

**TOWN OF HONEA PATH  
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING  
PUBLIC NOTICE HEARING ON  
TOWN OF HONEA PATH FY2021-2022 BUDGET  
WATKINS BUILDING  
APRIL 20, 2021  
5:00 P.M.**

Mayor Christopher Burton opened the FY2021-2022 Budget Workshop meeting for discussion, and presentation of the new budget. The FY2021-2022 budget was presented and discussed in detail. The only increase for the budget year will be a 2.5 millage increase in taxes. The General Fund remains much the same as last budget year. Water and Sewer sales are better at this time. There will be no increase in salaries at this time.

Mayor Burton asked that each Council member check the roads in their wards, and give a report of the ones that are in extreme need of repair.

The new sanitation truck should be here soon per Matt McCullough.

Other matters concerning the FY2021-2022 budget included a new metal building for the Recreation Department which will cost approximately \$8,000.00.

Also discussed was maintenance that will be needed on the water tank located on Carolina Avenue which would cost approximately \$100,000 up front and twenty to thirty thousand per year. Gross Revenue funds would be used for the expense of water tank upkeep.

Matt McCullough stated that the Belton-Honea Path Water Authority has increased water purchases 3%, so the Town may have to increase on water rates.

Council members had a few questions, which were addressed. Mayor Burton closed the budget workshop meeting.

**TOWN OF HONEA PATH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WATKINS BUILDING  
APRIL 20, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Christopher Burton called the regular Council meeting to order at 6 pm. The Mayor asked Mr. Ellis Lark to pray. All stood for the pledge to the flag. Members present: Mayor Christopher Burton, Beverly Crawford, Clerk/Treasurer, Council members: David Fields, Jean Perrett, Rebecca Robinson, Dot Evans and Jim Taylor.

Fields made a motion to approve the minutes from March 16, 2021. Taylor seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Mayor Burton stated he had received complaints from citizens that the town needs to upgrade equipment for sound and zoom meetings. He stated we are in the process of checking on updates for this issue. Mrs. Walker read the Certification of the Special Election that was held for the unexpired term for Ward 1 on Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The official results from Anderson County Registrations and Election were as follows: A. Earle Ashley – 73 votes and Travis Bradley – 66 votes. Taylor made a motion to approve the election results. Perrett seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Earle Ashley was sworn in as Council member by his wife, Bonnie. Mayor Burton and Council members congratulated Mr. Ashley. The Mayor asked him to take his seat as the Town's new Council member for Ward #1.

The Mayor stated that the Planning Committee was requesting monies from the Hospitality Fund for events in July and October of this year.

It was reported that there will be a projected deficit for FY2020-2021 of approximately \$250,000. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> reading by title only of the FY2021-2022 budget with a 2.5 millage increase and a nine cent per thousand gallons water increase.

Taylor made a motion to accept by title only the FY2021-2022 budget. Robinson seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion was passed.

Fields stated there have been a lot of complaints about the dangerous explosive, Tannerite. He expressed although this explosive is legal, it isn't legal to fire guns inside city limits. The Police Department stated an Ordinance may need to be created, but expressed there will be strong consequences to those who choose to use this explosive inside city limits.

Evans stated there have been reports of some lines not covered after grinders have been installed.

Chief Boseman asked that anyone aware of any damage made by tannerite be reported to the Police Department immediately.

Matt McCullough stated that Mr. Jerry Losaw, who is the driver of the sanitation truck, is back at work after an injury, so they are able to catch up on garbage pickup. He also congratulated Mr. Asley on winning the election for Ward #1.

Chief Jimmy Smith stated the Fire/EMS will be receiving a Be Safe Grant from the state for air packs in the amount of \$29,600. He expressed the need for a new car for the Fire/EMS in this year's budget, since the one now is 10 years old and not safe to drive in an emergency. He stated there is \$40,000 that hasn't been spent in this budget year.

Taylor made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss adding a new car for the Fire/EMS to this year's budget. Robinson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of amending the agenda, and the motion passed.

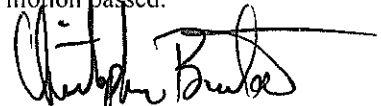
Taylor made a motion for the Mayor and Chief Smith look into purchasing a new car for the Fire/EMS, not to exceed \$40,000. Robinson seconded. The votes were as follows: 4 in favor – 2 abstained.


The Mayor stated there was a silent bid held for two ambulances and an F-250 truck. There was only one bidder, Mr. Rick Whittington, and he purchased all three.

Taylor made a motion to go into Executive Session for Contractual issue and Economic Development. Seconded by Robinson. All in favor, and the motion passed.

Taylor made a motion to go out of Executive Session. Seconded by Robinson and the motion passed.

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

  
Christopher Burton  
Mayor

  
Beverly K. Crawford  
Clerk/Treasurer