rick – On March 22 we had a meeting with Spearhead and Coal Creek Coal Company on some right-of-ways. I included Larry and Rick Barton. Larry could not make it but Rick Barton did. I'm in the process of helping get some right-of- ways for the walking trails down along the river. Everything went pretty good, looks like it is going to happen. They want to start construction by the middle of May. We have a meeting with the Board of Coal Creek Coal on May 2 in Tazewell, 9800 acres of right-of ways to use.

Mayor White - I sent you a picture today from Fairfax Corner Stone Church. A picture where a truck had messed up their yard. Could you have the Street Department to go over and look at that and see what our options are? The 18 wheelers are going down the alley instead of down Fairfax. It is hard for them to turn where the curb is up from the bridge.

Rick – They are turning down from Veterans Drive.

Tim – I think the best solution is to get the business to ask the truckers to come down Fairfax. There is plenty of room.

Rick - They can't go down the hill it is too steep and they get hung on it.

Tim - They could down to the lower end where the gravel area is.

Rod - It is an alley but they call it a street. Does it have a name?

Tim - It does but not sure what it is.

Mayor White - It has happened several times but they have taken care of it.

Tim - We will look into it.

Mayor White – "Council Member Reports" – Doug Ratliff

Doug - Brad is not here but several Council meetings ago he was supposed to do some research on the gas, on how we hold the gas companies accountable, but nothing has happened. Tim, do you know anything?

Tim – I have not had a conversation with Mr. Ratliff since last Council meeting.

Doug - Can you make a special note and ask him. We need to take steps to hold them accountable since nothing is happening.

Tim – Ok

Mayor White - He was supposed to research about naming a bridge after Mr. Fields. Please remind him to research.

Tim - I know that is going to take legal, there is code sections for that.

Doug – Can you ask him to address at the next Council meeting.

Tim – I will ask him to be prepared.

Rod - Rick asked about land for Habitat for Humanity. He was going to check the various properties. Can you add that to his list?

Rick - We need some land.

Tim - We probably have some houses we could tear down and get property.

Rick - They are willing to tear them down.

Mayor White – “Council Member Reports”- Larry Johnson

Larry – I just wanted to remind everyone about the Great Richlands River Race on May 19. The cardboard and duct tape boat race at Critterville launching at the Lavender access point. We have had several teams sign up. We have had some businesses to sponsor teams. I would like to say to the supervisors on public safety; we have not had a public safety committee meeting for a while but it is not because I am neglecting my duties I just don't know what to tell them. They have had the same questions for last (4) four or (5) years. We have fire trucks that are not going to be good anymore as far as the certifications. We have (2) two buildings, fire and rescue buildings, both are falling down. I have not had a meeting; I just don't know what to tell them. At the budget meeting we need to decide if we are going to have public safety or not. They can't operate with stuff that is not legal or falling down around them. We have to make that decision. We have kicked the can around for (8) eight years now. It

is time to make a decision. I know nobody likes to spend money or go into debt but we have to do something.

Doug - Rosedale has all kinds of money because they play Bingo.

Larry – We have tried Bingo.

Doug - I think a private person tried it.

Larry - We had a private person running it but the money was coming to the Town.

Mary Ann - How do they do that at Rosedale? Who runs it?

Rick - The ladies of the Board run it. The Fire Department does it but they have a Board that is appointed to do the Bingo.

Doug - They have \$800,000 dollars in their account from Bingo.

Larry - You can get people to participate but you have to do it over a long period of time. They have a good clientele built up. We tried it for the Police Department and the Fire Department and it did not work. We can't wait on Bingo.

Doug - As small as they are and as big as Richlands is, it looks like a lot of people would participate if we had the right people.

Larry - You need to have the right people and the right location. People are not going to go to the Police Department to play Bingo. We can't wait ten years.

Doug - They could start, Richlands has so many needs and we need some help.

Larry - I agree

Doug - I think the Rec Park would be a good place if we had some people to volunteer.

Vickie - It would show off all the improvements at the Rec Park.

Tim - I know there are some rules on Bingo. Larry, your concerns are on the agenda for the budget work session. That is a big need right now.

Doug – Could it be a paid employee? I am sure if they are getting paid for it they will go after it, would give them an incentive. Connie?

Mayor White - "Council Member Reports" – Mary Ann Strong

Mary Ann – I want to thank everyone who attended the grand re-opening of the Rec Department on March 16, we had a great day. We appreciate everyone who brought food. I appreciate Mr. Phillips for all his hard work and giving tours of the facility. I had a few people message me about the re-opening. I told them it was just a celebration of the renovations at the Rec Park. Last week I was very pleased that Mr. Phillips, Ronnie Cordle, Adrienne Cordle and Jeff Hurst attend the RDA meeting. Thank you for going. I am excited to get a report at our Rec Commission meeting on May 16. From what I hear they were very pleased to have representatives from Richlands at the RDA meeting. I am sure we will continue to make our presence there, it will help us greatly. Last night Richlands Little League Baseball/Softball season opened. They were supposed to open this past weekend but the weather did not cooperate. I love sitting in my office hearing the kids it brings back a lot of memories. If you get a chance go by and get your dinner, they have a good concession now. Watch the kids and support the program. The Chamber Banquet was on March 22. Ginger thank you, as always, the banquet was a huge success. I was very proud of the Town of Richlands. We had more representatives there than I can ever remember. It was a special night because the Chamber did honor Sue Wade for all her years of service as Office Manager for the Town of Richlands. On April 23, Young Life Program in Richlands is going to be having an event called "Couch Wars". Frank, I wanted to mention to you that it is a scavenger hunt thru town. There will be several pickup trucks with a couch in the back. There will be no kids in the back of the pickup truck. Would you please let your officers know that evening around 6:30pm or 7:00pm they will see trucks going thru Town with a couch in the back of the truck. Several cars will be following the truck, please don't pull them over. It is a scavenger hunt. They will go looking for the item. When they get to their location the kids have to take the couch out of the truck. The kids have to sit the couch on the ground and make a picture. They get the item put the couch back in the truck and move on. It may look a little strange. On May 2 all the businesses will be getting information on our bake potato sale. It will be a lunch delivery to help raise money for kids going to summer camp at Rockbridge in July. We will have our first banquet on May 17. I will talk about it at our next meeting. On May 4 an awesome program called Leadercast will be held at Community Heights from 8:30am to 3:30pm. You will have the opportunity to hear amazing speakers. I will send Ginger another promotional piece and it will list all the speakers. The fee is \$45. If you go to Leadercast nationwide it is simulcast all over the world. It is an annual event. It used to be called Chick-fil-A Leadercast. People always went because it was sponsored by Chick-fil-A. Chick-fil- A is not the sponsor. If you are interested reach out to me or go to Community Heights Facebook. It is not a religious night it is not a service, it is a program about Leadership that our church is hosting. Tim, have you had any conversations with Community Planning Partners?

Tim – I've asked Craig to give us some dates. We have some dates for the budget suggested. If we can double up and have (2) two meetings next week hopefully we can finish and then schedule him. I would like to get thru the budget process first. We should be able to get him here in the next couple of weeks, hopefully the first part of May.

Mayor White – Sue, would it be too late to get (2) two events, Yard Sale and River Race, listed on the utilities bills?

Sue - We can try.

Rick - Can we put on the Access Channel too?

Larry - I will take care of sending the information for the River Race to be put on Access Channel.

Mayor White – “Department Head Reports” - Does anyone have anything to comment or explain on your reports?

Mayor White - “Manager’s Report” - Tim Taylor

Tim – Please take a few minutes to review the check register. Does anyone have any questions on the bills? If you will notice on the power bill we have (2) two separate bills, EDF Trading of North America and AMP, you need to add the (2) two together to get a total.

Mayor White - Does anyone have any questions?

Rick – What is Check 57765 issued to J. Christopher Plaster?

Tim - That is usually for a Court appointed lawyer.

Mayor White - Anyone else have anything? If not, do I hear a motion for Mr. Taylor to pay the bills?

Vickie - I make the motion to allow Mr. Taylor to pay the bills. Rick seconded the motion.

Mayor White - 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. Motion carries - 6/0.

Tim - For your information I have included a copy of the Monthly Power Cost Report for February 18.

Tim - The budget work session will be held on April 12 at 7:00 pm with Garrett Cole, GDS Associates, Inc. and Alice Wolfe, Blue Ridge Power Agency. Both will present information concerning their part of the budget.

Tim - Review the Proposed FY 2018-19 Budgetary Process, suggested date would be April 17 and April 19, that would get us started and the possibility of April 24 and April 26 if needed. Are those dates a possibility to meet? We will have a public hearing for the budget on the second Tuesday of May at 7:00pm. We can also broadcast if you want to.

Rod - What Time?

Tim - At 7:00pm if that is OK with everyone. Can we go ahead and tentatively set the schedule for April 17 and 19 tonight? We will review Fire & Rescue, Public Safety first and then Police after that. What we don't finish that night we will continue Thursday night. It is a tight budget this year. We will go into detail in the meeting of things in the budget. Hopefully, we can meet the minimum needs of what Council has directed at this point and time. We did uncover a few things found out from our garbage collection fees. Last year we lost money mainly due to the cost of doing business and the increased in cost maintenance fees. It does reflect a 10% increase in departmental revenue, does not mean we are going to put 10% on everyone's bills, just want everyone to understand that. We have to figure out the rates. We will have available for you. The Water & Sewage budget reflects approx. \$100,000 loss that does not include capital. The Town has reserve funds to cover the capital costs reflected in the budget. The budget reflects \$100,000 increase adjustment to water and sewer revenues which is a short term solution to cover the loss and break even. We have to reflect a little bit of capital. We need to buy a truck in a couple years. I hate to borrow the money. I would like to save and buy in (5) five years. We have gotten water asset management program report done to reflect a 10 year plan. We will have the engineers who prepared the plan to report to Council. We have cost of living adjustments in the budget. We are approximately \$800,000 in the red. Capital will be taken from reserves for water and sewer. The budget is balanced based on that. It doesn't address our long term fund problems that Larry talked about, the need for a new fire truck. This is a proposed budget. We will have a public hearing and see how they feel and if you have other projects at that time we can make adjustments. Please call and let me know what you are doing with projects.

Mayor White - Does anyone have any questions? Is everyone OK with the first two dates?

Mayor White - Does anyone else have anything to add? If not, do I hear a motion to adjourn?

Rod- I make a motion to adjourn, Rick seconded the motion.

Mayor White - 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. Motion carries- 6/0.

Adjourned

Jannis White, Mayor

Connie Allen, Town Clerk

