

Town of Onancock
Town Council Budget Workshop Meeting
March 20, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Mayor Fosque called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and roll was called. Mayor Fletcher Fosque and Councilmembers Robert Bloxom, Joy Marino, Catherine Krause, Ray Burger and Maphis Oswald were present. Councilmember Joshua Bundick was absent. A majority of members were present, and a quorum was established.

Public Business:

- a. Budget Discussion: Mayor Fosque began with the water and sewer rate discussion.

Councilmember Bloxom explained that due to the loan requirements set forth by the USDA-Rural Development, plant operations must be self-sustaining. The revenues need to cover the expenditures. Councilmember Oswald suggested that capital improvement projects may not need to come from the proprietary fund.

Council discussion followed. Several council members shared that they believed that the loan document requirements also extend to capital improvements projects. Debate on the water and sewer rates followed. The final consensus was to increase the utility rates by 4% in fiscal year 2020.

Councilmember Bloxom suggested that they put the trash rate reduction fee back on the table for discussion, stating that the general fund can afford this reduction in revenue and it would be a significant reduction to the utility bills even with the 4% increase on the water and sewer.

Councilmember Oswald asked about Town Manager Kerbin's contract; specifically, what did the town approve regarding increases for him. Councilmember Oswald suggested that council review the contract to determine whether he is eligible for salary increases like the rest of the employees. Councilmember Bloxom stated that this item should be discussed further during Mr. Kerbin's contract renewal process; although, council should still budget for an increase in case that is what is decided on at that time.

Council also discussed the possibility of moving some of the Public Works Directors salary and benefits out of the proprietary fund and into the general fund since he now oversees general fund activities as well.

Adjourn:

Councilmember Bloxom made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Fletcher Fosque, Mayor



Lisa Fiege, Deputy Clerk