

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

The Shallotte Board of Aldermen met for a budget workshop on May 3, 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, Jimmy Bellamy, Larry Harrelson, and Bobby Williamson

Staff present: Mimi Gaither, Robert Waring, Isaac Norris, and Natalie Goins

Mayor Eccard called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Jimmy Bellamy to open the meeting. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Eccard noted the following proposed monthly salary increases:

Mayor – from \$600 to \$700

Aldermen – from \$400 to \$500

Planning Board – from \$200 to \$250

Town Manager, Mimi Gaither, briefly reviewed the proposed budget for the Governing Body. Included in the proposed budget is a 10.5% increase to building insurance.

ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Gaither stated an HR Specialist position was budgeted, to begin on or around July 1, 2023. Garbage and recycling collection notably increased. A salary study was included under professional services, estimated at \$15,000. Also proposed is 5% COLA and 3.5% merit.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Planning Director, Robert Waring, gave a review of the proposed Planning Department budget. A Planner position was budgeted for this year. There has been discussion with public works about unused \$100,000 GSATS grant money being used for a combination drainage and sidewalk project. \$70,000 of Engineering Services funds is specifically for sidewalks.

Alderman Durham excused himself from the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

DISCUSSION

RD White Lease (Tabled from May 2, 2023 BOA Regular Meeting)

The Board was in agreement to remove the sign from Mr. White's property. Staff was authorized to notify Mr. White of the decision and to extend appreciation for use of the land. Staff was also requested to provide input on the desired image for the Town welcome signs for future discussion.

A motion was made by Bobby Williamson seconded by Jimmy Bellamy to adjourn the meeting at 4:21. Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Goins
Town Clerk