

MINUTES – May 15, 2023

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gibsonville met at 7:00pm for a regular meeting in the Gibsonville Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams. Alderpersons Shepherd, Owen, Maizland, Crisp, and Dean were present. Ben Baxley, Town Manager, Chad Coble, Finance Officer, Gina Griffeth, Town Clerk, Jess Arnold, Library Director, Rob Elliott, Public Works Director, Ricky Wade, Public Works, Bob Giles, Town Attorney, Ron Parrish, Police Chief, Lt. BJ Korn, Chief Todd, Fire Chief, Mike Dupree, Parks & Recreation Director, were present. There were several members of the public present. The board meeting was live streamed on Facebook and available via landline for those unable to attend.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order. He led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Public Comments

Stephen Codner of 30 Driftwood Court stated that he does see the reduction from 53 cents to 49 cents in the budget, but it will still mean a substantial increase in taxes. It will be game changer for some marginal people in town. While he understands some increase, he is against that much of an increase.

Thomas Jordan of 218 Travis Lane stated that he has lived in Gibsonville since the 1980s. This latest Alamance County reevaluation was done when housing values were at their highest. There are many members of the community who are on a fixed income and will find it hard to absorb this much of an increase.

Mayor Williams stated that he hadn’t seen the numbers until tonight. He wants the board to take another look at what they’re asking for.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderwoman Maizland, made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Crisp, made a motion to approve the minutes of May 1, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Ordinance Amendment #12

This budget ordinance amendment is needed to account for a quarterly contribution from the Gibsonville ABC to the Police Department and one month distribution of Library State Aid grant to the Gibsonville Public Library.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderwoman Maizland, made a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #12. The motion passed unanimously.

**TOWN OF GIBSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2023 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #12**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gibsonville, North Carolina, a meeting was held this the 15th day of May, 2023 that the following fund revenues and departmental expenditures together with certain restrictions and authorizations be amended.

SECTION I. GENERAL FUND

Anticipated Revenues	FY 2023		FY 2023
	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
Taxes, Current Year	3,961,279	-	3,961,279
Taxes, Prior Years	31,150	-	31,150
Motor Vehicle Tax	440,000	-	440,000
Cemetery	16,000	-	16,000
Recreation	80,000	-	80,000

Sanitation Service Charge	474,222	-	474,222
Interest on Investments	23,000	-	23,000
Fire District Tax (Guilford)	15,716	-	15,716
Library	4,000	-	4,000
Transfer Perpetual Care	2,700	-	2,700
Sale of Fixed Assets	5,000	-	5,000
Guilford County Funds	55,500	-	55,500
Code Enforcement/Planning	18,000	-	18,000
Brush/White Goods Pickup Fees	4,000	-	4,000
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>123,537</i>	<i>2,120</i>	<i>125,657</i>
GHA	2,340	-	2,340
Stormwater Fee	66,000	-	66,000
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	5,500	-	5,500
Intangible: Sales Tax (Alamance Co.)	1,351,360	-	1,351,360
Intangible: Sales Tax (Guilford Co.)	713,028	-	713,028
Utility Franchise	420,000	-	420,000
Beer & Wine	29,421	-	29,421
<i>Library State Aid Grant</i>	<i>5,775</i>	<i>611</i>	<i>6,386</i>
Powell Bill Funds	255,823	-	255,823
Insurance Proceeds	49,556	-	49,556
Loan Proceeds	1,110,000	-	1,110,000
Fund Balance (General Fund) Appropriation	2,139,750	-	2,139,750
<i>Total Anticipated Revenues</i>	<i>11,402,657</i>	<i>2,731</i>	<i>11,405,388</i>

Authorized Expenditures

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Dec rease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
Governing Board	88,337	-	88,337
Administration	1,689,717	-	1,689,717
<i>Police</i>	<i>3,013,530</i>	<i>2,120</i>	<i>3,015,650</i>
Fire	2,288,899	-	2,288,899
Public Works	2,361,938	-	2,361,938

Powell Bill	112,500	-	112,500
Recreation	944,544	-	944,544
<i>Library</i>	<i>389,692</i>	<i>611</i>	<i>390,303</i>
Cemetery	23,500	-	23,500
Contingency	40,000	-	40,000
Transfer to Public Library CPF	450,000	-	450,000
Total Authorized Expenditures	11,402,657	2,731	11,405,388
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SECTION II. WATER & SEWER

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Dec rease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
Anticipated W&S Revenues			
<u>Water Revenues</u>			
Water Service Fees	1,001,400	-	1,001,400
Tapping Fees	10,000	-	10,000
Meter Setting	20,000	-	20,000
Reconnection Fees	42,000	-	42,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	12,000	-	12,000
Retained Earnings Appropriation	2,993,623	-	2,993,623
Total Anticipated Water Revenues	4,079,023	-	4,079,023
<u>Sewer Revenues</u>			
Sewer Service Fees	2,172,000	-	2,172,000
Tapping Fees	10,000	-	10,000
Meter Setting	20,000	-	20,000
Reconnection Fees	42,000	-	42,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	12,000	-	12,000
Retained Earnings Appropriation	256,753	-	256,753
Transfer from Sewer Rehab CPF	370,056	-	370,056
Total Anticipated Sewer Revenues	2,882,809	-	2,882,809
Total Anticipated W&S Revenues	6,961,832	-	6,961,832
Authorized W&S Expenditures			
<u>Water Expenditures</u>	1,146,560	-	1,146,560
<i>Transfer To Hwy 61 N. Waterline CPF</i>	<i>2,932,463</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2,932,463</i>

<i>Sewer Expenditures</i>	<u>2,882,809</u>	-	<u>2,882,809</u>
Total Authorized Expenditures	6,961,832	-	6,961,832
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SECTION III. PERPETUAL CARE FUND

<i>Anticipated Revenues</i>	2,700	-	2,700
<i>Authorized Expenditures</i>	2,700	-	2,700
	-	-	-

SECTION IV. PUBLIC LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

<i>Anticipated Revenues</i>	450,000	-	450,000
<i>Authorized Expenditures</i>	450,000	-	450,000
	-	-	-

SECTION V. POLICE HEADQUARTERS CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

<i>Anticipated Revenues</i>	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
<i>Authorized Expenditures</i>	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
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SECTION VI. NC HIGHWAY 61 WATERLINE CONNECTOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

<i>Anticipated Revenues</i>	3,140,000	-	3,140,000
<i>Authorized Expenditures</i>	3,140,000	-	3,140,000
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SECTION VII. TAX RATE ESTABLISHED

An ad valorem tax rate of \$0.53 per \$100 at full valuation is hereby established as the official tax rate for the Town of Gibsonville for the fiscal year 2023. This rate is based on a total valuation of property of \$838,817,281 and an estimated collection rate of 99.00%.

SECTION VIII.

Charges for services and fees by Town Departments are levied in the amounts set forth in the Fee Schedule (See Attachment A).

SECTION IX. SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION - BUDGET OFFICER

- A.** Budget Officer shall be authorized to reallocate departmental appropriations among various object of expenditures as he believes necessary.
- B.** The Budget Officer shall be authorized to effect interdepartmental transfers, in the same fund, not to exceed 10% of the appropriated monies for the department whose allocations is reduced. Notation of all such transfers shall be made to the Board on the next succeeding Financial Report.
- C.** He may make interfund loans for a period of not more than 60 days.

D. Interfund transfers, established in the budget document may be accomplished without recourse to the Board.

SECTION X. RESTRICTION - BUDGET OFFICER

A. Interfund transfer of monies, except as noted in Section VI. Shall be accomplished by the Board authorization only.

B. The utilization of any contingency appropriations shall be accomplished only with Board authorization.

SECTION XI. UTILIZATION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE

This Ordinance Amendment and the Budget Document shall be the basis of the financial plan for the Gibsonville Municipal Government during the 2023 fiscal year. The Budget Officer shall administer the budget and shall insure that operating officials are provided guidance and sufficient details to implement their appropriate portion of the budget. The accounting section shall establish records which are consonance with the Budget and this Ordinance and the appropriate statute of the State of North Carolina.

Amended this the 15th day of May, 2023.

Attest:

Mayor of Gibsonville, NC

Town Clerk of Gibsonville, NC

Recommended FY 2024 Budget and FY 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan Presentation

Ben Baxley presented the recommended FY 2024 Budget. He thanked Chad Coble, Eric Geringer, all department heads, and Gina Griffeth for their assistance. The tax rate for the recommended budget is \$0.49. Four positions to include 1 police officer, 1 fire fighter, 1 public works technician, and 1 parks and recreation office manager/program assistant were included. The budget also included vehicles and COLA/merit/paygrade progression pay for employees.

Alderman Owen stated that he would like to freeze the 4 positions for a year. He then stated that the town does need additional police, fire, and public works personnel. He asked to cut the parks and recreation position.

Mayor Williams stated that the tax rate was 64 cents when he came on the board. He thinks this is the worst budget he's seen in 21 years. He asked the town manager to provide what made up the 49 cents.

Alderwoman Maizland stated that she is disappointed in the Alamance County Commissioners as this reevaluation has made it harder for every town.

Alderman Shepherd stated that it would be nice if Gibsonville were all in the same county. Inflation has hurt everyone but he wants to be sure that the town can provide the services at the level that residents are used to. He believes this is a reasonable budget. He would also like to see the playground equipment for Murrell Park added back in.

Mayor Williams asked that the budget continues to be worked on until June 20th.

Reports

Town Manager – Ben Baxley stated that the Household Hazardous Waste and Shred event is this Saturday, May 20th at the Public Works Facility from 9am-noon. A list of acceptable items is posted on the town's website and Facebook page. Monday, May 29th is Memorial Day. Town offices will be closed and Monday's garbage route will be collected on Tuesday the 30th.

Mayor – Mayor Williams stated that his wife is doing well and should be home this week or next. He will be having knee replacement surgery June 5th. He's glad to see the police headquarters and library moving ahead. He hopes to find a way to lower taxes but, if not, we just have to go with it. The town doesn't have a lot of industry to count on for the tax base.

Board Members – Alderwoman Maizland stated that she attended the Ride for Hope and Culture Fest this past weekend. Everyone did a fantastic job. She read her letter of resignation as she has sold her house and is moving to Virginia with her husband.

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Shepherd, made a motion to nominate Irene Fanelli to fill the seat vacancy. The motion passed unanimously.

Irene Fanelli thanked the board. She stated that she ran in the last election. She added that the town has tried hard to serve the residents very well. She thanked Alderwoman Maizland for keeping her involved and asking for her advice and opinion.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Mayor

Attest: Town Clerk