

WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro held a Budget Work Session on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Charles T. Yancey Municipal Building, 503 West Main Street, Waynesboro, Virginia, with Mayor Allen presiding and calling the meeting to order:

PRESENT: Council Members: Bruce Allen, Mayor
Terry Short, Jr., Vice Mayor
Jeff Freeman, Councilman
Pete Marks, Councilman
Elzena Anderson, Councilwoman

City Staff: Michael G. Hamp II, City Manager
D. James Shaw, Deputy City Manager
Julia Bortle, Clerk of Council
Terri Marks, Finance Director
Alisa King, Assistant Finance Director
Stephanie Beverage, Treasurer

ABSENT: None

RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET DISCUSSION:

The Mayor opened the second fiscal year 2019 budget work session, stating that discussions have involved the proposed tax rate, ensuring that funds are provided for the high school renovation capital project, and raises for school and city employees. The Council and staff discussed the recommended personnel additions, their associated costs, and if the positions address issues designated in the Comprehensive Plan.

The City Manager stated he and Council will start working on better alignment between the Comprehensive Plan, the budget recommendation and Council member's expectations. He submitted that the budget reflects the priorities established by the Comprehensive Plan when looking at public safety, public education, and community health as being core to the fundamental recommendations. The Deputy City Manager provided examples of reduced expenditures if Council elects for less than a \$.06 real estate tax rate increase, with the desire to keep employee merit-based salary increases and training funding remaining. Staff will bring an add/delete list to Council for their consideration.

There will be public hearings on the recommended budget at the April 23, 2018 Regular Business Meeting. Staff will then have more discussions with Council. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Julia Bortle, MMC, Clerk of Council

Bruce Allen, Mayor