



TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN – PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
June 26, 2018 • 5:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Mayor Bill Feather, Mayor Pro Tem Jim LaFevers, Alderman Jim Costantino, Alderman Kim Cress, Alderman John Linker

Staff: Phil Conrad – Town Manager, Tanya Word – Town Clerk, Mr. Mark Cook – Police Chief, Ms. Shelly Shockley – Finance Analyst / Event Planner, Brian Peeples – Assistant Fire Chief, Travis Barnhardt – Deputy Fire Chief, Jason Hord – Maintenance Manager

Visitor(s): Mark Wineka

Call to Order: Mayor Feather called the Public Hearing to order at 5:00 PM.

Review of FY 2018-2019 Budget Ordinance:

Mr. Conrad reviewed budget changes for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. Powell Bill funds will be coming from NCDOT in the amount of \$84,457. Revenue also includes funds for the firefighter retirement program and \$50,000 reimbursement for water line extension from Salisbury Rowan Utilities. A fund balance appropriation of \$70,000 is being requested for the \$50,000 obligation to Carolina Thread Trail for a sidewalk project and \$20,000 for the Revitalization Team activities.

The interest payment on the Fire Truck is locked in with the payment coming from the next fiscal year. The remaining balance will be paid off as directed by the Board. Board projects include funding for the Veterans' Memorial with the understanding that additional funds will be sought from grants or private donations to cover the remainder of costs.

The tax rate is remaining 41.75 cents; which is consistent with the previous budget. There is a proposed \$1.00 increase to the environmental fee for collecting trash, recycling, and leaf & limb collection. The current assessed tax valuation for the Town per Rowan County is \$212,724,537 with an estimated collection rate of 98.11%. A merit increase is proposed averaging 2.13% based on performance reviews. The purchase of a new police vehicle and required equipment, necessary equipment purchases for departments, and operation expenses required to maintain current levels of service are included in the recommended budget of \$2,248,568.

Public Comments:

Mayor Feather opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments made in favor of or in opposition to the proposed budget.

Close Hearing:

Mayor Feather closed the Public Hearing at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Stewart

Deputy Clerk