

**TOWN OF CENTRAL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
CENTRAL TOWN HALL
1067 WEST MAIN STREET - CENTRAL, SC 29630
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023 – 6:45 pm**

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Moss, Council Members Paige Bowers, Lynne Chapman, Ken Dill, and LC Hayes; Administrator Phillip Mishoe; Assistant Administrator Tom Cloer; Fire Chief Ed Reynolds; Police Chief Steve Thompson; Will Mullinax; and Town Clerk Susan Brewer.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Moss.

Ken Dill rendered the invocation.

Town Administrator presented the proposed budgets for year 2023-2024

Enterprise Funds

Water, Sewer and Sanitation funds are presented as balanced. We are requesting a .12 cent per 1k adjustment to water rates to cover the increase by Easley Central Water District. We are requesting a \$2 increase to the fixed fee to cover increase in cost to operate. In the Sewer Department we are requesting a \$1.43 increase to fixed charge to cover increase in cost to operate. We are requesting a \$1 increase in residential sanitation to cover increase in cost to provide service. for the town to cover increase in cost to provide the service.

The sewer budget also includes some capital improvements at the South Plant where the Towns equipment is stored. That amount is 250K.

General Fund

General fund is balanced. We are requesting a 7.4 mill increase this budget year. We will be using 50k from reserves to balance. Don't let that worry you. We've used the reserve to balance for the last 10 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.

Overall

We did a salary study and that is included in this budget. We have experienced high inflation and it just cost more to provide the services that we provide. 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: _____

