

Date: March 8, 2014
Meeting of: Locust City Council Budget Retreat
Time: 8:30 am
Members Present: Michael Hinson, Larry Baucom, Harry Fletcher, David Walker, JC Burris, Michael Haigler and Roger Hypes

Members Absent:

Order: Mayor Huber

Pledge: Mayor Huber

Prayer: Mayor Huber

Call to order at 8:30am

M/S/A Council Members David Walker and Larry Baucom **(7-0)**
Motion to adopt agenda

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes **(7-0)**
Motion to enter into Executive Session GS: 143-318.11 at 8:32 am

Out of Executive Session at 9:27 am

Break at 9:12 am

Reconvene at 9:27 am

City Administrator Tim Fesperman gave opening remarks. Discussed that balancing the budget would not be a problem. He also discussed the key roles for the council and what we need to do to remain flexible. Some of the focus for the Administration are benefits for staff, increasing the fund balance, wastewater fun self-sufficient, Public Safety (Police, Fire, Public Works), customer service, outsourcing – do what we do best and sub out the rest to others, be more proactive not reactive in management. Where do we go from here.. We want to be a sustainable business model, manage the sewer with the County, increase Public Safety and increase growth.

Michael Rupp – The Fund Balance has been moving in the right direction for the last 5 years. The Powell Fund is increasing potentially giving us the opportunity to do some major repairs to the streets. Debt breakdown – The next 2 years will be challenging. We will have the new DENR loan for the Kings Heights Sewer, then the following year will be the first payment for the new Motorola radios, the CTI payment will be paid in full and the Bank of Stanly (Uwharrie Bank) will be paid off in December 2016. We are in good shape regarding this current years budget.

Each Department Head gave a 20 minute presentation depicting their needs for this upcoming years budget and their needs for the future.

Break at 10:40 am

Reconvene at 10:55 am

Continued with Department Head presentations

NC HWY 200 Sidewalks going from CVS to Lions Club Drive should start around April 1st.

Lunch at 12:16 pm

Reconvene at 12:36 pm (working lunch)

Round table discussion with Council allowing them to prioritize the needs for each department for this upcoming budget year. Discussion over Government Center building maintenance, paint, leaks, etc..

Board Closing Comments – Thanks to all staff and Council for all their continuous and dedicated work.

M/S/A

Council Members Larry Baucom and Harry Fletcher

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Motion to adjourn at 1:52 pm

Stephen Huber, Mayor

Amy Meachum, City Clerk