

BUDGET HEARING

11/6/2024

CALLED TO ORDER 6:00 PM

PRESENT: JIM, TRAVIS, SUE, MARK, CHARLES

ALSO PRESENT: PETE WILCOX, DAN BROGAN

LEGAL NOTICES WERE READ FOR THE TAX CAP AND THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF AUGUSTA.

THE REVISED BUDGET PROVIDED A SMALL CHANGE TO FTG. TAX RATE.

THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS BUDGET WORKSHOP WERE APPROVED BASED ON A MOTION BY TRAVIS, SECOND BY MARK. ALL IN FAVOR AYE: JIM, MARK, SUE, TRAVIS, & CHARLES.

THE BOARD CONTINUED TO DISCUSS THE RAISE FOR PHIL, EVERYONE IS IN AGREEMENT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COUNTY ROADS DONE, FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR TO SEE HOW IT ALL GOES. THE COUNTY HAS PAVED OUT HERE AND THE ROADS HAVE SEEN SOME IMPROVEMENT, WE ARE NOW ONE MAN IN A PLOW. THEY REQUEST THAT THE SUPERVISOR TALK TO PHIL ONE LAST TIME IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO DO THE ROADS AND ADJUSTMENT TO HIS CURRENT SALARY TO \$55,000.00. AN ADJUSTMENT WILL BE MADE TO THE CHAIR SPOT ON THE ZONING BOARD OF \$25.00 PER MEETING.

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE TAX RATES AGAIN. IT WAS FULLY EXPLAINED THAT THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE WILL CONTINUE TO DROP AS NOV, DEC BILLS ARE RECEIVED.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:15, WITH NO COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR PERSON OR RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE OR REMOVAL.

MOTION MADE BY TRAVIS, SECONDED BY MARK, ALL IN FAVOR AYE: SUE, MARK, TRAVIS, CHARLES, & JIM.

THE BOARD CAME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:40 P.M..

A LETTER WILL BE SENT TO DANIEL BROGAN AND PETER WILCOX ADVISING THEM THEY WILL BE APPOINTED TO FILL OUT TERMS FOR VACANT SEATS ON THE ZBA.

THE BOARD REQUESTS A MEMO BE SENT TO THE CODES OFFICER WITH QUESTIONS FROM HIS AUGUST REPORT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRAVIS, SECONDED BY JIM TO PASS THE TAX CAP OVER RIDE AND THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF AUGUSTA WITH SAID CHANGES. ALL IN FAVOR AYE: MARK, JIM, TRAVIS, CHARLES. ABSTAIN: SUE

A MOTION WAS MADE TO LOWER THE FIRE BUDGET BY \$4781.00 TO MAKE UP FOR THE OVERPAYMENT MADE THIS YEAR. MOTION WAS MADE BY MARK, SECONDED BY JIM. ALL IN FAVOR AYE: SUE, MARK, JIM, CHARLES, TRAVIS.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE THE CD AMOUNT LEFT ON THE MOWER TO SAVINGS, ITS NOT WORTH THE SMALL INTEREST BEING PAID ON IT. IF MONEY IS AVAILABLE AT YEAR END IT COULD BE RESTARTED. AT THIS TIME THAT IS UNKNOWN AS WE ARE SET TO RECEIVE \$28,000.00 LESS THAN WAS ANTICIPATED ON THE WINDMILLS. THEY ARE CURRENTLY SET TO BE ON THE 2025 TAX ROLLS. MOTION MADE BY MARK, SECONDED BY CHARLES, ALL IN FAVOR AYE: SUE, MARK, CHARLES, TRAVIS, JIM.

AS YEAR END ROLLS AROUND, THE PART TOWN HIGHWAY WILL BE DEPLETED, DEPENDING ON CHIPS AND SALES TAX. IT ALSO APPEARS, THE FULL TOWN GENERAL WILL BE LESS THAN ESTIMATED IN THE BUDGET, SO A MOVE WILL BE MADE FROM THE INDIAN LAND CLAIM, SINCE THIS IS A MOVE WITHIN THE FUND, NO BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IS NEEDED.

MOTION MADE BY TRAVIS, SECONDED BY JIM TO END AT 6:55 P.M.. ALL IN FAVOR AYE: MARK, SUE, JIM, TRAVIS, & CHARLES.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

SUE COLLINS
BUDGET OFFICER/TOWN SUPERVISOR