

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

{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 15, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Harold Thompson, Councilmembers Tommy Anthony, Vicki Morgan, Pamela Sloss and Sonja Craig. Mayor Pro Tem Robert Garner and Councilmember Ricky Harris were absent.

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers – Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Laura Hembree – Finance Director; Sam White – Public Service Director and Rebecca Lance – Accounting Supervisor

CITY ATTORNEY: Larry Flynn was absent.

NEWS MEDIA: Mike Stevens – WBCU Radio and Graham Williams – Union County News

OTHERS: Kathy Teague, David Lance and Bobby Monroe

1. Call To Order

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order.

2. Business

A. Finance Director Laura Hembree states that this is a Public Hearing to solicit comments in connection with the Proposed Budget Ordinance for FY 2018-2019 and the Tax Levy Ordinance for FY 2018-2019. The All Funds Summary is \$44,907,650, a decrease of 2.3% under Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The General Fund’s projected revenues are \$5,641,860. Expenditures are proposed at \$6,264,240. This leaves a deficit of \$622,380 to be funded by fund balance. Taxpayers will receive a credit against their property taxes, due to Local Option Sales Tax revenue. There is no tax or fee increase proposed for the General Fund. Capital equipment and improvements in the amount of \$315,900 are included in the proposed expenditures amount above. The Solid Waste Management fund has a budget of \$784,510, an increase of 2.6%. No fee increase is proposed For FY 2019. The Utility Fund projected revenues are \$35,603,060. Expenses are proposed at \$37,085,300, a decrease of 3.6% under last year’s budget. The deficit of \$1,482,240 will be funded by retained earnings. The PPA will continue to true up the cost of power each month. Water proposed rate increase is at 2.5% on volume only. Sewer customers will see an increase of 2.5%. Natural Gas base rates will not increase, but the PGA will continue to true up cost of gas each month. Capital equipment in the amount of \$477,000 and infrastructure of \$3,522,430 are included in the total utility proposed expenses. A 2.6% 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 2018-2019 proposed budgets:

a. Local Hospitality and Accommodations	\$430,000
b. Main Street Junction	116,600
c. Economic Development Fund	100,000
d. Drug Fund	7,000
e. Community Change	30,000
f. Debt Service-Tax Increment	90,000

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Mayor Thompson asked if any member of council or the general public had any questions.

There were none.

3. Adjournment

Public hearing adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2018