

## GATE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING – PROSPOSED BUDGET 2014-2015 JUNE 24, 2014 156 E. JACKSON ST. 6:30 P.M.

## • PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET FOR 2014-2015

**I.** Mayor, Frances Perry, called Public Hearing to order at 6:30 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL Town Clerk, Kathy Riley

Present: Mayor, Frances Perry

Vice Mayor, Allan "Cotton" Roberts Council Member, Roger Cassell Council Member, Robin Richards Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. Council Member, Walter Salyers Town Attorney, Michele Brooks Town Treasurer, Chris Edwards

Absent: Town Manager, Greg Jones

Others present: Daniel Barnette

## III. NEW BUSINESS

• Proposed Town Budget for 2014-2015 – Town Treasurer, Chris Edwards touched on highlights of the budget i.e., Water Fund is not dependent on General Fund, no tax increase, five year Capital Plan, funding to improve telemetry, employee bonus increased, 2% merit raise pending evaluation, roof and heat pump in 2015. Council Members discussed the 2% merit increase, capping salaries, employee bonus to be tied into performance, insurance rates, percentage the town pays, look into other plan options, Personnel Committee to provide guidelines and caps regarding merit and bonus, Council Member salaries, reduction in bank taxes, renters of space below Town Hall, group insurance rates overstated-to return to 26 pay period versus 24 pay periods, Water Fund paying for itself, debt reserve, breakdown in salary for Town Clerk and Office Manager between Water/General Funds and Sanitation, get a break down of Stoney and Marks time between Water/General Funds and Sanitation at end of the year, and schedule a workshop prior Budget Public Hearing to work on subjects and questions.

## IV PUBLIC COMMENT - None

Close Public Comment at 7:15 P.M.

V.	<b>Motion made to adjourn.</b> Motion by: Council Member, A. Roberts 2 <sup>nd</sup> by: Council Member, W.W. Ross, Jr.				
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		Nays,	0	0	
		Absent,	0		
		Abstain,	0		
VI.	Public Hearing closed at 7:15 P.M.				
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Mayo	or Frances Perry				
Town	Clerk, Kathy Riley				