

SHALLOTTE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MAY 10, 2023
3:30 P.M.

The Shallotte Board of Aldermen met for a budget workshop on May 10, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in the meeting chambers located at 110 Cheers Street with Mayor Walt Eccard presiding.

Aldermen present: Carson Durham, Gene Vasile, and Jimmy Bellamy

Aldermen absent: Larry Harrelson and Bobby Williamson

Staff present: Mimi Gaither, Robert Waring, Isaac Norris, Natalie Goins, Adam Stanley, Robert Gravino, Paul Dunwell, and Dan Formyduval

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eccard called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Carson Durham seconded by Gene Vasile to open the meeting. Motion carried 3 yes 0 no.

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Town Manager, Mimi Gaither, provided an explanation of ISO ratings' standards and noted the importance of part time positions in maintaining required staffing levels. Fire Chief, Paul Dunwell, stated nothing added to budget from last year. Capital has decreased significantly due to utilizing Town mechanic services.

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Town Manager, Mimi Gaither, briefly reviewed salary and wages, noting the addition of a Detective position July 1, 2023. Also, a line item was added for volunteer expenses. Police Chief, Adam Stanley, explained the increase in training and travel was due to resuming training events following the Covid pandemic. He noted the RADAR trailer needs to be replaced. There was discussion regarding the Enterprise leasing program compared to purchasing vehicles outright.

4. PD SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Police Chief, Adam Stanley, stated that he had been contacted about possibly contracting a school resource officer. Some concerns expressed were setting a precedent, liability, and added administrative duties. It was agreed that Chief Stanley gather more information to present to the Board for further discussion.

5. SEWER CONTRACT APPROVAL

A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Carson Durham to approve the contract with Vision Infrastructure Development, Inc. for the Shallotte Avenue sewer project.
Motion carried 3 yes 0 no.

6. TOWN HALL DESIGN

Creech & Associates' building and site concept design options for the new Municipal complex were discussed.

7. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy seconded by Carson Durham to adjourn the meeting at 4:43. Motion carried 3 yes 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Goins
Town Clerk