



***GATE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET 2014-2015
JUNE 24, 2014
156 E. JACKSON ST.
6:30 P.M.***

• **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET FOR 2014-2015**

I. Mayor, Frances Perry, called Public Hearing to order at 6:30 P.M.

II. **ROLL CALL** Town Clerk, Kathy Riley

Present: Mayor, Frances Perry
Vice Mayor, Allan “Cotton” Roberts
Council Member, Roger Cassell
Council Member, Robin Richards
Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr.
Council Member, Walter Salyers
Town Attorney, Michele Brooks
Town Treasurer, Chris Edwards
Absent: Town Manager, Greg Jones

Others present: Daniel Barnette

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

• **Proposed Town Budget for 2014-2015** – Town Treasurer, Chris Edwards touched on highlights of the budget i.e., Water Fund is not dependent on General Fund, no tax increase, five year Capital Plan, funding to improve telemetry, employee bonus increased, 2% merit raise pending evaluation, roof and heat pump in 2015. Council Members discussed the 2% merit increase, capping salaries, employee bonus to be tied into performance, insurance rates, percentage the town pays, look into other plan options, Personnel Committee to provide guidelines and caps regarding merit and bonus, Council Member salaries, reduction in bank taxes, renters of space below Town Hall, group insurance rates overstated-to return to 26 pay period versus 24 pay periods, Water Fund paying for itself, debt reserve, breakdown in salary for Town Clerk and Office Manager between Water/General Funds and Sanitation, get a break down of Stoney and Marks time between Water/General Funds and Sanitation at end of the year, and schedule a workshop prior Budget Public Hearing to work on subjects and questions.

IV **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

Close Public Comment at 7:15 P.M.

V. Motion made to adjourn.

Motion by: Council Member, A. Roberts 2nd by: Council Member, W.W. Ross, Jr.

Vote: Yeas,	5
Nays,	0
Absent,	0
Abstain,	0

VI. Public Hearing closed at 7:15 P.M.

Mayor Frances Perry

Town Clerk, Kathy Riley