

TOWN OF BURNSVILLE
Special Meeting
May 10, 2012

On May 10, 2012, the Town Council, with members Mayor Danny McIntosh, Ruth Banks, Judy Buchanan, Ron Powell, and Bill Wheeler present, held a special meeting in the Town Hall. Also in attendance were staff members Brian Buchanan, Leslie Crowder, Anthony Hensley, and Jeanne Martin; Fire Chief Niles Howell; and visitor Jody Higgins. The Mayor called the meeting to order, stating that the purpose of the meeting was to consider budgetary issues for FY 2012 - 2013, with particular focus on the General Fund.

Council considered proposed funding for non-profits and discussed expenditures that are meant to promote the community. These amounts appear in various places in the budget, making it difficult to pinpoint a total for all contributions. It was agreed to create a "Community Promotions" department which would keep track of expenditures such as contributions to non-profits, the lease for the parking adjacent to the Town Hall, and support (services) given to the Chamber of Commerce each year for the Crafts Fair. Ron Powell suggested that contributions to non-profits could be contingent upon the agency using part of its funding to hold an event at the Town Center.

It was noted that the Economic Development Commission requested an increase in funding to cover the cost of printed material. Council learned that the increase may be covered by NC STEP (the Burnsville Development Group), with the money designated specifically for the printed materials.

The Police Department's budget was reviewed. It was decided that compensation for police officers who work the Crafts Fair would be charged to the Community Promotions Department.

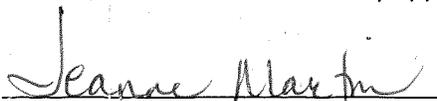
Council reviewed the Fire Department budget, which included a 28% increase. Chief Niles Howell noted that the increase would help make the department more self-sufficient. Ron Powell proposed the establishment of a Public Safety Department for the operation of the police and fire departments and the town's safety program. He suggested that the Police Chief be the department head.

Public Works Director Anthony Hensley explained expenditures proposed for the Streets and Powell Departments.

Councilors discussed this year's insurance quotes, which are either at or below last year's figures. Judy Buchanan made a motion to authorize the town clerk to sign the contracts. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Public Works Director Anthony Hensley advised that an increase in water/sewer rates will probably be necessary.

There being no further business, Ron Powell made a motion to adjourn. Judy Buchanan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.


Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk


Danny McIntosh, Mayor