



**Town Board of Commissioners  
Special Meeting  
June 2, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.**

The Roseboro Board of Commissioners held a Special Session at Town Hall on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

Members present at Town Hall were Mayor Alice Butler, Mayor Pro-Tem Anthony Bennett, Commissioners Ray Clark Fisher, Richard Barefoot, Mark Gupton, and Cyndi Templin. Also present were Town Clerk Janet Dunn and Michael Hardison from the Sampson Independent.

**COMMENCEMENT**

- Call to Order – Mayor Butler called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
- Invocation – Mayor Butler led everyone in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Agenda Adoption – Mayor Pro-Tem Bennett made a **motion** to accept the agenda as presented. With no objections; **all in favor. Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

FY22-23 Budget Ordinance: Board members were provided a copy of the budget ordinance for review. Mayor Butler provided an overview citing that the budget ordinance provided is drafted from the budget details and numbers provided to all members during the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The proposed FY22-23 Budget allows for a 5% employee raise, increased premiums for health insurance at 8.8%, bonds at approximately 7%, increase in chemical prices of approximately 20%, fuel, etc. Revenue is population based and the Town of Roseboro saw a loss of 28 individuals, while the county saw a decrease by 3,500. The General Fund (Fund 10) is in good shape, therefore, the Mayor was proposing that the budget ordinance be changed to reflect a decrease in taxes from \$0.64 per \$100 to \$0.63 per \$100. Over the past several years, there has been a gradual decrease in the tax rate. The proposed tax reduction for FY22-23 will result in approximately \$8,000 decrease in tax revenue which in turn will increase fund balance appropriated by the same amount. Commissioners were in agreement with amending the FY22-23 Budget Ordinance by reducing the tax rate from \$0.64 to \$0.63.

The Water, Sewer, and Garbage Rates increases were proposed. Water In-Town would remain the same as the majority of customers fall within the 3,000 gallons usage. Sewer In-Town would increase by \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of usage up to 3,000 gallons and then over 3,001+ gallons would increase from \$6.35 per thousand to \$7.00 per thousand. Water Out-of-Town would increase by \$1.50 per 3000 gallons and 3,001+ would increase from \$9.20 to \$9.70 per thousand. Sewer Out-of-Town would increase from \$38.00 to \$42.50 per 3,000 gallons and 3,001+ would increase from \$9.65 to \$10.65 per 1,000. County/Bulk water would increase by \$12.00 per 100,000 gallons and over 100,000 gallons would increase from \$3.36 to \$3.50 per 1,000. Garbage collection was originally proposed for an increase; however, since the anticipated renewal of the GFL contract would keep prices the same for the new fiscal year, the Mayor removed the increase and kept garbage rates the same for another year.

Mayor Butler provided an anticipated Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the General Fund. The purpose of the CIP is to provide an overview of improvements that will be needed over time. For the Wastewater CIP, in FY 21-22, the Town received \$3.5M in grants to replace old cement pipe sewer mains in the outfall lines and on Maple and Oak Streets. Then FY22-23, the town has applied for grants totalling \$7.5M to aid the town in replacing the remaining old cement pipe sewer mains and outfall lines, but the town will not learn if they have been awarded the grants until July 2022. With the town not having any debt, it hurts the town when applying for grants. The Water CIP will be created with the AIA that is currently underway.

If the Board of Commissioners approves the proposed FY22-23 Budget Ordinance, Water/Sewer/Garbage Rates, and the Capital Improvement Plans presented, the announcement for public inspection will be published in the Sampson Independent on Wednesday, June 8, 2022. This will allow for the public hearing to take place on June 22, 2022, followed by a vote to adopt the FY22-23 Budget. With no further discussion, the Board of Commissioners agreed to publish and post the FY22-23 Budget Ordinance and Water/Sewer/Garbage Rates for public inspection.

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business, Commissioner Fisher made a **motion** to adjourn; **all in favor. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

  
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Alice Butler, Mayor

  
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Janet Dunn, Town Clerk