

**TOWN OF CENTRAL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
CENTRAL TOWN HALL
1067 WEST MAIN STREET - CENTRAL, SC 29630
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2020 – 6:45 pm**

Present: Mayor Andrew J. Beckner, Council Members Paige Bowers, Joe N. Moss, Lynne Chapman, Ken Dill, Harry Holladay, and LC Hayes; Administrator Phillip Mishoe; Assistant Administrator Tom Cloer; Fire Chief Ed Reynolds; Police Chief Steve Thompson; Henry Kelley, Tom Langdale, Eddy Crowe, Debbie Peek, Curtis Peek, Kevin Schmidt, and Finance Director Josh Addis.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andrew Beckner.

Joe Moss rendered the invocation.

Town Administrator presented the proposed budgets for year 2022-2023

Enterprise Funds

Water, Sewer and Sanitation funds are presented as balanced. We are requesting a .10 cent adjustment to water rates to cover increased costs. In the Sewer Department we are requesting a .44 cent increase as a pass down expense due to increase in rates from Pickens County for sewer treatment. We are requesting a .10 cent increase for the town to cover increase in cost to provide the service. We are not requesting any increase in the Sanitation rate. We will also, be installing new meters for all our customers which will give us an accurate account of water usage.

The sewer budget also includes some capital improvements at the South Plant where the Towns equipment is stored.

General Fund

General fund is balanced. We are requesting a 3 mill increase this budget year. We are not requesting an increase in Business License. We will be using 50k from reserves to balance. Don't let that worry you. We used 54k last year. We've used the reserve to balance for the last 9 years but have never needed it. Don't be alarmed by the reserve number sometimes you just need to get it to balance. The number is really insignificant when you look at the total General Fund which is 2.6 million. The Department Managers don't spend it if we don't have it. We just need to plug a small number in the budget to get it to balance.

Police Department

We are moving forward with a lease agreement for 2 more police cruisers.

Fire Department did not experience any significant changes from last year's budget.

Overall

Three percent COLA survived the budget. The town's percent for retirement went up 1%, Workmen's Comp and property liability insurance also went up so, we have to budget for that. Christmas bonus will be \$300 dollars across the board for everyone.

Outlook

All of these revenue projections are based on historical data over the last 15 years. Coming out of COVID-19 and rampant inflation it is difficult to tell what the future holds. Gas prices will dramatically affect all the departments budgets. I have discussed this with other Administrators and MASC.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

With no objections Mayor Beckner adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Brewer, Town Clerk

Approved: 07.11.2022

