

Mount Pleasant

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**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Budget Workshop Meeting
Town Hall- Conference Room
Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 8:00 A.M.**

Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr
Commissioner Chris Carter
Commissioner William Meadows
Commissioner Jim Sells
Commissioner Justin Simpson
Town Manager Randy Holloway
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

Also Present: Crystal Smith, Erin Burris, and Jonathon & Aurelia Helms.

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order and welcomed those attending.

Mayor Eudy then turned the meeting over to Town Staff: Randy Holloway, Crystal Smith, Amy Schueneman, and Erin Burris to present the Power Point presentation for the FY2022/2023 Budget Workshop.

****Attached to the Minutes of the Budget Workshop in the Minute Book is a copy of both Power Point presentations and a copy of the proposed budget.****

Each slide was presented with any additional comments/discussion listed by page below.

Page 2- Rural Fire tax given from Cabarrus County to the Town of Mount Pleasant Fire Department for fire protection to the rural district totals \$717,094 for FY22/23 up \$49,866 from FY21/22. Nine years ago the Town was paying 16 cents and rural tax paid 6.2 cents. Now it is becoming more equal, Town paying 12 cents and rural 11.8 cents per \$100 tax rate.

The town would not have the current level of Fire Department if it was not for the Rural Tax District. Cabarrus County is currently working to redraw district lines and could make the Mount Pleasant Rural District larger.

Page 7- Discussion on WSACC rate increase of \$10,000 for next year that led to the current capacity issues (or lack of) and the amount of capacity the Town will receive until 2024.

Page 8- Law Enforcement proposed rates were a sticker shock 2 years ago when the rates doubled. However, after Randy Holloway spoke with Sheriff Van Shaw, Cabarrus County kept the current rates.

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Page 9- The Town's portion of the NC Retirement Rates will increase next year from 11.35% to 12.10% which equates to @\$2,000 per fund to cover for FY22/23.

Randy Holloway stated in the future with health care insurance increasing Town employees may have to pay a portion of their insurance. Currently, the Town pays the entire premium for the employee but the employee pays for all the spouse and dependent coverage if they have it. Crystal Smith said most Towns' have their employees pay the \$50 Blue Cross Blue Shield has as "Employee" portion.

Page 11- Amy Schueneman asked the Board if they were still willing to increase the water base rate by \$1.25 again this year for future USDA payments. This would also affect the Fieldstone Flat Rate Sewer customers.

Page 17- Amy Schueneman explained the recommended way to use the ARP Funds received from the Federal Government Covid Relief package. By supplanting the Water & Sewer Account salaries with ARP Funds, it will free up revenue in water/sewer to go to Fund Balance. This will enable the Town to use the water/sewer Fund Balance in any way without the restrictions and "hoops to jump through" for projects.

Page 18- Erin Burris presented an updated Comprehensive Plan to the Board.

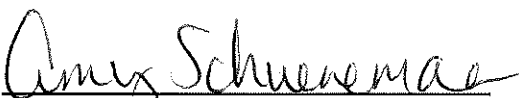
The Comprehensive Plan Update Power Point is included in the Minute Book at the end of the Town Staff Power Point.

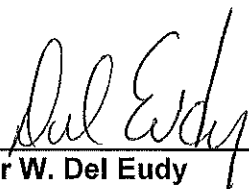
ADJOURNMENT

After finishing the Power Point, Mayor Eudy thanked the Town Staff for their hard work and closed the meeting.

Since this was not a formal meeting but a Workshop, a motion was not required; therefore, a motion and vote were not needed.

By our signatures, the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday, April 11, 2022 in the Regular Meeting.


Town Clerk Amy Schueneman


Mayor W. Del Eudy

