

TOWN OF BURNSVILLE

Special Meeting

April 20, 2016

On April 20, 2016, the Town Council, with members Mayor Theresa Coletta, Ruth Banks, Judy Buchanan, Shannon Peterson and Ron Powell present, held a special meeting at the Burnsville Town Center. Also in attendance were staff members Brian Buchanan, Leslie Crowder, Niles Howell, Jeanne Martin, and Ronnie Tipton; and visitors David Grindstaff (Yancey Common Times), Ginger Johnson, Connie Molland, and others. The Mayor, who presided, stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider and possibly take action on the following:

- USA Cycling National Collegiate Championship Update
- Conduct a budget work session for FY 2016-2017

USA Cycling National Collegiate Championship Update – Connie Molland, representing USA Cycling National Collegiate Championship, gave an update on the May 14th event, and provided a race schedule. Police Chief Brian Buchanan is currently doing preliminary work to facilitate the event.

Conduct a budget work session for FY 2016-2017 – Council received a copy of the proposed FY 2016-2017 budget as well as a budget vs. actual for the current fiscal year. Rather than a line-by-line approach to budget review, Finance Officer Leslie Crowder directed attention to specific areas of concern, department by department:

GENERAL FUND

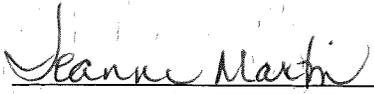
- Revenues:
 - ✓ 10-301-2016 is projected to be down \$47,000 with revaluation. An increase of 4 cents on the rate would increase revenues by \$61,150.
 - ✓ 10-367-0300 is a new revenue stream, which will be discussed under the Community Promotions Department
- Governing Body:
 - ✓ Salary study recommended an increase to \$24.00 for the position of Town Clerk/Tax Collector, which is a hybrid position that includes administrative duties. \$23.42 is actually included in the budget at this time. The clerk's position is budgeted 50% General Fund; 50% Water Fund.
- Community Promotions:
 - ✓ Approximately \$22,000 in new revenues for economic development. Recommend we scale back 10-450-1200 to \$10,000. 10-450-1201 could be allocated to EDC up to \$5,000, with remaining \$7,000 restricted to general economic development. Need council direction.
- Fire Tax:
 - ✓ The fire chief is researching a projected deficit to the fire district, and is budgeting accordingly.

WATER FUND

- Water Revenues:
 - ✓ Council considered a 1% increase, which would result in a basic in-town water/sewer bill of \$39.22 (up from \$38.84).

- ✓ Council also considered a 2% increase, which would result in a basic in-town water/sewer bill of \$39.61.
- ✓ Council was asked to consider paying an \$85,000 commitment to the East Yancey Sewer District, although we could pay in four annual payments \$21,250 instead.
- ✓ There was a conversation about what increase would be appropriate to keep up with the Capital Improvement Plan. McGill Associates is currently updating the CIP, which will include an update rate recommendation.
- ✓ Councilor Ron Powell left the meeting at this point.
- ✓ Council members agreed that a 2% increase in water/sewer rate is appropriate.
- ✓ Council members revisited the Community Promotion department in the General Fund and discussed options. Discussion ended with cutting non-profit funding.

There being no further business, Judy Buchanan made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Shannon Peterson and carried.



Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk



Theresa Coletta, Mayor