

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING 04/29/2025

TOWN OF CHASE CITY, VA

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 10:00 AM

525 North Main Street, Chase City VA 23924

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MINUTES

Call to Order

The Budget Workshop was called to order by Vice-Mayor James Bohannon at 10:05 a.m.

PRESENT

Town Manager Dusty Forbes

Vice-Mayor James Bohannon

Council Member Brenda Hatcher

Council Member Pauline Keeton

Council Member Michelle Wilson arrived later

ABSENT

Mayor Alden Fahringer

Council Member Marshall Whitaker

Council Member Latrisha McCargo

Urgent Meeting Items

Items requested by each committee for the upcoming budget will be presented to Council.

Town Manager Dusty Forbes went over some items on the proposed budget. He noted that the increase in tax revenue helped offset some of the items included in the proposed budget. Included would be a 4% raise for employees. The town couldn't compete with the county or Microsoft pay increases. He stated that since we no longer did the dumpster collection the garbage wages, revenue, and tipping fees had been reduced. Police had requested money for equipment. Included would be tough books \$51K, tasers \$10K, vest \$15K, and vehicle cages \$15K. The fire department stipend would increase 5%. Street repairs increased \$5K and supplies increased \$9K. A sign trailer, commercial mower, ditch bucket, and thumb for backhoe were included. Also a diagnostic program for the shop mechanic is included. The community park would increase \$5K. The ballpark was really getting a lot of positive feedback. Chamber donation would increase \$2K. Tina Wood was doing a fantastic job with the Chamber and we needed to support them. Forbes went on to state that the office needed to add another position and the shop needed to add a part-time secretary. The water supplies would increase \$15K and sewer supplies would increase \$14K. Both departments would share expenses for software needed for water billing. A jetter truck for the sewer department is included for \$30K. Treasurer Walker noted the B Street project revenues and expenditures included had to be approved by Council for new year due to project specifications.

Vice-Mayor Bohannon questioned the amount needed for vehicle cages for the Police department. Could we purchase a few to start off with and then purchase more later. Town Manager Forbes stated that he thought that would be a reasonable thing to do. All agreed to

reduce vehicle cages to \$7.5K. Forbes went on to state that although the police equipment had been included in the budget, we were hopeful that the town would be awarded grants to help offset some of the expenses. Bohannon also stated that the commercial mower would probably cost more than planned. Walker suggested using some of the money saved from vehicle cages to supplement the difference on the mower. All agreed.

Some discussion on the future of Main Street buildings and businesses took place. All want to see Chase City grow and look nice.

Adjournment

With there being no further business, the budget workshop was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

James Bohannon, Vice-Mayor

Virginia G. Walker, Treasurer