

## Work Session Minutes

**Council Present:** Mayor Larry Smith, Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan, Council Members Ernestine Staton, Margaret Bivens, and Paulette Blakeney. Council Member Gary Huntley by phone

Staff Present: Town Manager Franklin Deese and Town Clerk Ann Sutton

**Call to Order:** Mayor Larry Smith called the meeting to order at 7 pm. An invocation was given by the mayor. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **No Public Comments**

Adoption of Agenda: Town Manager asked the council to move the Closed Session up to number 4 since the attorneys were on the clock. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Morgan and seconded by Council Member Staton to adopt the agenda.

## Closed Session per General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (3):

A motion was made to go into a Closed Session to discuss the agreement with Union County for the water/sewer transfer. This motion was made by Council Member Ernestine Staton and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Morgan.

Closed Session ended. 7:40 pm

No discussion or action from closed meeting.

**Discussion of the 2019-2020 Budget:** Town Manager Deese made a basic presentation of the current 2019-2020 Budget. A definition was given on what a budget is. It is an estimate of what our revenues and expenses will be. Town Manager Deese asked the council to look through the 2019-2020 budget and come up with any questions they may have.

## **Council Comments:**

Council Member Blakeney was glad to see everyone. Council Member Bivens wants everyone to stay safe. Council Member Huntley connection was lost in the ZOOM Meeting. Council Member Staton apologized to Town Manager Deese for mentioning the glass on the sidewalk on Carelock Drive. She was trying to protect herself and the town in case someone was cut. We need to work on the grass growing up in the sidewalks.

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan said that Town Manager Deese's presentation on the budget was excellent. Mayor Larry Smith reminded all to study the budget and write down questions.

Adjournement: Motion was made to adjouorn the meeting by Council Member Margaret Bivens. The motion was seconded by Council Member Staton. All agreed. 8:30 pm

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2020.

Mayor Larry Smith

Attest

Town Clerk, Ann Sutton