



TOWN COUNCIL
Public Hearing
Town Hall
June 2, 2011
6:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Dora Sullivan, having established a quorum, called to order the Public Hearing of the Town Council. In addition to Mayor Sullivan, present were Vice Mayor Bannon, Councilmen Evans, Sullivan and Veber and Councilwoman Natali. Councilman Bennett was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Town Manager Heather Arcos, Town Treasurer Jo Anna Leatherwood and Town Clerk Libby Hume. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Mayor Sullivan announced the evening's public hearing was to hear public comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budget and read the public hearing advertisement that was published in the Eastern Shore News on May 13 and 25, 2011.

Town Manager Heather Arcos reviewed the significant items in the budget as follows: i) There would be no real estate tax rate increase; and ii) The base tier minimum utility rates would have a net increase of \$6.69. The water rate would increase by \$11.38 but the wastewater rate would decrease by \$4.69. This was due to the inclusion of approximately \$93K of the water tower debt service in the wastewater rate in previous years. This issue was discovered recently and reallocated to the correct account. Capital Items passed by fund were as follows: i) In the General Fund were the Cape Charles Multi Use Trail Design and Construction Plan was a total of \$96K, the Public Works building to complete the installation was \$24,795, and a new gator for Public Works; ii) Utilities included the hookup of the two wells to the water plant and a new control panel for the water plant. For wastewater, there was an I&I carryover of \$325K, replacement of a backup generator at \$35K, and the continued project of the new wastewater treatment plant construction at \$6.1M; iii) Harbor Improvements include the Bath Houses at \$343,977 and walkways around the west docks at \$20K with a total of \$7,641,425.

Heather Arcos informed Council that their updated budget books would be ready next week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments to be heard and no written comments were submitted prior to the hearing.

Mayor Sullivan stated that she was within \$2 of her minimum water usage and now the bills would be increased.

Mayor Sullivan went on to state that Heather Arcos was doing an outstanding job with a round of applause from the Council members in attendance.

Heather Arcos stated that the Utility Clerk position was going from a full-time to part-time position and the hours would be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. We would keep the schedule consistent for the public. The days and times would be evaluated and adjusted if needed. A notification will be published in the Gazette along with the budget information.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bannon, seconded by Councilman Veber to adjourn the Public Hearing of the Town Council. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Mayor Sullivan

Town Clerk