

TOWN OF BOWLING GREEN
TOWN COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES

April 23, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice-Mayor Glenn McDearmon, Otis Wright, Mark Gaines, Mary Frances Coleman, Jean Davis, and Tyler Gibson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Jason Satterwhite and Martin Hauser

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Manager Reese Peck, Town Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Lewis, Public Works and Utilities Director Billy Deavers, Police Chief David Lipscomb, Tara Delaney – Representative, USDA Rural Development

I. RECONVENING OF MEETING:

Vice-Mayor McDearmon reconvened the April 5, 2018 meeting of Town Council to order at 6:38 P.M. He established that a quorum was present.

II. USDA WATER RATES:

Tara Delaney, USDA Rural Development Representative, spoke about the importance of maintaining rates that are able to sustain water and sewer operations. She also spoke about grant eligibility versus underfunded water and sewer systems due to rates that are too low.

The Town Manager answered questions from the audience regarding the effects that monthly billing would have on staff, the useful life and expense of replacing equipment, and loans versus grants to fund capital improvement projects.

III. WORK SESSION:

Items discussed included:

- Alternate Proposed Water Sewer Rate Increase – rates reflect an across the board 10% increase rather than a structure that mirrors that of Caroline County as initially proposed by the Town Manager.
- Alternate FY 18-19 Budget - The Town Manager gave a summary and analysis of his proposed FY18-19 Budget reflecting his proposed 10% utility rate increase.

Upon motion by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Gaines, council voted to set a Public Hearing on the proposed FY19 Budget for May 17th at 7:00 P.M. and authorize the Town Manager to advertise such hearing. **Voting Aye:** Wright, Gaines, Davis, Coleman, and Gibson

Voting Nay: none.

Upon motion by Mr. Gaines, seconded by Mr. Gibson, Council voted to authorize the Town Manager to publish the proposed FY19 Budget with proposed 10% utility rate increase and increased vehicle license fee. **Voting Aye:** Wright, Gaines, Davis, Coleman, and Gibson

Voting Nay: none.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

The following information items were noted:

- A. Opportunity Zone – the Rt. 301 corridor was nominated an opportunity zone under a new U.S. Dept. of Treasury incentive program.
- B. Route 301 proposed traffic changes – the Town Manager noted that a public meeting on the proposed changes will be held by VDOT at the Caroline County Community Center on May 5th.
- C. Waiving of availability and hookup fees for Beazley property - Council decided to honor the agreement made between the Town and Mr. Beazley in 2014 and extend the waiving of the fees to the new owner of the property.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Set Joint meeting with EDA for purpose of discussing development opportunity on 301 corridor

Upon motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Ms. Davis, Council voted to set a Special Joint Meeting with the EDA for 7 P.M. on May 1st for the purpose of discussing development opportunity on the Rt. 301 corridor. **Voting Aye:** Wright, Gaines, Davis, Coleman, and Gibson. **Voting Nay:** none.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Ms. Davis, Council to adjourn the meeting. **Voting Aye:** Wright, Gaines, Davis, Coleman, and Gibson.