



**GATE CITY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 22, 2011  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – 2011-2012 BUDGET  
156 E. JACKSON ST.  
6:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor, Mark Jenkins called the special called meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL** Town Clerk, Kathy Riley

Present : Mayor, Mark Jenkins  
Council Member, Roger Cassell  
Council Member, Randy Lane  
Council Member, Frances Perry  
Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr.

Absent: Vice Mayor, Tommy Herron

Others present: Lisa McCarty

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**Approve the 2011-2012 Town Budget**

**Mayor Jenkins** – Any questions, any comments?

**Council Member, F. Perry** – Yes, on Page 6 where it says Gate City Fire Department Water, were we not to change that.

**Mayor Jenkins** – Yes, we were.

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – Do you want benevolence or contribution?

**Mayor Jenkins** – I think we said to change it to benevolence.

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – Do you want to put benevolence in front of that?

**Council Member, F. Perry** – Leave the water out. Don't we need to leave the word water out? Water doesn't need to be involved in it.

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – Okay

**Mayor Jenkins** – Only wording, there'll be no change to the budget. Is there anything else.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – Questions his name being list under General Funds for Council salaries when he doesn't receive a check.

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – As explained to you earlier, that has to be placed in there. If something would happen in the new year and you not be able to serve and somebody would come to replace you, that money has to be in there to pay them for that.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – Talking about my name is not listed here.

**Council Member, F. Perry and Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – Both ask. What page are you on?

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – Well, according to the Treasurer Report page 7, page 10 I just asked that question she doesn't if any

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – That's something different that what we're doing tonight.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – Well, what I'm trying to say is, well you got here

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – The only thing that shows up on those reports, as far as payroll, is people who are actually getting paid.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – Right, so my name doesn't have to be there. It doesn't have to be, Okay, that's all I'm asking. Okay, so now on the budget, 2012, under the, I guess it's Council on Page 3 of 9, Total Council, that price it increased to \$17,000 and May you had \$16,000. Is that an increase for the budget for 2012?

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – If it went up? Yes.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – And the reason for it went up?

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – The travel went up for one thing, on the Council.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** - \$2,000 to \$3,000. But the total Council was 16 went up to 17 so I just since you all cut I'm still trying to figure out where all the cuts are.

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – The actual budget for 2011 was \$12,900 for the Council.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – Right

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – And it went up to \$17,233.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – Correct.

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – So it went up more from \$16,070, it went up \$4,000.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – Correct.

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – Where we increased and decreased was every line item. We went through every line item and either increased it or decreased it or kept it the same.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – Well, I'm just trying to well I guess that's why I'm asking questions. To see increase on one page and see an increase on another have we really figured out because you all gave me some figures of \$70,000 delinquent so I still haven't figured out where the \$320,000 where'd that cut I mean I just don't have the expertise I know you all are more verse than I as far as Council Member I just don't see where that cut start. Now, with your salary it says that we will not be paying we will be paying for social security and other entries from General Funds so where's the General Fund if the General Funds where do you sit in General Funds getting the extra money to do?

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – It's in the FICA and accrued wages. It goes in the accrual and plus my salary, like Mark's, just like the Office Manager's, Town Clerk, our and several salaries get allocated across every department. It's just not particularly in one part because we do work for every department.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – Yeah, but before here May 31, 2011 it showed that in that category that was all taken out of in your salary.

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – Because it gets picked up over in the administration part of it, another department. It's 001440.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – Well there's an increase in your travel pay increase or do we have to pay

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – The budget line item, the travel went up. Actually, for mine, it went down. It went down from \$1,200 to \$1,000.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – Well, now you all said that you had it cut. How much really, I've been totaling numbers, what is the actual numbers that being cut from this budget?

**Mayor Jenkins** – Wallace, a lot of the items that were cut were those that were presented by the Police Chief and different departments. What they were actually asking for had to be trimmed from that budget to get it where it would actually balance. All departments didn't get what was requested, it was cut all the way around.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – But, you still haven't given me a percent or figure showing what's cut. I mean, that's just proper procedure. You cut say \$10,000 line item showing where this cut came from.

**Mayor Jenkins** – No, that wasn't money that was spent last year, that was money that was requested for this budget cycle.

**Council Member, F. Perry** – What he's saying if the Police Department came over here with a budget figured out at \$10,000 and they couldn't give him \$10,000 there were only giving him \$8,000 that meant they cut \$2,000 out of their proposal to present to the Town Council. That's the cut that they are talking about. That's what they're talking about.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – But you still have to show somewhere where that cut, if you cut that amount, it'd have to be thrown somewhere.

**Council Member, R. Cassell** – It was originally on the worksheet.

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – I gave you a copy of the worksheets that the Finance Committee went over. It shows what the 2011 budget was and what the budget revised and what it's going to be proposed at. But you came in and I gave you a copy of it.

**Council Member, R. Cassell** – Chief Birchfield had asked for a \$140,000 in increase. Explains where the cuts were made to the Chief's request, stating his were the worst cuts. Explains how you start with a budget, putting in what everyone asks for making adjustments of what you can afford.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – What's the dollar amount you cut?

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – The budget actually went up because of the water project grants that we got.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – So, it went up and nobody can give me a figure of how much it went up. \$200,000, \$17,000, \$5,000?

**Council Member, F. Perry** – I think what he wants is, are you asking for how much more the budget this year than what it was last fiscal year? You get last year's budget and this year's budget and see what the difference is. Do you not have a copy of last's year budget?

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – No, just got this in time, late.

**Council Member, F. Perry** – Late from what?

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – Explains from the worksheet the General Budget went up \$546,133 and the Water it went up like two million, almost two million nine, it looks like.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – That's total revenue, I mean for the water and

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – No, that's the budget.

**Council Member, W. W. Ross, Jr.** – Two million?

**Town Treasurer, C. Edwards** – Close to two million nine, yes, because of all the grants and stuff. I'm not exact on that figure because I don't have my other worksheets. But I reported that last week when we had to go to the other meeting of how much increase it was and how much decrease it was and what was the difference. I mean we went over this for the budget last week.

Motion made to approve the 2011-2012 Town Budget

Motion by: Council Member, F. Perry 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Council Member, R. Cassell

VOTE: Yeas,	3
Nays,	1 – W.W. Ross, Jr.
Abstain,	0
Absent,	1 – T. Herron

#### IV ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Council Member, R. Lane 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Council Member, R. Cassell

VOTE: Yeas,	4
Nays,	0
Abstain	0
Absent	1 – T. Herron

Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 P.M.

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Mayor - Mark Jenkins

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Kathy Riley – Town Clerk