

**TOWN OF HONEA PATH
COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
WATKINS BUILDING**

June 30, 2020

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Christopher Burton called the Council meeting to order at 6 pm. The Mayor prayed. Members present: Mayor Christopher Burton, Beverly Crawford, Clerk/Treasurer, Council members: Andrew Sullivan, David Fields, Jean Perrett, Rebecca Robinson, Dot Evans and Jim Taylor.

Mayor Christopher Burton read the letter sent out to customers who were past due on water/sewer bills and subject to cutoff. Mayor Burton stated that Brian Picard resigned effective July 12th.

Police Chief Boseman presented bids for new Ford police vehicle. The lowest bid was from the new Carolina Ford in Honea Path. The total price was estimated to be \$39,500. Council discussed a 5 year lease/loan to pay for the vehicle. Funds are in the budget for the year 5 year lease/loan to pay for the vehicle.

Taylor made a motion to purchase the new Ford police vehicle from the new Carolina Ford in Honea Path. The total price was estimated to be \$39,500. Seconded by Perrett and the motion passed. Taylor made a motion for the Mayor to go out for bids for a 5 year lease/loan to pay for the vehicle. The total loan is estimated to be \$39,500. Seconded by Robinson and the motion passed.

The Honea Path Planning Committee is planning the 4th of July celebration activities and the Sugarfoot/Fall Festival. The Honea Path Planning Committee is recommending that the Town provide \$2,500 in hospitality funds for the event. Evans made a motion to approve the funding as requested. Robinson seconded the motion. After much discussion, the motion passed with Sullivan opposed.

The town council discussed the various franchise agreements with Duke Power, PNG and Spectrum/Charter. The SC Revenue Fiscal Affairs Office has approved a millage rate increase up to 3.5 mills based on the CPI rate for 2019 and the population rate increase for Honea Path for 2019. Council wants to change franchise agreement set to 4 percent and only a 2 mill increase instead of a 3.5 mill increase. The proposed FY2020-21 budget will be changed to reflect this amendment.

Mayor Burton stated that B-HP Water Authority requested to use the court room for their meeting, as their meeting room is too small to have social distancing. Taylor made a motion to grant their request. Seconded by Robinson and the motion passed.

Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.