



David Spencer, Mayor
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Town Council Meeting
Town of Greensboro
At GVFC Community Hall
04.18.2024

In attendance: Mayor David Spencer, Commissioner Pete Breliia, Commissioner Bob Harrison, Commissioner Joe Noon, Commissioner Christina Robinson, Town Manager Tammy Kelledees, Public Works Supervisor Brandon Cunningham, Community Outreach/Main Street Coordinator Amanda Weaver, Chief Lenox Trams, Town Attorney Lyndsey Ryan and associate Carly Londolfi, and Deputy Town Manager Jaime Fowler.

Residents: Kenny Burke, Chris Mason, Terri Christopher, Jeff Jackson, Donnie Starkey, Timothy Dalton, Billy Gardner, James Pratt, Donna Clay, Roxann Lopez.

Zoom – Debbie, Valerie Edwards

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Spencer at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Spencer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from 04/04/2024.

Motion to approve minutes from 04/04/2024 made by Commissioner Noon and second by Commissioner Harrison. All in favor.

Public Hearing –

Water/sewer rate discussion among the council

- Commissioner Harrison recommends a 6% increase.
- Mayor asked for the public to understand it is not just the water and sewer usage, but it is also the running of the plant.
- Commissioner Robinson asked for the per gallon cost to produce water and sewer.
- Commissioner Breliia suggests \$10 per month increase.
- Town Manager Kelledees reminded everyone that we need to build up a reserve to help pay for things that may need to be repaired. If there is no reserve, then we must get a loan and then residents are paying for the loan plus interest.

Public Comment

- Resident
 - A resident asked if the reason for the increase is just for the water system or to balance the budget. The answer is that it is only for the water/sewer system.
 - She wanted tiered because they don't even use ½ if the 12,000 gallons but if it is a \$30 increase she is ok but feels \$40 or \$50 increase would be too much especially for those that want the tiered structure.
- Timothy Dalton
 - Suggested sitting with a financial advisor to help us budget. Mrs. Kelledees said that we have an accountant but that the problem is that we are required to keep the water/sewer separate from the regular budget.
- Roxann Lopez
 - Asked about the water quality report and it was explained that ProStart sends it in March, and it is published in the paper as soon as it is available.
 - She asked about the water quality being improved with the increase of the bills and Town Manager Kelledees said that it will not but that the Federal Government is requiring everyone to get a lead/copper inventory done and if any need to be replaced there will be grants.
- Chris Mason
 - There is no perfect solution, and the chart speaks for itself.
 - Discussion on bid and if there are any pre-existing conditions for the contracts. Mrs. Ryan said it has not been negotiated yet. He also asked if we have an individual – and have them train under their license. Discussion on a 5 yr. plan as well as going north. Discussion on engineering of next section for future maintenance.
- Terri Christopher
 - She asked if the “light at the end of the tunnel” will be the completion of the expansion of the WWTP. She feels that if people have something to look forward to it may be easier for them to take.
- Brandon Cunningham
 - If we go up \$30 how much reserve – close to breaking even – not much over. Mrs. Kelledees suggested that we can raise and re-evaluate in December. He also suggested monthly billing. Lastly, he asked if Aclara/Suez has the ability for everyone to log in to evaluate their water usage.
- Amanda Weaver
 - Her concern about the \$30 increase then to re-evaluate in 6 months is that the council will not make a timely decision. Her recommendation is \$40 because she understands the situation with the plant and the costs associated with it.

Mayor Spencer asked the council to consider giving staff a number to plug in so staff can continue to negotiate with the two providers. Tammy said it will make a difference on the decision on plant operations.

Attorney Ryan said to be clear that we are deciding right now what rate to put into the budget ordinance for introduction. We will still have another hearing on this rate so it could change.

*Motion made by Commissioner Brelia for \$30 increase per Quarter to generate \$ 939898.16
Commissioner Harrison seconded. All in favor*

Mayor Spencer thanked the public for coming and appreciates the input and discussion.

Town Manager Tammy Kelledes gave the following report:

- We have been working on the w/s rates and budget.
- She and Jaime went to a legislative recap meeting in Federalsburg this week. An overview of things they covered were a variety of things including:
 - oyster sanctuaries.
 - juvenile laws for 8–10-year-olds to be grouped in the same category as 13-year-olds.
 - Discrepancies in gun theft law that currently has the punishment based on the value of the weapon.
 - Key Bridge
 - Rockfish
- Cyber security meeting with Midshore Technology, with the main concern being the WWTP because drinking water can be a target.
- Grant training today for (TAG) Technical Assistant Grant for the Community Outreach position for \$50,000 to be submitted over the next month.

Town Attorney Ryan gave the following report:

- The lead line inventory RFP is due next Friday so we can discuss it at the first of May meeting. Tammy said there should be funding come down because it is federally mandated. Inventory due to the state by Oct 16, 2024

Chief Trams gave the following report:

- One control burn that got out of control and had to alert the fire department.
- 2 domestics with no arrests
- 2 reports of crimes involving young kids which require more time and resources, so the county was asked to take over.
- Vehicle repossession happened in Easton, so they brought the car here, and while doing inventory found a weapon. The owner had his permit, so the weapon was safely handed over to them.
- 2 animal complaints
- 2 illegal burnings with 2 warnings

Discussion on the intersection at the bridge on 313 not being aligned appropriately. The mayor asked Tammy to set up a meeting with him, Chief Trams, and herself to meet with SHA. Chief Trams said he has also seen lots of families who come up and dart across 313 to Tiger Mart. Mayor Spencer also asked Chief Trams to contact the Sherriff and Barrack Commander to monitor for us and that we would appreciate any action they may take. The Chief also said that he wrote his first citation for stop sign at Academy.

Public Works Supervisor Brandon Cunningham gave the following report:

- East Lift Station– He gave a history of the station and the issues it has had. He is asking for funds for a new pump. He has 2 quotes, one for \$12,000 one a little over \$13,000 and need Freemire to rebuild current pump. Commissioner Harrison asked how much the rebuild would cost and they won't know until he gets into it.

Commissioner Brelia made a motion to approve \$40,000 to get necessary repairs and equipment. Discussion about ARPA funds already reserved of \$35,000 for the lead lines. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor.

Brandon thanked Pete for going down and helping.

Community Outreach/Main Street Coordinator Amanda Weaver gave the following report:

- Working on finalizing the fishing derby
- sorting how to write grants and that it is very tedious and time consuming.

Commissioner Breliia said the 4th is going to be busy. There is something at Tuckahoe State Park, and Greensboro has a lot going on.

GVFC - none

Old Business

- Attorney Ryan read the School Zone Ordinance No. 2024-02
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GREENSBORO TO AUTHORIZE THE GREENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE AND ENFORCE CITATIONS BASED ON SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS

Public hearing open for discussion

- Timothy Dalton asked about school zones being a Federal Marshall Law checkpoint.
- Chris Mason said that most people will not fight speed cameras, but they can be fought. He also suggested having one on Sunset.
- Commissioner Robinson asked if the study was done, and the answer was no that we had to have the ordinance in place first.

Close public hearing

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Commissioner Noon and seconded by Commissioner Harrison. All in favor.

Mayor Spencer asked for a new motion to amend the agenda to discuss the constant yield rate and proposed tax rate.

Motion made by Commissioner Noon and seconded by Commissioner Breliia to amend the agenda to discuss the constant yield rate and proposed tax rate. All in favor.

The constant yield rate is currently at .70. If we don't want to raise the rate, there is no public hearing needed. Attorney Ryan said that if we are increasing the rate, there must have separate public hearing. If we leave the current tax rate the same, there is no public hearing needed.

All agreed to no change in the constant yield rate or the tax rate. Attorney Ryan will add that to the budget ordinance.

New Business - none

Town Council Discussion and Remarks

In reference to the Town charter revision discussion, Mayor Spencer asked Attorney Ryan to let him know when she is available to discuss.

Commissioner Breliia – no comments

Commissioner Harrison asked about the place out on Sunset with the junk cars and Deputy Town Manager Jaime Fowler updated the council that they have been fined and we are waiting the time frame to be able to fine them again. After that we can go to court, which will usually give them at least 30 more days.

Commissioner Robinson– no comments

Motion to adjourn regular meeting and take a five-minute recess made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Brelia. All in favor.

Adjourned at 7:24 pm

Moved to closed session to discuss personnel issues.

Closed session adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Parks.