**Town of Haw River**

**Town Council Special Called Meeting**

**Monday, June 22, 2015**

The Town Council of the Town of Haw River held a Special Meeting of the Town Council on Monday, June 22, 2015 in the Haw River Municipal Building at 7:00 pm.

Council Members Present: Mayor Buddy Boggs, Lee Lovette, Kelly Allen, Ashley Warren, Jeff Fogleman

Council Members Absent: n/a

Also Present: Manager Jeff Earp, Clerk Melanie Hamilton

Mayor Boggs called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Manager Earp presented the Council with the following proposed 2015-2016 Town of Haw River Budget Ordinance.

TOWN OF HAW RIVER

BUDGET ORDINANCE 2015-2016

BE IT ORDAINED BY the Town Council of the Town of Haw River, North Carolina.

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the Town Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 according to the following schedules:

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| SCHEDULE A. | GENERAL FUND |
| Governing Body |  |  $ 15,550.00  |
| Administration |  |  203,638.00  |
| Public Buildings |  |  39,500.00  |
| Police |  |  624,009.00  |
| Fire |  |  344,874.00  |
| Public Works |  |  351,515.00  |
| Sanitation |  |  105,500.00 |
| Recreation |  |  165,425.00  |
| Non-departmental |  |  160,582.00  |
|  | Total |  $ 2,010,593.00  |
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| SCHEDULE B. | POWELL BILL FUND |
| Powell Bill |  |  $ 63,500.00  |
|  | Total |  $ 63,500.00 |
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| SCHEDULE C. | WATER & SEWER FUND |
| Administration, Engineering, Billing |  $ 181,256.00  |
| Water |  |  724,013.00  |
| Sewer |  |  530,481.00 |
|  | Total |  $ 1,435,750.00  |
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| SCHEDULE D. | STORMWATER FUND |
| Stormwater |  |  $ 22,500.00  |
|  | Total |  $ 22,500.00  |
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|  | GRAND TOTAL (OPERATING) |  $ 3,532,343.00  |
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| SCHEDULE E. | CWSRF PROJECT |
| CWSRF Project |  |  $ 1,025,325.00  |
|  | CAPITAL PROJECT TOTAL |  $ 1,025,325.00  |

SECTION 2. ESTIMATED REVENUE. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 to meet the foregoing appropriations, according to the following schedules:

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| SCHEDULE A. | GENERAL FUND |
| Current & Prior Years Ad Valorem |  $ 698,000.00 |
| Current & Prior Years Fire Tax |  275,250.00  |
| Local Options Sales Tax |  411,000.00  |
| Interest on Investments |  525.00  |
| User Fees |  |  119,600.00 |
| State Funds |  |  239,450.00  |
| Grant Funds |  |  200,000.00 |
| Misc |  |  17,720.00  |
| Fund Balance |  |  49,048.00 |
|  | Total |  $ 2,010,593.00  |
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| SCHEDULE B. | POWELL BILL FUND |
| Powell Bill |  |  $ 63,500.00  |
|  | Total |  $ 63,500.00  |
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| SCHEDULE C. | WATER & SEWER FUND |
| Water Rents |  |  $ 915,000.00  |
| Sewer Rents |  |  486,000.00  |
| Tap & Connection Fees |  7,000.00  |
| Surcharges |  |  1,200.00  |
| Interest on Investments |  50.00  |
| Misc |  |  26,500.00 |
|  | Total |  $ 1,435,750.00  |
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| SCHEDULE D. | STORMWATER FUND |
| Stormwater |  |  $ 22,500.00  |
|  | Total |  $ 22,500.00  |
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|  | GRAND TOTAL (OPERATING) |  $ 3,532,343.00  |
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|  | CAPITAL PROJECT TOTAL |  $ 1,025,325.00  |

SECTION 3. TAXES LEVIED. There is hereby levied the following rates of tax on each $100 (one hundred dollars) valuation for the purpose of raising the revenue from current years property tax as set out in the estimate of revenue, and in order to finance the foregoing appropriations:

GENERAL (for the general expenses incidental to proper government of the city) $0.48/100

SECTION 4: The Town Manager (Budget Officer) is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations as contained herein under the following conditions:

a. He may transfer amounts between line-item expenditures within a department without limitation and without a report being required.

b. He may transfer amounts up to $1,000 between functional areas including contingency appropriations, within the same fund. He must make an official report on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the Governing Board.

c. He may not transfer any amounts between funds, except as approved by the Governing Board in the Annual Budget Ordinance as amended.

The above ordinance is hereby adopted on this the \_22nd\_\_ day of June, 2015.

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Mayor Town Clerk

Following the presentation of the proposed Budget Ordinance the Manager and Council discussed the following items:

* State’s proposed redistribution of sales tax and the negative effect that would have on Haw River if passed.
* The lack of a state budget by July 1, 2015 will leave some municipal numbers hard to plan for.
* The Town has experienced a loss of 1-2% of valuation in the fire district.
* The Town will be putting the central depository bank account out to bid at the end of 2015 due to rising fees and decreased customer service.
* Manager Earp intends to apply for more grant funding to assist in the purchase of additional recycling carts. Some carts may need to be purchased outside of the grant cycle in order to ensure that the Town does not run out.
* The City of Burlington’s fees for the Animal Shelter continue to increase and there is a proposal for a new facility to be built which would presumable increase expenses further.
* With the loss of Green Level sewer service, it follows that some of the Town’s pumps will last longer, power bills will decrease, and there will be fewer odor issues in certain areas of Town.
* The Town will pass on a 3% water/sewer rate increase from Burlington.
* The Parks & Recreation department is exploring the possibility of having a youth instructional league in addition to an adult softball league.

Following discussion, Councilmember Allen made a motion to approve the Town of Haw River 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance. Motion carried 5-0.

Manager Earp then spoke to the Council regarding capital needs for the upcoming year that are not currently included in the Budget. These needs were presented to Council in a prioritized list and will likely be funded via grant funding and debt service. Following discussion, Council, by consensus, asked the Manager to investigate these needs further and return to Council with a proposal including bids.

8:17 pm

There being no other business, Councilmember Fogleman made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

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Buddy E. Boggs, Mayor Melanie R. Hamilton, Clerk