

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
BUDGET WORKSHOP

7:00 P.M.

MAY 2, 2011

ATTENDING: Mayor Kendall Spence
Mayor Pro-Tem: Greg Crosby
Council Members: David Cleveland, Sandy Coughlin, Jo Waybright
Finance Officer – Cheryl Bennett
Village Clerk/Tax Collector – Cheri Clark
Absent: Virginia Currence

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kendall Spence called the Village of Lake Park May 2, 2011 Budget Workshop to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Kendall Spence led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bill Parker stated that based on the draft budget, it looked like quite a bit of time and effort has gone into the proposed 2011 – 2012 budget. He did question the Economic Development Commission request for \$6,000 for the Small Town Main Street Program. The request in the newsletter for residents to fill out the questionnaire when in fact the questionnaire is part of the application was confusing. With new owners in the process of purchasing the buildings, why not wait and see what their objectives for business development and recruitment are going to be. Sandy Coughlin stated that she would be happy to meet with Mr. Parker to discuss this at another time.

BUDGET DISCUSSION: Cheryl Bennett stated that the proposed budget is based on a 98% property tax collection and an 89% motor vehicle collection rate. Council then went line by line through the proposed budget. The question of whether or not to continue a monthly newsletter was raised. Both Sandy Coughlin and David Cleveland felt that we need to do a monthly newsletter since communication between the town and residents seems to be an issue. After each item had been discussed except for General Administrative Expenses, Council requested a closed session. Sandy Coughlin made the motion that Council go into closed session to discuss salaries. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Sandy Coughlin made the motion that Council go into regular session. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. Greg Crosby stated that staff, the Mayor and Council would receive a 3% cost of living increase.

Mayor Kendall Spence asked Cheryl Bennett if we should be concerned about the amount we are using from Fund Balance. Cheryl Bennett did not think that it was a concern because the projected contribution this year to the Fund Balance is \$84, 932.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: No Comments.

ADJOURN: Greg Crosby made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Coughlin seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Kendall Spence

Village Clerk, Cheri Clark