

TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
TOWN COUNCIL – PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET FY21
Thursday, June 25, 2020
10:00am

The Seven Devils Town Council held a Public Hearing with the format of this meeting being dual Electronic – Go To Meeting #428228381 and In-Person at Town Hall on Thursday, June 25, 2020. Attendance In-Person included Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert & Member Wayne Bonomo. Members Jeffrey Williams & Leigh Sasse attended remotely with visible video display. A quorum was met. Also, present In-Person were Town Manager Debbie Powers; the minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

INVOCATION

Mayor Fontaine gave the Invocation for the Public Hearing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Each member of the Town Council stated their name and announced their presence for the Roll Call.

BUDGET FY21 HIGHLIGHTS

Manager Powers stated the Town Council held two (2) Budget Workshops on April 29, 2020 and June 16, 2020. Below is a review of FY21 Budget Notes:

Revenues:

Property Taxes to remain steady – No Tax increase

Sales Tax – 30% decrease

ABC Revenue to remain steady

Utility/Franchise Tax – remains steady

Grant Revenue remains steady

Water Sales remains steady – Late fees & disconnections decrease due to NC EO 142

Powell Bill Allocation – 25% decrease

Expenditures:

Paving/gravel/hot patch reduced to \$22,500 (Powell Bill)

Replace #4 of 7 Water PRV Valves = \$38,000 – On Hold

Well house/booster station roof repairs = \$15,000 – On Hold

New Town Hall payments = \$139,700

Personnel = 2% increase and to be reevaluated on December 1, 2020

Parks & Rec Tech position to be funded by TDA

Reduce Debt load = \$41,371 payoff to BAB loan & \$31,472 payments on Snowcloud loan

Revenue Summary & Expenditure Summary for FY20-21 is as follows:

General Fund	\$1,667,885
<u>Enterprise Fund</u>	<u>\$222,254</u>
Total	\$1,890,139

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET ORDINANCE FY20-21

Mayor Fontaine explained the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comment for the Budget Ordinance FY20-21.

Mayor Fontaine explained if any citizens would like to comment at the Public Hearing, they will need to sign up and comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Town Clerk controls the timer. Mayor Fontaine stated that since the Public Hearing is occurring during a State of Emergency, due to COVID19 and being attended remotely by some Town Council members, that citizens will be able to email comment to the Town Clerk for 24 hours following the recess of today’s Public Hearing. Any emailed comments will be provided to Town Council prior to the adoption of the Budget Ordinance FY20-21.

Member Bonomo made a motion to open the Public Hearing; Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. All members agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Nelson – 420 Highcliff Circle: Inquired about when the Book Exchange at OTH will be open. Town Council confirmed the Book Exchange is now open on M,W,F from 10:00am to noon. Parks & Rec Tech Jewel McKinney is at the location to make sure requirements of the State of Emergency are followed.

John & Wendy Stanton – 148 Hanging Rock Villas #111: Emailed a request for a detailed budget for the Administrative Department, noting an increase over the past 4 years. Town Manager Powers explained this budget item includes funds for the New Town Hall purchase, as part of the goal of saving for a purchase, as well as standard increases in payroll and associated costs.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to close the Public Hearing; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed.

RECESS

Town Council recessed until Friday, June 26, 2020 at 10:30am.

Friday, June 26, 2020 – 10:35am

In-Person at Town Hall and

Electronic – Go To Meeting #601241989

In-Person included Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert & Member Wayne Bonomo.

Members Jeffrey Williams & Leigh Sasse attended remotely with visible video display. A quorum was met. Also present, In-Person were Town Manager Debbie Powers; the minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp.

CALL TO ORDER FROM RECESS

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made the motion to end the Recess at 10:35am; Member Williams seconded the motion. All members agreed.

ROLL CALL

Each member of the Town Council stated their name and announced their presence for the Roll Call.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None received via email in the past 24 hours.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert inquired if any citizens were viewing the Recessed meeting via Go To Meeting. Town Manager Powers confirmed, None.

Council Member Bonomo inquired about the NC EO 147 that extends the Phase II restrictions, with an additional requirement of wearing a face mask. Member Bonomo wanted to understand the circumstances for requirement, exclusions, and enforcement of wearing of face mask. Town Manager Powers explained and noted a link to the NC EO 147 is on the Town's website at the red ALERTS button.

APPROVE MINUTES - Town Council Budget Workshop – June 16, 2020

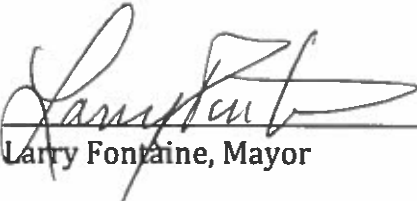
Member Williams made a motion to approve and adopt the minutes of the Budget Workshop on June 16, 2020; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed.

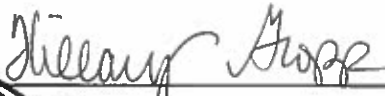
ADOPT BUDGET ORDINANCE – FY21

Member Bonomo made a motion to approve and adopt the Annual Operating Budget Ordinance FY2020-2021; Member Williams seconded the motion. All members agreed.

ADJOURN

Member Sasse made a motion to adjourn; Member Williams seconded the motion. All members agreed. The meeting adjourned at 10:50am.


Larry Fontaine, Mayor


Hilary Gropp, Town Clerk

