

MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORK SESSION
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021 at 2:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Strawbridge called the Budget Work Session to order at 2:36 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Jerry Strawbridge
Vice-Chairman Justin Anderson
Councilman Jack Atkinson
Councilman Frank Daniel
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh

Also present were: County Director, Sandra G. Padget
Clerk to Council, Regina Turner

B. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein, that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the budget work session was given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website.

Due to COVID-19, the following notice was placed at the beginning of the agenda:

Please note the council meetings are open to the public, but seating will be limited for social distancing in response to COVID-19. Access to the live video is available when the meeting begins by going to the County's Facebook page (Saluda County, SC Government).

C. BUDGET WORK SESSION

Councilman Anderson requested to clarify his motion and stated that his intent was to grant a 3% Cost of Living increase to include elected and appointed positions.

Chairman Strawbridge recognized Sandra Padget, County Director, and requested she proceed with the budget request.

Legal Services line items are recommended to remain the same due to new legal counsel and how we will be billed for those services in the future. Chairman Strawbridge notified Council members that our attorney will be changing but it will be someone within the same law firm.

Maintenance line item 85 will be \$9,000 to purchase a new lawn mower.

Elevator repairs will come from the Building Repair Reserve Account.

Council discussed the ditch being reconstructed between Recreation and the Tractor Pull site.

The Chairman recommended installing part of the backflow devices this year and the others next year.

Telephones will be \$78,200 in the Public Building line item 21.

IT Department changes as requested by staff and Josh Morton. Also noted that this department only has one salary. Josh updated council on what all is happening in IT.

Clerk of Court line 72 has changed to \$43,400.

In Public Buildings line 72, the updated QS/1 contract reduced the amount by \$100.

The Sheriff has requested to use the old Coroner Van and will be equipped for the purpose that they need.

Hardee Horne let Council know that the water pump needs to be replaced on a vehicle in the Coroner's office. The cost of repair and the value of the vehicle makes it more reasonable to purchase a used vehicle from the State Surplus office that to repair the current one. There is funds available in the vehicle lease account due to not purchasing another vehicle that is in the schedule to replace. He also checked locally at Cromley's but they do not have anything that will work. Council agreed to go ahead and replace it through State Surplus out of the current budget.

Council was provided with updated revenue figures and the final amount will be available soon. Current out of balance amount is \$94,647.00.

D. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to adjourn the budget work session at 3:17 P.M.

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council

Raymond G. Strawbridge
Chairman

Date Approved