

**SHALLOTTE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**APRIL 9, 2026**  
**5:15 P.M.**

The Shallotte Board of Aldermen met for a budget workshop on April 9, 2026 at 5:15 p.m. in the meeting chambers located at 110 Cheers Street with Mayor Art Dornfeld presiding.

Aldermen present: Gene Vasile, Bobby Williamson, Jimmy Bellamy and Karmen Custer

Aldermen absent: Larry Harrelson

Staff present: Mimi Gaither, Robert Waring, Isaac Norris and Natalie Goins

Governing Body

Building insurance 8.5% increase

Workers' compensation 6% decrease

Administration

State retirement increase from 14.35% to 15.1%

Health insurance expected to rise by 8%

COLA 2.8%

Merit 2%

Telephone expenses increased due to new email system (cost split btw. departments)

Garbage & recycling 1.5% increase

Lomali - new budgeting software (one time implementation cost + annual maintenance)

Planning

Upcoming employee retirement – duties to be redistributed

Increase in education & training - Planner I position

Engineering services cost decreased – local engineer for technical review & stormwater

Professional services increase reflects third party code enforcement (1 day/week \$26K) and \$24K

DA grant sidewalk match

\$5,000 demolition & abatement - will possibly be used for mobile home removals

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Goins  
Town Clerk