

MEBANE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MEBANE MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MAY 31, 2007

Members Present: Tim Bradley      Bob Hupman (Left 5:50 p.m./Back 6:20 p.m.)  
                         Ed Hooks            Patty Philipps  
                         Everette Greene

Mayor Glendel Stephenson called the Special Meeting of the Mebane City Council to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Mebane Municipal Building for the purpose of discussing the proposed 2007/2008 Budget.

Patty Philipps requested that the Council table consideration of moving the downtown wiring at the present time to a later date. She has given the plans to Darrell Russell of Alley, Williams, Carmen & King, Inc. to do pricing on and to look for better deals.

City Manager Robert Wilson discussed the proposed 2007/2008 Budget. He explained that the cemetery development of \$500,000 was a large item in the budget and that he would be proposing that rates be increased to either \$1,000 to \$1,200 to help recoup costs.

Mr. Wilson proposed that the cap on employees' sick leave, which is currently 96 days, be removed and at the time of retirement, the employee be allowed to trade 2 days for 1 day toward their retirement. Councilman Bradley suggested that the State's plan for sick leave be considered. Mr. Wilson will review these and report back to the Council.

As a part of the budget, Robert Wilson recommended that a Vision Care Plan for employees be added as a benefit.

Councilman Bob Hupman proposed that the minimum salary be \$12.50 for all full time employees. Following considerable discussion, the Council instructed City Manager Robert Wilson to study how it would affect employees and to report back to the Council at the public hearing to be held on Monday, June 4, 2007.

Mr. Wilson reported that the sidewalk construction project would move back to the northeast side of Mebane during the 2007/2008 Budget Year.

Mark Reich, of Alley, Williams, Carmen & King, Inc., presented the results of the 2007 Pavement Condition Survey conducted by ITRE and B&F Consulting. He stated that 3.25 miles of paving needs have been recognized by the report. This would equate to approximately \$525,000. He emphasized that the costs shown in the report did not include additional costs that can be incurred for storm drainage improvements, administration, utility adjustments, milling, work zone traffic control, curbing repairs and other items. He estimated that the actual cost to make the needed repairs would be closer to \$800,000.

Darrell Russell of Alley, Williams, Carmen & King, Inc. recommended that the City do the worst streets this year, this being the very poor category and try to do one-half of the next category, which is poor. This would take care of approximately 2 ½ miles and get us up to the \$350,000 or \$400,000 range. Next year the City could start with the rest of the poor and then start moving up. He recommended that the City get bids on it and have the actual number and make a budget amendment for the difference. The contract can include a clause to double the amount if the City wishes to do so.

Council discussed holding off on new sidewalk construction until street maintenance has been taken care of. City Manager Robert Wilson reported that he would get a survey by Monday on sidewalk needs on the north east side.

Darrell Russell, who studied water and sewer rates, presented estimates of projected revenues over expenses in the Water and Sewer Funds, noting that both are expected to be positive. He anticipates a closer spread in the Sewer Fund and recommended an 8% increase in the sewer rate. No objections were heard to the proposed increase.

The Council discussed the number of cars requested for the Police Department and the number of cars with mileage in excess of 100,000 miles. City Manager Robert Wilson will look at this and report back to the Council on Monday, June 4, 2007 at the Public Hearing.

City Manager Robert Wilson reviewed the Capital Projects under consideration. He proposed taking ½ of the funds needed for the proposed Capital Projects from the Fund Balance and borrowing the remaining funds needed. He listed the renovation of the old Recreation Center at an estimated cost of \$854,000. This includes new roofing, new restrooms, handicap accessibility, face-lift on the northern side, renovations on the inside, and renovations for the museum. The renovation of the old Fire Station was estimated at \$400,000. The Lake Michael project has been re-estimated to cost \$616,000. This reflects leaving the road alignment where it is and does not include improvements to the existing office or proposed dog park. The Fire Tower, which is to be utilized also by the Police Department for training, is estimated to cost \$400,000. The renovation of the City Hall has been estimated at \$1,500,000. Robert Wilson will make a

recommendation on Capital Projects at the June 4, 2007 meeting. No formal action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Glendel Stephenson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Elaine J. Hicks, City Clerk