

The Smithfield Town Council reconvened its May 2, 2023 Meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Fire Station Training Room, Mayor M. Andy Moore presided.

Councilmen Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem, John Dunn
Sloan Sevens, District 2
Dr. David Barbour, District 4
Stephen Rabil, At-Large
Roger Wood, At-Large

Councilmen Absent

Marlon Lee, District 1
Travis Scott, District 3

Administrative Staff Present

Michael Scott, Town Manager
Jeremey Daughtry, Assistant Fire Chief
Ted Credle, Public Utilities Director
James Grady, Interim Chief of Police
Gary Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director
Tim Kerigan, Human Resources Director
Eric McDowell, IT Director
Shannan Parrish, Town Clerk
Greg Siler, Finance Director
Stephen Wensman, Planning Director

I. Reconvening of the May 2, 2023 Regular Meeting

Mayor Moore reconvened the meeting at 7:01 pm.

II. FY 2023-2024 Budget Discussions

Town Manager Michael Scott informed the Council that a representative from UFS would provide the Council with an update on the water rate analysis at the Monday meeting.

Councilman Barbour stated the Town Manager had highlighted items which he deemed as priorities and thought the Council should discuss those budget items. Those priorities are listed below:

- Police Dept: IT Components: Detective Laptops and Docking Stations: \$17,400 Officer Laptops, Printers and Stands: \$29,000
- Fire Dept: Replace Fire Engine: \$900,000
- Garage: Plasma Welder: \$ 7,445 Air Compressor: \$ 3,400 A/C Recharge Machine: \$ 5,500 Diagnostic Equipment: \$ 5,500 Hoist Beam: \$30,000
- Sanitation: Sanitation Truck: \$300,000
- Recreation: Storage Shed: \$ 8,000 Artificial Turf: \$ 8,000 Eva Ennis Amenities: \$ 8,110
- Parks & Recreation Staffing: Increase Average P/T Wage by \$3.07: \$33,770 Additional

The Town Manager explained that the cost of a sanitation truck had increased to \$300,000 but felt it was a necessary purchase.

The Council was in agreement with the Manager's recommendations.

Parks and Recreation

The Town Manager explained he had provided the Council with information concerning unfunded request made by the Parks and Recreation Department. He explained the following items could be included with the use of Park in Lieu Fees instead of General Fund Fees:

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| • Additional shade structure at the dog park is | \$8,500 |
| • Additional cement requested at the dog park is | \$10,000 |
| • Addition Lighting at the dog park | |
| • Artificial Turf for the soccer goals | \$8,000 |
| • Eva Ennis Amenities | \$8,110 |
| • Soccer Field Drainage | \$18,500 |
| • Community Park Playground Repairs | \$12,775 |

It was suggested that 2 picnic tables be installed at the dog park.

It was the consensus of the Council to approve the aforementioned expenditures for Parks and Recreation (including the 2 picnic tables for the dog park).

Fire Department

Fire Engine Purchase: The Town Manager explained the Town had an additional \$300,000 in revenue from the Amazon property taxes that had not been included in the budget. He suggested moving those funds into a Capital Project fund for 1/3 of the cost to purchase the fire engine. In order to balance the budget for the engine purchase, a loan of \$600,000 was also added to the budget. Since the fire engine would not have to be paid for until 2026, this loan amount is expected to decrease, as additional funds are moved into the General Fund, Capital Project Fund for this purchase. No loan will be secured until such time as the fire engine is ready for delivery.

Amphitheater Rental

The Town Manager explained that he and staff were discussing the rental costs of the amphitheater and would be discussed in more detail during Fee Schedule conversation.

Non-Departmentals

Area Schools: It was the consensus of the Council to allocate \$1500 to each school. The Early College would not be included in this funding. Schools would no longer be required to submit an application for funding and all schools would be given the same amount each year.

DSDC: It was the recommendation of the Town Manager to increase the DSDC's budget by \$10,000 with an additional \$40,000 placed into a separate line for DSDC projects. These projects would have to be approved by the Town Council before funds were disbursed.

Ava Gardner Museum: The Executive Director of the Ava Gardner Museum requested \$27,000 which was an increase of \$5,000. Funds from the 2% tourism would be used for the \$5,000.

Public Library of Johnston County and Smithfield: The Library Director requested \$285,000 which was an increase of \$15,000. It was the recommendation of the Town Manager to approve the increase.

Triangle East Chamber of Commerce: The Council awarded \$1,000 to the Chamber for the JoCo Works event.

New Request - Smithfield Fire Fighters Association: The Council awarded \$3,600 to the Smithfield Fire Fighters Association

New Request - Recovery Alive: The Council awarded \$1,000 to Recovery Alive.

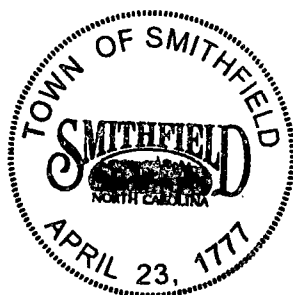
New Request - Partnership for Children: The Council awarded \$1,000 to Partnership for Children.

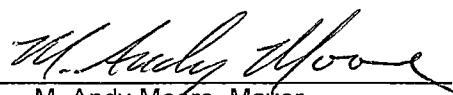
Recess until Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Being no further business, Councilman Barbour made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wood, to recess the meeting until Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:00pm to be held in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. The meeting recessed at approximately 8:44 pm.

ATTEST:


Shannan L. Parrish, Town Clerk




M. Andy Moore, Mayor