

## **TOWN OF ROBBINS**

# Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Thursday, April 25, 2024 – 6:00 PM Robbins Town Hall

## I. CALL TO ORDER

#### **PRESENT**

Commissioner Brandon Phillips Mayor Cameron Dockery Commissioner Kevin Stewart Commissioner Lonnie English

#### **ABSENT**

Commissioner Jody Britt Mayor Pro Tem Nikki Bradshaw

#### II. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Phillips.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner English

A. Budget Amendment 8 to accept funds from county Apparatus Allowance for Fire Dodge Squad Truck

Motion made by Commissioner Phillips.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner English

### III. BUDGET REVIEW

A. Budget Draft Cheat sheet 2024-2025

Clint Mack presented. (notes form because this is a work session)

Focus on Sales Tax Revenue

To have better parks, better streets, and the Tax rate will change.

Discussion to increase commissioner/mayor pay. Pay raise has not been brought up in over 12 years.

Voted to increase commissioner and mayor pay by \$100 per month.

Voting Yea: Commissioner English Voting Yea: Commissioner Phillips Voting Nay: Commissioner Stewart

Police- Hoping fuel prices stabilize and working to consolidate to be able to make a final payment on leased vehicles. The Fire Dept is awaiting the county's decision on funding. Recreation is the future; the Town is committed to holding events. The Town is making it a priority to see if there is a grant we can apply for to help build a handicap-accessible playground. With the street dept, there is still a little some adjustments. This year, ARPA paid for the public works building and a new roof. If there is a balance left in public works for this year, we may purchase an ATV for public works to allow them to check a sewer line that is 6 miles on private land. The funds from Powell bill are being absorbed by the paving loan. Regarding the cemetery, Nesbit is still doing maintenance. Economic Development- Natalie's team is vital to the growth of Robbins and the manager states he will go to bat for this expense. In the past, the commissioners have promised the citizens the tax rate would be decreased after the Hurricane money was settled. The manager states if the tax rate is lowered, for every .01 cent it will cost the town \$9,600. The General Fund is \$800K and \$500K in water/sewer.

(Debate to lower tax rate or not?)

71 cent vs 70 cent

Stewart wants to lower instead of getting a pay raise-Phillips wants to know how the other two absent commissioners stand.

A vote to go to 70 cents is made.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Phillips Voting Yea: Commissioner Stewart Voting Nay: Commissioner English

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#### IV. CLOSED SESSION

n/a

#### V. COMMISSIONER'S UPCOMING MEETING/EVENTS

April 26th BBQ @ Robbins First Wesleyan Church 11 am until

April 27th Craft, Food Spring Market Fidelity Bank parking lot 9 am

May 4th Soccer Tournament to benefit Elise Middle School

May 4th Helping Hands/ Healing Hearts Clothes/Shoes/ Toy Giveaway @ First Bank

May 9th 6:00 pm Public Hearing/ Regular Board Meeting

This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024

Jessica Coltrane, Town Clerk, CMC



Cameron Boekery, Mayor