

CHADBOURN TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF CHADBOURN
BUDGET MEETING
June 9, 2011

Mayor Kenneth Waddell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present were: Fax Rector, Rashad Roberts, Brian Edwards, Donald Ray Bass and Phillip Honeycutt. Others present were: Town Manager Stevie Cox, Town Clerk/Finance Officer Patricia Garrell, Police Chief Steven Shaw and Public Works Director Michael Foss.

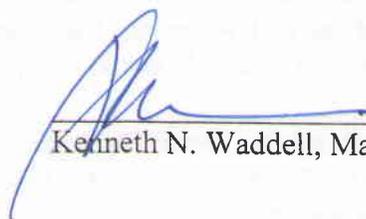
Mayor Kenneth Waddell opened the meeting starting with Projected Revenues for Water/Sewer which will be about \$210,000 less than Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010. He stated the reason was that we were not receiving any grant monies for Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012.

- Councilman Honeycutt stated that after reviewing the water revenues that we need to get a percentage of inaccurate readings that are done each month.
- Councilman Edwards stated that before approval, the line item for the Radio Read Meters required more information. Councilman Edwards wants to know how it operates, what type of battery they require and what is the life span of the meters and batteries.
- Mayor Waddell asked if the Radio Read Meters would alert the Town if the water meters were tampered with by a customer. Mayor Waddell also stated that this would solve the problem with the meters being read incorrectly.
- Councilman Bass asked why the Water Radio Read Meters was still on the budget, but the salary line was not decreased. It was stated that an employee could be eliminated if the Radio Read Meters were approved.
- Town Manager Cox stated that we were removing the Radio Read Meters from the Water Department line item. The reason is that the Radio Read Meters has not been voted on and when or if it is approved, the Town would not have a payment this budget year. He stated that it would be on the August Agenda.
- Mayor Waddell asked Town Manager Cox if we would have any financial obligations for the Grant service if the Town of Chadbourn decides not to approve the Radio Read Meters.
- Town Manager Cox stated that we would have some financial obligation for the services that Engineering Services has provided to date. He also stated that this will be on our Agenda for our August meeting, and more in-depth details will be provided.
- Councilman Bass questioned the phone service continuing to go up in all the departments and wanted to know who has a cell phone and did we need all the phone lines coming into the buildings.

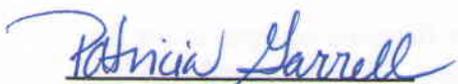
- Public Works Director Michael Foss stated that three of his men had cell phones. The reason stated was being on call if the Town has water or sewer problems.
- Town Manager Stevie Cox stated that there were about 10 cell phones at this time. He stated the Police Department has two, Zoning has one, Parks and Recreation has one, the WWTP has one, he has one and we just disconnected the previous Finance Office Officer off of the present contract. Town Manager Cox also stated that we were able to change the service as a Governmental contract, instead of a regular business.
- Finance Officer Patricia Garrell stated that after review of Century Link bills, she discovered that there have been a couple of lines that should have been discontinued years ago. They were the phone lines that went to the wells and calls that go to the old Town Hall. She stated that the phone lines were being tested to make sure they were not in used before she had them disconnected.
- Mayor Waddell questioned Town vehicles being driven home and asked who had them and why.
- Town Manager Cox stated that there were three employees that were driving Town of Chadbourn vehicles home. He stated that two only lived a few blocks from the Town Hall. The other was for the WWTP Manager.
- Mayor Waddell stated that Council needed to take a closer look at the cost of Town vehicles being driven home and the reasons why.
- Mayor Waddell stated that the Town Manager needed to be fully aware of the department expenditures.

After much discussion, Mayor Waddell closed the Budget Meeting at 7:10 p.m.




Kenneth N. Waddell, Mayor

Attest:


Patricia Garrell, Town Clerk