



GATE CITY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2010

156 E. JACKSON ST.

7:00 PM

I. COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL –Town Clerk Kathy Riley

PRESENT: Mayor, Mark Jenkins
Vice-Mayor, Rita Tipton
Council Member, Tommy Herron
Council Member, Roger Cassell
Council Member, Frances Perry
Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr.

Others Present: Town Attorney, K. Michelle Jenkins; Town Manager, Steve Templeton; Benny Reed; Jim Addington

III. NEW BUSINESS

• APPROVE 2010-2011 BUDGET

Motion made to approve the 2010-2011 Budget

Motion by: Council Member, Herron 2nd by: Vice Mayor, Tipton

Mayor, Jenkins – Is there was any other discussion on this item?

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – Is it open for discussion.

Mayor, Jenkins - Yes. Asks Town Attorney Jenkins if it is?

Town Attorney, Jenkins – States only for Council Members, but not to the public and technically can be discussion on the motion, which technically is approval of the budget.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – So we are beyond changes?

Town Attorney, Jenkins – Right, because you have a motion on the floor accepting the budget in its current form, so it would be just discussion on that motion.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – Nothing can change, just discussion, that’s basically what it is?

Town Attorney, Jenkins – Right.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. - My question is, even though we are in the process of moving this budget, would that oversight the budget for 2008-2009? Does that have to be approved to balance this budget or is that just an oversight because of the – the reason I’m asking question is the \$17,000.00 we haven’t got that off, so will be within the law to do that properly?

Town Attorney, Jenkins - To pass the budget for this year?

Council Member Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – Right

Town Attorney, Jenkins - Even though you don’t have a clear audit for the year before, is what you are asking?

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. - Yes

Town Attorney, Jenkins - That’s correct. Normally, your budget cycle runs from July 1st to June 30th of the next year. So, that one day period no one’s ever going to have an audit done the year prior by the time it’s time for the new budget to take effect. If that is the question you are asking.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – The budget of 08/09 comes up as a problem, that will not affect any legal aspects at all?

Town Attorney, Jenkins - Any action on the 08/09 budget would not be anything that this Council would have addressed. It is something that would have been addressed with the prior Council. Now, there again, the budget for this year, 2010-2011, those actions within the next year would follow this Council. But, anything from the prior years would not be anything that this Council would be.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – Can I ask a question when we talked about the Tax Assessment of the \$66,000.00 and I approach that question again.

Town Attorney, Jenkins - Technically, you have a motion on the floor, you have a second. The discussion portion is simply the pros and cons of the motion, you have to vote that motion up or down.

Mayor Jenkins – That is what we propose to do. We have a motion that is seconded.

VOTE:	Yeas,	4
	Nays,	1 (Wallace W. Ross, Jr.)

VI. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Council Member, Perry 2nd by: Council Member, Herron

VOTE:	Yeas,	5
	Nays,	None

*Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Mayor Mark Jenkins

Town Clerk Kathy Riley