

The Richlands Town Council held a "Public Hearing" in the Richlands Council Chambers on May 18, 2021 at 6:00pm, Budget Work Session immediately following Public Hearing with the following present:

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

Mayor Cury opened the meeting.

Mayor Cury –Receive public comment regarding the Proposed Budget FY 2021-2022, after the public hearing is over we will have a ten (10) minute break and we will go into budget work session. Town Council will have the opportunity to express their feelings and no public comment will be accepted during this period.

Mayor Cury - As each speaker comes to the podium please state your name and address for the record. Each speaker will have three (3) minutes to address concerns with the budget.

Public Comments:

Jan White – 1914 6th Street

Rick Wood – 226 Floyd Avenue

Rudie Keith – 1716 Cresswood Drive

Kenneth Musick – Hidden Valley – Concerns with Town Right-a-way

Jerry Lowe – 2810 Daw Road

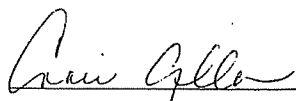
Laura Mollo – 262 Linwood Drive

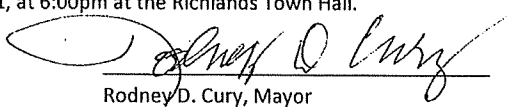
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Mayor Cury - Since there are no more public comments I will adjourn the public comment period and have a ten (10) minute recess and start the budget work session.

- Doug asked the Town Attorney to explain the ten (10) minute time frame without interruptions per Robert's Rule of Order.
- Wayne - Ten (10) minutes with no more than 20 minutes all together per topic.
- John discussed two questions from last budget work session, White Goods- He contacted Tazewell and Bluefield, Bluefield charges per pick-up and adds to customer's bill after pick-up. Tazewell's – charge per pick-up. Vehicle Fee – Ask Wayne to comment.
- Wayne cannot find anything in the ordinance that prevents the Council from raising any of the fees; we cannot control what the County does.
- John handed out worksheet on "Governmental Fund Capital Expenditures – Scenario 2
- Discussed Proposed Budget Items
- Consensus proposed meals tax for 7.5% to 7%- Some Members still Questioned
- Consensus to leave vehicle license fee at \$10.00.
- Consensus to leave mobile home fee to \$20.00.
- Suggestion made to increase cigarette tax to \$0.20 per pack, no consensus
- Councilmembers give summary of their thoughts on proposed budget.
- Date set to Interview Town Attorney – June 9 at 7:00pm at the Richlands Town Hall.

Meeting Recessed until May 24, 2021, at 6:00pm at the Richlands Town Hall.


Connie Allen, Town Clerk


Rodney D. Cury, Mayor