I. PUBLIC HEARING MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:51 P.M.  BY: Mayor - Frances Perry

II. ROLL CALL – Deputy Town Clerk – Lisa Loggans

PRESENT:  ABSENT:

- Mayor, Frances Perry  X
- Vice Mayor, Robin Richards  X
- Council Member, Allan “Cotton” Roberts  X
- Council Member, Roger Cassell  X
- Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr.  X
- Council Member, Ron Kindle  X
- Town Manager, Greg Jones  X
- Town Attorney, Michele Brooks  X

Others present: Larry Sturgill, Debbie Kindle, Father Drake, Marley Brooks, Chief Terry Sivert, Officer Ethan Penley, Ethan’s Friend: Mary Jones, Officer Lucas Shelley

III. NEW BUSINESS

- **FY 2020 PROPOSED BUDGET**
  Town Manager Greg Jones stated that it should be noted that the finance committee is not recommending that any changes be made to the water rates or real estate tax rates. Town Manager Greg Jones also stated that the budget does include a 2% cost of living increase for employees and will remain at the same healthcare level as last year. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that the front page shows the capital improvement projects planned for 2020, then the long-term debt, followed by the actual budget. Council Member Wallace W. Ross, Jr. asked what the variances in the Town Manager salary are with the 2% increase? Town Manager Greg Jones stated that this is the same rate increase as all other employees.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

V. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSES AT 6:56 P.M.