



**REGULAR
MEETING *MINUTES*
MAYODAN TOWN COUNCIL
June 12, 2023
6:00 p.m.
James A. Collins Municipal Building**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Chad Wall
Melanie Barnes
Doug Cardwell
Letitia Goard
Dwight Lake
Buck Shelton

STAFF PRESENT:

Town Attorney Eugene Russell
Town Manager Kathleen Patterson
Town Clerk Sarah Hopper

The Mayodan Town Council met at 6:00 pm on June 12, 2023, in the Council room of the James A. Collins Municipal Building, and with a quorum present, Mayor Wall called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION:

Invocation given by Pastor Ricky Wilkie with Asheboro Pentecostal Holiness Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Chad Wall and Town Council members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mavis Dillon with Western Rockingham Chamber of Commerce spoke to council about Cars and Coffee at Farris Park on June 17, 2023 9-11 am. Childress coffee will be provided and music. Mrs. Dillon also spoke to them about Leadership Rockingham which includes the Reidsville, Eden and Western Rockingham Chamber of Commerce. This is something that she encouraged all to come and participate in. It is a great way to explore the different towns and areas in the things that each have to offer in their area.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget

1. Set Tax Rate

2. Approve 2023-2024 FY Budget Ordinance

Town manager Kathleen Patterson gave the proposed FY 2023-2024 budget for the Town of Mayodan. This request includes a potential increase to the property tax rate of \$.03 increasing the rate from \$.665 to \$.695. The request does not include an increase to the water and sewer rates.

Due to a situation outside of our control the Town received a decrease to the utility owned property value of approximately 31% leading to a drop in property tax revenue of \$1,688,154.00 and utility sales tax. This led to the hard decision to increase the property tax this year to cover costs for providing services to the residents and visitors. Each department saw cuts to their requested budgets in order to

keep the increase as low as possible. The lowering of the utility property tax value is a one-year issue but strikes at a time of increase costs for everything from vehicle maintenance to copy paper. The water/sewer fund is stable and we are not asking for an increase to either inside or outside rates for this year.

Mayor Chad Wall opened the public hearing to hear public comment regarding the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget tax rate at 6:08pm.

Jenny Cardwell, 100 Cahill St., Madison chairperson of the Madison-Mayodan recreation department. Mrs. Cardwell stated with the town cutting the Madison-Mayodan recreation department by \$40,000.00 it would impact a very delicate population that being the seniors and children as well as the recreation in this area. She stated that the fund balance that the Madison-Mayodan recreation department has is for maintaining and upkeeping the building maintenance. Madison-Mayodan recreation department director, Lee Mitchell stated that they are supposed to keep a 35% fund balance. He stated that they are looking into spending money on projects at the recreation center.

Bruce Martin, 705 W Main St., stated to Town Council that the Madison-Mayodan Recreation Center was one of the most utilized facilities in our town. He felt that Farris Memorial Park and Elliott Duncan Park could have line items cut out of their budgets to help the recreation center.

Steve Boles, spoke requesting support for the Madison Rescue Squad. The Madison Rescue Squad started in 1957. He stated that they have never been publicly funded. Mr. Boles stated that in the year 2022 the Towns of Madison Rescue Squad ran 1383 calls in the Madison and Mayodan.

Roy Stewart, Chief Madison Rescue Squad stated that their members are volunteers that have to be certified at the state level as well as raise the money to buy equipment because they are not publicly funded. Mr. Stewart stated that covid hit the rescue squad hard but the rescue squad workers continued to come to work. He also stated that they are a level III swift water rescue agency too.

Sarah Jo Durham, spoke in support of the Madison-Mayodan Recreation Department that several people have donated and paid for a two-car parking spot that has been paved in the lower parking level at the recreation department. This was to help the handicap and seniors as well as purchasing chairs and carpet to help the handicap in wheelchairs.

Mayor Wall thanked everyone that spoke and stated that Town Council wouldn't be voting tonight and would recess to another time that would be stated at the close of tonight's meeting to vote on the Budget and Tax Rate.

Mayor Wall declared the public hearing closed at 6:25pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Fee Schedule

The FY 2023-2024 fee schedule lists the changes reflected in the budget as well as the following changes:

- Water Tap fees increased due to increased cost to purchase equipment.

B. LWSP Resolution for approving local water supply plan

Town Manager Kathleen Patterson spoke to town council regarding the NCGS 143-355(1) requires that each unit of local government provide public water services or plans to provide such serves shall, either individually or together with other such units of local government, prepare and submit a Local Water Supply Plan.

Motion by Councilmember Lake, seconded by Councilmember Shelton, to approve the Resolution accepting the Local Water Supply Plan.

Ayes: Barnes, Cardwell, Lake, Goard and Shelton

Nays: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER/ COUNCIL COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Manager Patterson stated to council that some budget amendments would need to be done at the end of the fiscal year.

Motion by Councilmember Lake, seconded by Councilmember Cardwell, recessed to Friday, June 23, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Ayes: Councilmembers Barnes, Cardwell, Goard, Lake and Shelton

Nays: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting recessed to June 23, 2023 at 6:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

Sarah Hopper, Town Clerk

Chad Wall, Mayor