

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

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(Summary minutes of City Council meeting. Audio tapes of the meeting are on file and are included by reference as part of this meeting. An agenda of this meeting has been either mailed or made available to persons, organizations and local news media as per their request. The agenda gives the date, time and place of the meeting as well as the order of business. This disclosure is in compliance with the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e).)

A public hearing was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

**COUNCIL:** Mayor Harold Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Robert Garner;  
Councilmembers Tommy Anthony, Vicki Morgan, Ricky Harris; Pamela Sloss and Sonja Craig

**DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:** Gloria Rogers – Municipal Clerk/HR Director; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Laura Hembree – Finance Director and Rebecca Lance – Accounting Supervisor

**NEWS MEDIA:** Graham Williams – Union County News

**OTHERS:** None

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order.

2. **BUSINESS**

**HEARING TO SOLICIT PUBLIC COMMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED BUDGET ORDINANCE – 2020-2021 AND TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

Mayor Thompson asked Finance Director Laura Hembree to comment on the Proposed Budget and the Tax Levy Ordinance for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Finance Director Laura Hembree states that fiscal year 2020-2021 Proposed Budget All Funds Summary is \$44,868,530, an increase of 2.19% over Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The General Fund's projected revenues are \$6,002,620. Expenditures are proposed at \$6,454,220. This leaves a deficit of \$451,600 to be funded by fund balance. Taxpayers will receive a credit against their property taxes, due to local option sales tax revenue. The tax millage will remain the same at 89.8 mills. A \$5 disposal fee will be added to the 2020 tax notices. Capital equipment and improvements in the amount of \$129,240 are included in the proposed expenditures amount above. The Solid Waste Management fund has a budget of \$860,070, an increase of less than 1%. The garbage pickup fee will remain the same at \$17 per month. The Utility Fund projected revenues are \$34,322,440. Expenses are proposed at \$36,760,300, an increase of 3.17% over last year's budget. The deficit of \$2,437,860 will be funded by retained earnings. No electric rate increase is proposed, but the PPA will continue to true up the cost of power each month. No rate increases are proposed for water or sewer customers. Natural gas base rates will not increase, but the PGA will continue to true up the cost of gas each month. Capital infrastructure costs of \$5,989,750 are included in the total utility proposed expenses above. No cost of living raise is proposed for City Employees. The General Fund and Utility Funds will use fund balance/cash reserves to balance. The following is a list of special revenue funds and their FY 2020-2021 proposed budgets:

a. Local Hospitality & Accommodations	\$438,000
b. Main Street Junction	\$138,940
c. Economic Development	\$100,000
d. Drug Fund	\$ 7,000
e. Community Change	\$ 20,000
f. Debt Service-Tax Increment	\$ 90,000

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Mayor Thompson asked if anyone from the general public would like to comment on the proposed budget and tax levy for fiscal year 2020-2021.

No one commented.

3. **Adjournment**

Public hearing adjourned at 6:04 P.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers  
Certified Municipal Clerk/HR Director

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2020