TOWN OF TRYON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – BUDGET WORKSESSION

MAY 11, 2017 AT 1:00 P.M.

TRYON TOWN HALL – MCCOWN ROOM

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples — Mayor Pro Tem Crys Armbrust

Commissioners: Bill Ingham, Bill Crowell — Absent: Roy Miller

Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis — Town Clerk Susan Bell

Police Chief Jeff Arrowood — Comm. Dev. Dir. Paula Kempton

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peoples called the budget work session to order and turned it over to the town manager. Town Manager Ollis presented the budget with changes requested from the first meeting. He raised the demolition line item. The Fire Department decreased. Included the Howard Street sewer project $80,000. The health insurance numbers came in with a 25% increase. Our agent is getting more carriers for us to look at, but a change may cost our employees more. We are looking at shopping around next year. With things happening at the federal level we don't know what is going to happen. Aetna has just pulled out of the ACA. He doesn't want to give up being grandfathered in the plan that we currently are in. Mayor Peoples asked to also look at dental and vision. This may affect the rates. Mr. Armbrust stated that we have a place in the budget that would cover this increase. Mr. Ollis stated the vacant police officer. This position could help with code enforcement issues.

He has cut the budget from $4.4 million to $3.9 million by making cuts and estimating appropriate revenue. All departments have made cuts. The savings are due to some cost sharing of employees. The budget as is has the street department paying for Jody, Randy, Shawn, Adrian and part of Tommy. Now they are just paying for the three that are actually in the street department. Mr. Ingham stated this is much easier to understand. At the next workshop, he would like to call for a public hearing in June. The Board all agreed they can understand this budget better.

Mr. Armbrust asked Dr. Carson if he had any knowledge of houses that contain asbestos from the list. Dr. Carson stated he knows of one definitely. Mr. Armbrust stated in reality if no asbestos, then we can remove many more. Mr. Ingham stated he would like to prioritize them, starting with the one on Howard Street. Dr. Carson stated there is one closer to Peake Street that really needs something done. Mr. Armbrust stated we should start on this end and work towards Peake Street.

Mr. Ollis stated the next work shop will be May 16 at 6:00 p.m. At 5:00 p.m. there will be a meeting with Harmon Field, at 6:00 p.m. the work shop and at 7:00 p.m. regular meeting. The public hearing will be scheduled for June 20, 2017 and the budget will be effective July 1, 2017.

ADJOURN

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

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J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

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Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk