

**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
FY 2007-2008 BUDGET WORK SESSION NO. 2
MAY 9, 2007**

The May 9, 2007 Budget Work Session No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 of the Rocky Mount Town Council was held at the Municipal Building at 4:00 p.m. with Mayor Angle presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Mayor Steven C. Angle, Vice Mayor Roger Seale and Council
Members Stephen F. Agee, Posey W. Dillon, John H. Lester,
Jerry W. Greer, Sr., and Sadie W. Tuning

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Angle.

The Town Clerk read for the record the following members being present: All members of Town Council as noted, Interim Town Manager Jack Gross, Assistant Town Manger/Community Development Director C. James Ervin, Finance Director Linda Woody, Acting Chief of Police Sergeant Erik Mollin, Amy Dooley, Accounting Technician, and Town Clerk Patricia Keatts.

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The following is a synopsis of what was brought to the attention of Council by the Finance Director and discussion that ensued:

- Went over the FY 08 agency requests.
 - Total amount of agencies' requests came to \$321,250.
 - Budgeted \$72,000 for level funding, which is the same amount that was budgeted in past years by Council.
 - Did not fund Community Partnership for Revitalization (CPR) their request of \$18,750. The former Town Manager, Franklin County Administrator and Finance Director had met prior to March 5, 2007 and it had been decided that the Town and Franklin County would start reducing the amount of funding for CPR each year in order that CPR could become more self-sufficient, which was the plan when CPR was first created several year ago. The amount proposed in FY 08 is \$14,000.
 - The Town has \$4,000 in the level funding to play with.
 - Confirmed did not receive an application from We Care. Council Member Greer apologized for not getting the application in on time. It was the consensus of Council that the Town put \$500 in for the We Care budgeted request. Council Member Greer stated that We Care had approached the County for funding, but did not receive any monies from them. This reduced the amount of money to play with to \$3,500.
 - Confirmed that all required information on the agencies was considered.

- Discussed small agencies not submitting an audit report and the reason being that they probably would not afford one since they were so small.
 - Will update list to Council showing proposed changes.
 - Discussed giving Bill Fuller of the “Footlights of the Blue Ridge” the rest of the amount of money that Council could play with (\$3,500). It was the consensus of Council that this money be earmarked only just in case Mr. Fuller would need it.
- Sewer and water utility rates were discussed, along with how much revenue could be generated if raised as proposed on page 109 of the FY 08 proposed budget plan.
 - Also discussed that the Town needed to quit subsidizing the utility fund.
 - It was confirmed to Council that the Town is subsidizing \$514,000 from the general fund for the Wastewater Treatment Plant debt service.
 - Discussed that the regular citizens do not need to be subsidizing the larger users.
 - Discussed having different tiers set up for the utility rates and how this would affect the amount of money generated.
 - Council would like to see what surrounding areas charge for their utilities. Council was informed that Draper Aden had done this type of survey and they would receive a current copy.
 - Confirmed to Council that the Town already has in place a tax relief for senior citizens that meet certain guidelines.
 - Confirmed that the last utility adjustment by the Town was August 2005.
 - Relayed to Council that the auditors for the Town had mentioned that the utility users should pay for the cost.
 - Reminded Council that to fund the three projects in the utility fund (Grayson Street sewer line, Beverly Hills water line, and automate filter and plant process), the Town would be taking \$100,000 out of the fund balance. The Mayor mentioned that this is something the Town needs to avoid having to do in the future.
 - Need a breakdown of the costs for treating utilities, such as salaries, treatment, etc.
 - Discussed how many touch read meters there were in place and the replacement schedule for them.
- Briefly discussed again the agencies’ requests for funding.
 - Discussed what had been given recently to the Franklin County Historical Society that was in connection to their new facility.
 - Confirmed that the Town did not receive any funding requests from Stepping Stone Missions.
- Informed Council that there is a public hearing set for the Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for May 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. during the regular Council monthly meeting.
- Council Member Lester questioned the process of how the Finance Department handled parking fines. It was confirmed that the parking tickets come straight to the Town for payment, but anything that goes directly to the court, fees to the Town would come from the court. Also confirmed that the court’s system is

audited and they have received good reports.

The Mayor and Council thanked the Finance Director for a really nice job on the budget, with the Finance Director stating that she had a lot of help from the department heads and good notes from the former Town Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Council Member Lester to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Agee to adjourn and carried unanimously at 5:10 p.m.

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia H. Keatts/Town Clerk

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