# **SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP**

TOWN OF CHASE CITY, VA

# Monday, April 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM

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# MINUTES

# **Call to Order**

The Budget Workshop was called to order by Mayor Fahringer at 10:19 a.m.

### <u>PRESENT</u>

Town Manager Dusty Forbes Mayor Alden Fahringer Vice-Mayor James Bohannon Council Member Brenda Hatcher Council Member Pauline Keeton Council Member Latrisha McCargo Treasurer, Virginia Petersen <u>ABSENT</u> Council Member Marshall Whitaker Council Member Michelle Wilson

# **Urgent Meeting Items**

Items requested by each committee for the upcoming budget will be presented to Council.

Town Manager Dusty Forbes went over some items on the proposed budget. He noted that a revenue of \$10800.00 is being added from the rent for the Wells Fargo ATM. He also noted the decrease in the building demolish costs from \$20K to \$15K. A savings of \$5K that can be worked into other areas of the budget. The fire department has an increase of \$2K this coming year. An increase of \$60K for professional services was discussed. \$30K of that would be due to the landfill permit closing & the other \$30K was for the five year permit fee for water and sewer. That part of the budget is anticipated to be back to just \$30K the following year. An additional \$500.00 was figured into the MacCallum More funding. There are also 5% raises budgeted in for employees. The state of Virginia is giving 7% but the town just cannot afford that at this time. Budgeted expense for the Robert E Lee building decreased by \$16K since the town is moving away from responsibility for that building.

Vice Mayor Bohannon questioned the new vehicle costs. Town Manager Forbes explained the wastewater truck has a blown motor. And a new truck is needed for the jetter for the wastewater plant. There are safety concerns with the current truck. Vice Mayor Bohannon noted that employee uniform cost has decreased & that valve replacement costs show \$0. Town Manager Forbes explained a grant is being looked into for the valve costs.

Mayor Fahringer questioned the employee health care costs lack of increase & Treasurer Petersen noted that there was no increase this year. She also commented that the contingency fund & water fund are staying accurate to estimated costs.

Council Member McCargo had additional questions about the professional services. Town Manager Forbes was able to answer her questions.

### Adjournment

With there being no further business, the budget workshop was adjourned at 10:56a.m.

Alden Fahringer, Mayor

Stacey Pafford, Clerk of Council