

BURNSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Special Meeting
Thursday, May 17, 2018

The Town Council, with members Mayor Theresa Coletta, Judy Buchanan, Russell Fox, Bonnie McIntosh and Shannon Peterson present, held a special meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at the Town Hall. Also in attendance were Brian Buchanan, Leslie Crowder, Jeanne Martin and Ronnie Tipton. The Mayor, who presided, called the meeting to order, stating that the purpose of the meeting was to consider and possibly take action on matters related to the Town's FY 2018-2019 budget.

Councilors considered the possibility of paying off the loan on the Burnsville Town Center from the General Fund Reserve, which would relieve the General Fund's cash flow. Instead, it was the general consensus to include in the budget an amount sufficient to pay off the loan over the next two years.

A letter drafted to the Chamber of Commerce asking their organization to share in the labor expense of the Crafts Fair with the Town was approved by Council members.

As to the expenditure for a police vehicle this year, it was noted that the purchase of a new vehicle can be offset with insurance proceeds to replace one that was involved in a wreck this past month.

With a focus on the Water/Sewer fund budget, Council was updated on the status of the automatic meter reader program. Councilors were given justification for the purchase of enough meter readers to complete routes 2, 3, and 4. Council agreed by consensus to a 3 percent increase in water/sewer rates pursuant to recommendations made by McGill Associates.

As to the East Yancey Sewer Plant, it was agreed that the Yancey County Commissioners would continue to control the District and no money would be exchanged until completion of the project, closing of grant(s), and a formal agreement is reached.

The budget message and proposed budget will be available at the June 7th Council meeting. The hearing on the FY 2018-2019 will be held on June 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

There being no further business, Russell Fox moved to adjourn. Shannon Peterson seconded the motion, which carried.



Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk



Theresa Coletta, Mayor