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Cedar Grove Town Council

Budget Meeting 2024-2025

Cedar Grove Town Hall

March 22, 2024

8:00 AM

Meeting called to order by Mayor Young at 8:00 AM.

Roll Call

Mayor Melissa Young - PRESENT

Recorder Samantha Goodwin – PRESENT

Councilmen/women:

Leslie Sigler— PRESENT

Clayton “Jock” Young - PRESENT

Ashley Young – ABSENT

Mark Harrison – PRESENT

Ryan Coleman – PRESENT

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Municipal Budget

Recorder Samantha Goodwin presented the budget that she prepared after she, Mayor Young, and Councilman Clayton Young met on Wednesday 3/20/2024 to go over the previous year's budget and discuss the town's goals and projects in the foreseeable future pertaining to the General Fund. Town Clerk Jessica Morris also assisted Samantha in making a document that displayed expenditures from the last 6-12 months so the budget could be more accurately evaluated by the Council.

The Council discussed planning to use money from the Coal Severance Tax to add a picnic area on the riverbank that is currently being cleared near the baseball field, as was shown in the budget.

Town Clerk Jessica Morris requested that a \$2.50 raise be granted to her, since the previous administration agreed to address this for the next budget year.

Mayor Young requested that the Council go into Executive Session at 8:19 AM. Executive Session ended at 8:33 AM.

The Council agreed to go ahead and budget for Jessica's \$2.50 raise, then readdress it closer to July. The Council also agreed to increase the budget for employee salaries across the board by 3.2% to prepare for an upcoming Cost of Living Raise in July.

Councilman Clayton Young expressed concern for the future state of the Cedar Grove Fire Department considering the recent loss of the ambulance service. The council suggested looking into increasing the fire fees to help recover some revenues that will inevitably be lost. To be safe, the Council agreed to leave extra money in the budget towards aiding the Fire Department. Town Clerk Jessica Morris stated that there are several townspeople who do not pay their fire fees, along with garbage and sewage. In response, the council plans to seek legal help to determine what consequences (if any) can be enforced.

Councilman Ryan Coleman asked about the money allotted to the Woodland Cemetery and the Little Brick Church. The council agreed to increase the budget for the Church and Cemetery to \$1,000.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Leslie Sigler for Samantha to submit the budget to the State Auditor's Office with the changes discussed above, seconded by Councilman Clayton Young. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Leslie Sigler to adjourn, seconded by Mark Harrison. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Young at 9:10 AM.

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